

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10AM—5PM

SATURDAY 1 MAY

OLR	Dawn	Priest's intention
OLR	11am	Mass for the Feast of St Joseph Repose of the soul of Fr Brian Taylor (Doreen Bergin)
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Donald George Ashford RIP (Marie Ashford)

SUNDAY 2 5th of Easter **Readings: 1. Acts 9:26-31 [Psalm 21] 2. John 3:18-24 3. 3. John 15:1-8**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Miss E.V. Laskey RIP (Mary Smillie)
St Agnes	11.15am	John Zilioli & family (Barrow family)
OLR	11.30am	Claire Burke RIP (Burke)
OLR	5.30pm	Renata Sapieha RIP (Pat Morgan)

MON 3	Dawn	Private intention
	Dusk	Holy Souls in affliction (R. Neves)

TUES 4	Dawn	Private intention
	Dusk	Holy Souls in Purgatory (Delia Markham)

WED 5	Dawn	For souls in purgatory
OLR	11am	Kathy Malone RIP (Malone)

THURS 6	Dawn	Molly Hannaford RIP (SVP)
OLR	11am	Private Intention
	Dusk	Elvio Vieira, Inacio Vieira Manuela Lockyer, Judite Askaroff (Cecilia Vieira)

FRI 7	Dawn	Diana Privett RIP (Funeral day elsewhere)
OLR	11am	Margaret Malone RIP (Malone)
	Dusk	Alberto Parmigiano (Milca Cuesca)

SAT 8 MAY	Dawn	John Sani RIP (Jesse)
	11am	Adoration, Rosary and confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Judy Rowland RIP (J. Sommers)

SUN 9th 6th of Easter	Readings: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48 [Psalm 97] 2. John 4:7-10 3. John 15:9-17
OLR	9.15am People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am George, Kathleen & Peter Barrow RIP (Barrow family)
St Agnes	11.15am Michael Butters RIP (Pauline Crunden)
OLR	11.30am Irinia & Claudio Felix & family RIP (Mila Exon)
OLR	5.30pm Repose of the souls of Florence & John Stonehouse

1ST/2ND MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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This Saturday, with the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, we enter the month of May, the beautiful month of Mary. Hopefully for us night-time temperatures will warm up and we will see more blossom, flowers, and Spring growth. For countless generations May has been lived as the month of Mary where we Catholic Christians honour Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour her as the Mother of our Lord but even more for the gift of her faith in God – ‘Blessed is she who believed...’. Without her ‘Yes’ to the Angel Gabriel we would not have Our Blessed Lord Jesus and be Christians today. So, we honour her as the Mother of Our Lord but also, we honour her this month as our own Mother in the faith. On the Cross Jesus told Mary to take John as her son but then also told John, the beloved disciple – and model of all future disciples – to take Mary as his Mother. Jesus did not say to John, behold Mary as, ‘your Woman’ or ‘your Queen’ but as ‘your Mother’. Our Lady and St John took this seriously and we are told that from that moment on John took Mary into his home. Many years later St Therese of Lisieux wrote that Mary is ‘more Mother than Queen’.

In recent apparitions of Our Lady in the world as in Guadalupe, Mexico (1531), Lourdes, France (1858) and Fatima, Portugal (1917), Mary appeared to the visionaries as a beautiful young woman with the physical features of the people and places she was appearing at. Mary never appeared as a stranger from another land or race but rather as someone from there, someone ‘familiar’. Mary really wants each one of us to know her and love her as our own Mother in the new life of grace that has been given to us in Jesus.

This month Pope Francis has asked that we pray the Rosary for the intention of bringing an end to the pandemic – to heal our own hearts, our nations, and our world. Here in the parish on Saturdays at 11am we will be praying the Rosary for this intention. Come if you can. If not, pray the Rosary that day and all days of this month as best as you can in honour of our blessed Mother. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Walsingham – pray for us. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE: All the Holy Week services at Our Lady of Ransom are still available on live-stream for those who were unable to attend in person www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom.

THIS WEEK:

CAPTAIN TOM 100 CHALLENGE MAY 3RD. Maura writes “I have been truly moved by the donations that are coming through for Captain Tom Moore 100 challenge on Monday. The hymns that you are requesting obviously hold a special place in your hearts. Marylou and myself are so happy to play and sing your favourite hymns. Also thank you to Berni and Gabriella who will be playing an Irish selection at 11.00am. We now have our list, which is pinned up in the narthex.

If you would like a dedication added to one of the hymns on the list, please contact me on 01323 430532 or maura_phipps@sky.com before 22.00 hrs on Sunday. You can put the £10 donation in the presbytery door marked Captain Tom 100. Do please join us anytime from 08.30 on Live Streaming or pop into the church. And don't forget our tea party from 12.30 onwards, whatever the weather!”

If the weather is poor please still come as there is a PLAN B for the afternoon Tea Party, raffle and tombola etc.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY

Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter with Prayers, Art and music and prayers.
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=U7SL4xZsy6Q&feature=youtu.be>

FUTURE DATES: WORTH ABBEY ONLINE RETREATS

Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers:
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

Saturday 15th May: C S Lewis: a Prophet for our Time
Led by Robert Elliot

Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream'
Led by Austin Ivereigh
For further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

A CELEBRATION MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES IN ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL ON FRIDAY 25TH JUNE AT 7.30PM. To book your place e mail: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

10-16TH MAY IS MARRIAGE WEEK, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that “Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey.” *Pope Francis, 21st December 2015.*

THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL for the New Evangelisation has called for the month of May to be a time of prayer for “the end of the pandemic together with the recitation of the Rosary together with shrines from all over the world.” The First of May has been assigned especially for Our Lady of Walsingham, with the prayer intention in favour of all Souls. We will begin Adoration with the Rosary for these intentions every Saturday in May (11.00am) at OLR.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM (LATIN) MASSES now hopefully to be held again at OLR on **each Saturday at 10am;** however, as long as current Covid restrictions are in place, we need stewards to count the number of attendees (no need for cleaning or other duties). If anyone under 70 would be willing to steward these Masses, please let Mary in the office know asap. Once we have a number of committed stewards, we can begin offering these Masses again.

NEWSLETTER POSTING: a BIG thank you to those of you who have been so thoughtful in sending in donations towards the cost of posting the newsletters to our sick and housebound and also thank you to those of you who have rang in this week to let us know that you no longer need a newsletter posted/delivered.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleight and all our parishioners who are suffering.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of: Diana Privett RIP (funeral elsewhere on 7th May). Richard Gates RIP (Requiem Mass 11am OLR 12th May). Patrick Hegarty (funeral elsewhere 12th May). Mary Brennan RIP (Memorial Mass 11am OLR 14th May) Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES for 2021/2 Please remember to pick up your envelopes at the back of the church. If you wish to make future donations by standing order please contact Nick Price at nickprice8@hotmail.com or 07711243419.