

OUR LADY OF RANSOM IS OPEN FROM 8AM-6PM

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOU TUBE: www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom

SATURDAY 11 SEP

OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form)
OLR	11am	Adoration and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	In thanksgiving (Teresa & Jack O'Brien)

SUNDAY 12 24th ORD	Readings:	1. Isaiah 50:5-9 [Psalm 114] 2. St James 2:14-18 3. Mark 8:27-35
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OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's	9.30am	Bryan Barrow RIP (Barrow family)
St Agnes	11.15am	Alan Nolan RIP (Martha Byrne)
OLR	11.30am	Manuel de Barros RIP (Sara da Silva) Baptism: Annabella Solomon & Tyler Nobrega Telmo
	5.30pm	Sister Mary Rose: Anniversary of Consecration into the Order of Consecrated Virgins

MON 13 OLR	11am	Bryan Barrow RIP (Pauline Crunden)
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TUES 14 OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary form Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving
St Gregory's	10.30am	The Rosary

WED 15 OLR	11am	Betty Johnny RIP (Catherine Zarian Oakes)
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THURS 16 OLR	11am	Kevan Regan RIP (Regan family)
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FRI 17 OLR	11am	Alex & Nicole Bergin (Doreen Bergin)
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SAT 18 OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) George Harding RIP
OLR	11am	Adoration and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Martin Forte-Hyland

SUN 19 25th ORD	Readings:	1. 2:12.17-20 [Psalm 53] 2. St James 3:16-4:3 3. Mark 9:30
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OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's	9.30am	Bryan Barrow RIP (Needham) Baptism: Louis Wares
St Agnes	11.15am	James Moulding RIP (Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Moses Misa RIP (Zoe Misa); First Holy Communion Frankie Shurda
OLR	5.30pm	Josefina De Jesus Gouveia (Patricia Rodrigues)

11th/12th September 2021

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Who do you say I am?" This is not only the question that Jesus poses to the apostles, but one which He asks of us every single day. Peter gives us what seems at first to be a model answer: "You are the Christ" – but it is not quite enough to satisfy Jesus. This is because when He begins to unfold exactly what it means to be Christ, who will suffer and die, Peter takes issue.

The full answer to the question 'Who do you say that I am?' has to come not just from the head, but the heart; not just from words, but from action. The question is answered by our lives: lives, that, as Jesus says rather strangely, have to be 'lost', in order to be 'saved'. The martyrs of 15th and 16th Century England had a prayer that they would pray on the scaffold: "*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, be to me a Jesus*" – words that are inscribed over the altar at the convent of Tyburn, where so many of them died for the faith. The name *Jesus* means 'Saviour', so by saying 'be to me a Jesus', they were asking for the grace to respond to Christ where Peter at first failed, by acknowledging that they had no life without God. They realised that as fallen men and women, without Jesus, they had no claim to eternity. Christ's Passion is absolutely necessary for all of us, if we are to live forever; refusing to join ourselves to the Cross, cannot give us life beyond death. We can never prioritise our own safety and comfort before this truth; choosing to love only this life means not letting Jesus be 'a Jesus' at all: not letting Him save.

The disciples certainly came to understand this, as both Peter and James went on to show after the Resurrection. James writes "I will prove to you that I have faith by showing my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show." (Jas 2:8) The Lord gives us many opportunities to respond to do this, even in the parish. We need witnesses who can come forward to help in many ways: for example, as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, as members of the SVP, catechists, cleaners, singers, to name but a few. Most importantly at the moment, we need volunteer Welcomers to help set up before Sunday Masses, tidy away, collect donations, and provide a friendly face and helping hand to our congregations. Please get in touch if you could help in any of these ways, and don't be afraid to come out of your comfort zone. It is not only in dramatic acts that we proclaim Jesus to be the Christ, but by undertaking the littlest things too.

Fr Tristan

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SEPTEMBER 24TH SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 7pm
Do come and celebrate our Patronal Feast with Holy Mass in the evening (as opposed to the usual morning Mass), followed by a glass of wine in the Parish Centre afterwards. Everybody welcome!

SISTER MARY ROSE has an information website about the vocation of the Order of Consecrated Virgins and if you would like to know more <https://maryrosebracuti.wixsite.com/maryrosebracuti>

SISTER MARY ROSE WRITES
'thank you for all your prayers I feel greatly supported the surgery has been successful and the prognosis is very good with my love and prayers to you all'

ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE : If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transition. I cordially extend an invitation to you and your child to attend an evening at **St Thomas a Becket Primary School** on **Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 6.30pm** when I, together with members of the Leadership and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven and SENCo shall be delighted to talk to you about St Richard's Catholic College. **Miss D Cronin, Principal.**

WORTH ABBEY RETREAT PROGRAMME 2021. The new retreat programme is now open for bookings! Keep checking the website for further updates www.worth.co.uk. and thank you in anticipation of your bookingThe online booking form also includes an option to make a payment online via PayPal, credit/debit card, or bank transfer (BACS). Book your place online at: www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme. For all enquiries, email: retreats@worth.org.uk

THE MONTHLY MONEY DRAW is now underway, with first draw taking place on Sunday Oct 17th. Information and application forms in narthex or back of church. For the section titled 'allocated number' pleased be advised that when you have signed up and made the first payment, **we will contact you** with your permanent allocated number which you can then use for all other payments. For now just write "Parish Draw" on back of cheque. Thank you for supporting your parish.

ANNUAL QUIZ on Sat Oct 16th. All info on poster in narthex and on website. Tickets on sale from parish office or Berni 01323 647661

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:
We are delighted to say that tea/coffee will resume from this Sunday the after 11.30am Mass in parish centre. On the third Sunday of every month we will have bacon butties for £1.50 in aid of "Dec the hall". Distancing still advised.

BACON BUTTIES AND IRISH SHOP (including White Irish puddings, delicious skinless sausages and barmbracks) all brought over from Ireland for our parishioners will be on sale after 11.30 mass on Sept 19th. Thank you for your support as always

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Dec 4th, seasonal celebration, priests' Desert Island Discs, good food and fun

THE "DEC THE HALL" TEAM have launched their fundraising plans. Details and application forms for the monthly money draw can be found in narthex.

BRYAN BARROW RIP: Marilyn and all the family would like to say a big heartfelt thank you to all our Priests, parishioners, family and friends in the parish who came and said goodbye at the funeral of our dearly beloved Bryan. Also, to all of you who sent Mass cards to have Masses said, sympathy cards and lovely flowers. Your love, sympathy and support and helped us so much.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Sister Mary Rose Bracuti, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Martin Forte-Hyland, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Teresa Stogdon, John Lec, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps, Doreen Marsden, Emily Jeffreys and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Thomas Thompson whose Requiem Mass is at 11am OLR on 24th September. Trish Ryan, Requiem Mass 11am on 4th October; Andrew Skinner RIP Requiem Mass 11am on 7th October at OLR. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

GIFT AID: If you are a taxpayer could you consider Gift Aiding your donations to the parish? An extra 25p can be claimed by the parish for every £1 donated at no cost to yourself. Please see the poster in the Narthex and contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or nickprice8@hotmail.com for further details.