

	Church Opening Times		Service Times
Sat 15	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Danuta Hiley RIP (David Hiley) (<i>Baptism & Confirmation of Rajkumar Deepchand</i>)
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM			
Sun 16	8.45am – 1pm	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – Norman Lloyd RIP (J. Lloyd)
	9am – 10.30am	St Gregory	9.30am Mass – People of the Parish (<i>First Communion for Peter McEnnis</i>)
		OLR	11.30am Mass [O] – Betty Johnny RIP (Zarian Oakes)
Mon 17	6pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6.30pm Mass [O] - John Carroll RIP (N. Carroll)
Tues 18	CLOSED		
Weds 19	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Funeral Mass – Manuela Fernandez RIP
Thurs 20	10.30am – 12.30pm	OLR	11.30am Funeral Mass – Betty Hobbs RIP <u>Please note slight change of time</u>
Fri 21	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 22	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass – Fr John Healy (Bergin)
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sun 23	8.45am – 10.15am	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – People of the Parish
	CLOSED	StGregory	No Mass
	11am – 12.30	OLR	11.30am Mass [O] – Gerard O'Connor (Sheppard) (<i>First Holy Communion for Johanna Tillano, Kristine Sison, Ariane Prospero & Eunice Macaranas.</i>)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass – Nicky Carroll RIP (Leatherland)

**The Assumption of Our Lady
August 15/16th 2020**

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In this Feast's Gospel Mary is told by Elizabeth, "blessed is she who believed". Mary had just said her "yes" to the angel Gabriel, accepting an extraordinary part in God's plan for the salvation of the world. So the Church celebrates not only that she is the mother of Christ, but a woman of faith: as St. Augustine put it, she "conceived in her heart before she conceived in her womb". Mary is shown always close to her Son, both in body and spirit, throughout her eventful life. Even the striking episode when Jesus seems to distance himself from her, is in fact paying an even higher compliment. "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he says, (Matt. 12: 46-50; Mark 3: 31-35; Luke 6: 19-21), "Whoever does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother". Mary was both his mother and disciple. Then for much of his active mission she steps into the background. But she reappears significantly at the cross, when others had run away in fear, and she needed her faith at that point.

St. Bernard wrote: "Someone may say: 'Did she not know in advance that her Son would die?' Without a doubt. 'Did she not have sure hope in his immediate resurrection?' Full confidence indeed. 'Did she then grieve when he was crucified?' Intensely."

The dying Jesus gave his mother to the beloved disciple St. John, as our mother too: "This is your mother" (John 19: 27) She can do nothing for her Son but she stays and shares in his suffering. In this she gives us a model of what every disciple is ultimately called to do. And this is why she is seen gathered together in prayer with the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 1: 14), when the power of Christ's resurrection bursts upon the Church. The Assumption celebrates the fact that Mary, who stayed so close to Christ in his life and death, also shares in his resurrection.

THIS WEEKEND

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Rajkumar Deepchand who will be baptised at the 6pm Mass on Sat. 15th;

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

and **Congratulations** to Peter McEnnis who will celebrate his first Holy Communion at St. Gregory's at the 9.30am Mass.

BEIRUT DISASTER APPEAL

The Retiring collection in the buckets will go to the Beirut relief fund via CAFOD. Standing orders and gift aid will continue to go to Our Lady of Ransom parish. If you wish to direct your donation in either direction, please send or leave us a note Thank you in advance!

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL

Michaeline Winterbottom, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Martin Forte-Hyland, Madeleine O'Brien, Laurence Evans, Carmen Pumar, Sheila Brown, Pauline Bosley, Abina Boniface, Gilbert da Silva, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Manuela Fernandez whose funeral is at Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday 19th August at 11.00am; Betty Hobbs whose funeral is at Our Lady of Ransom on Thursday 20th August at 11.30am; Andrew Sillence whose funeral is at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday 21st August at 1.00pm; Nicky Carroll whose funeral will be at Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday 2nd Sept. at 11.00am; and Pamela Turner whose funeral will be at Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday 9th Sept. at 11.00am. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please give your box number to a steward on your way into mass and they will have it ready for you to collect at the exit after mass.

CONTACT ADDRESSES

Please remember, if you have moved house or changed your email/telephone number to let us know. It would of course be in line with Data Protection rules.

Masks and Social Distancing

Bishop Richard has written to remind us that since 8th August, it has been a government requirement for face coverings to be worn in places of worship; and that congregations maintain a minimum 1m social distancing from other households. However, there are those who have exemptions from the mask regulation on health grounds, and we ask understanding to be shown over this.

As seating is limited, you are advised to be in good time.

Where marked [O], overflow seating will be available in the Parish Centre, where a second priest, if available, will offer a separate Mass – or else Mass from the main church will be simultaneously broadcasted there on the screens.

MASS TIMES FOR THE REST OF AUGUST

After this weekend (15th/16th August) Masses will be only at Our Lady of Ransom until September 6th, when the 9.30am Mass at St. Gregory's will resume.

Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel [L/S]

Prayer for the people of Beirut

God of refuge, hear our prayer as we hold the people of Beirut in our hearts at this time. Fill us with compassion and move us to reach out in love. In your mercy bring comfort to those who mourn, healing to those who are injured, shelter to those who are homeless, sustenance to those who hunger. Give strength to those who are working to rebuild shattered lives, and protect those who are vulnerable especially in a time of coronavirus. Lead us in your ways so that together we may bring the light of new hope wherever there is destruction and despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Explosions-in-Beirut>