

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

SATURDAY 22 MAY

OLR	10am	Mass (Vigil of Pentecost /Traditional Latin)
OLR	11am	Adoration, Rosary and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Ann Smiley RIP (Rigamonti)

SUNDAY 23 PENTECOST **Readings: 1. 1. Acts 2:1-11 [Psalm 103] 2. Paul 5:16-25
3. John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Ellen Smith RIP (Rita Smith)
St Agnes	11.15am	Sarafiena Pestavia RIP (Bruna Pestavia)
OLR	11.30am	Douglas Mawhinney (Anneliese Ingham)
OLR	5.30pm	Repose of the soul of Theresa Wiseman (Maureen Doyle)

MON 24 Dawn Priest's intention

TUES 25 Dawn Priest's intention

WED 26 **Dawn** Priest's intention
OLR 11am Meg Marsh RIP (Mary Smillie)

THURS 27 Dawn Priest's intention
OLR 11am Holy Souls

FRI 28 Dawn Priest's intention
OLR 11am Fr Barry Angus RIP

SAT 29 10am Mass (Extraordinary form/Traditional Latin)
11am **Adoration, Rosary and Confessions**
OLR 5pm Confessions
OLR 6pm Caitlin Kelly RIP (Amy Staffiere)

SUN 30 **Readings: 1. Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 [Psalm 32]
2. Paul 8:14-17 3. Matthew 28:16-20**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	John Redfern RIP (Oakshott)
St Agnes	11.15am	Teresa Dillon White RIP (Crunden)
OLR	11.30am	Joan Marolf RIP (Marolf-Silva families)
OLR	5.30pm	Julie Cox RIP (Jo Sutherland)

22nd/23rd MAY - PENTECOST
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Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

One of the many new words and sayings that has entered our vocabulary with the coronavirus is the expression the 'new normal'. Its sense could be taken as meaning what changes and new ways of doing things might we have to adopt – personally and socially – with the coming of the coronavirus? How will 'normal' life be lived differently than before? For us as Christians this is not the first 'new normal'. Since the coming of Jesus Christ into this world – his birth, death, and resurrection – followers of Jesus have been living with a 'new normal'. We no longer live as 'sheep without a shepherd' but as sons and daughters of the Eternal Father united in his Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour and light of the World. Today, with the Feast of Pentecost we give thanks that we do not follow Jesus just with our own strength – which would be impossible – but that he has sent the Holy Spirit to fill, strengthen and guide us in this world. The Holy Spirit transformed the Apostles and first disciples and how much we need to desire and pray for this today. We are not made to live alone, but to be open to and filled with God's Spirit. Supernatural faith, hope and love transforms us, transforms our way of living and our relationships with others.

With God's creative Spirit we can pray to make our own and to live as our 'new normal' this prayer attributed to St Francis: 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is error, truth. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, your light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; in self-forgetting that we find; in pardoning that we are pardoned; and in dying that we are born to eternal life.'

May this same Holy Spirit who filled the first Apostles with his presence and joy and so renewed the face of the earth do likewise for us today. How we and the world need him. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

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

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AN EXCERPT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ENGLAND AND WALES. *(full copies available at the back of the churches).*

5th anniversary of Laudato Si.....

The Bishops reflect on the call given by Pope Francis in his Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si*, issued on 24th May 2015, Pentecost Day.

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for our brothers and sisters especially, in the poorest countries of the world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. How we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us. We cannot leave it to industry and governments. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.

ONLINE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION. The family is the most influential factor in a child's faith. In acknowledgement of this Sr Mary Rose has created six interactive videos (10-15 minutes) which explore our faith to help parents and children grow stronger in their faith together. The videos cover the topics of **1 Baptism** (its significance) **2 Sunday** (making it a special day) **3 Reconciliation** (just as our daily lives involve saying and hearing the word 'sorry' often, so we need God's healing power) **The Liturgy of the Word** (how God speaks to us in the Bible readings;) **5 The Eucharist** (how Mass celebrates Jesus farewell gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper) **6 Faith** (how our faith guides us not just on Sundays but in our daily lives) The videos explore the topics and also reflect on a short Gospel Reading with prayer suggestions for the family. If you would be interested in these please email the Parish Office.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM (LATIN) MASSES now being 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. Four people have offered to steward so far; do sign up if you can.

ST GREGORY'S MONTESSORI NURSERY has a few spaces available from September for children age 2-4. If anyone is interested please contact the nursery on 01323 639164 for more information.

CAPTAIN TOM update from the sponsored hymns as of 23rd May the total raised was £2,622.00.

THE RIVER DOES NOT DIVIDE US: PENTECOST NOVENA ON THE CARE OF CREATION. (ON THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI, ISSUED ON PENTECOST 2015).

Day 9. (22nd May). **Scripture Reading and Prayer.** *I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.* (Ephesians 1:15-23).

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of Your love
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created
And You shall renew the face of the earth**

**O God, Who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

FR RAGLAN'S APPOINTMENT

Bishop Richard has asked Fr Raglan to prepare to move to St Paul's, Haywards Heath in September. His successor will be Fr Kevin Dring, lately from the Seminary Staff at Womersley, before that the Sacred Heart in Hove. Fr Kevin also spend several years on the mission in Peru. Fr. Raglan writes: Please pray for both of us! I have been blessed to be here for 12 years so really cannot complain; and a move is a reminder that our lives are always a journey, in faith.

ANN SMILEY RIP

Ann died a year ago on 22nd May 2020. Until then she compiled this newsletter; as well as organising the liturgy rotas and booklets at Mass, especially for the great feasts of the year; supervising the different groups that use and store equipment in the Parish Centre; encouraging especially younger people to become readers at Mass, and several other roles. At this time we remember her with affection and gratitude.

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, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, June Wallace, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Reynaldo Cruz, Teresa Stogdon, Elaine King and all our parishioners who are suffering.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of: Michaeline Winterbottom RIP (funeral elsewhere 7th June). Jill Graham RIP and Sonia Holmes RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.