

CHURCH NOTICES FOR THE WEEK 23-30 NOVEMBER

OUR LADY OF RANSOM – ST GREGORY – ST AGNES

MASSES

Sat 22 November		OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Pamela and Sarah Brown
Sun 23 November Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe		St G	9.00 am	Kathy Shannon RIP
		OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
		St A	11.30 am	John Zilioli, 90 th Birthday
		OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Reena Sabu
Mon 24 November		OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Oriel Kerr
Tues 25 November		OLR	11.00 am	Mary Olohan RIP
Wed 26 November		OLR	11.00 am	Ann Farmer RIP
Thurs 27 November		OLR	11.00 am	Fr Alan Sharpe RIP
Fri 28 November		OLR	11.00 am	Deceased Relatives of the Kennedy family
Sat 29 November		OLR	10.00 am	The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
		OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Patricia Treacy

The Kingship of this world and the Kingship of Christ

We celebrate today the solemnity of Christ the King. Christ is celebrated as a servant King who rules from a tree - the cross of redemption. Today's celebration helps us to draw a parallel between the world's idea of Kingship and that of the kingdom of God. The first reading makes clear that every Kingship and power draws its authority from the Kingship of Christ. St. Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that we share in the inheritance of Christ, by whom all things were created, and all things, whether thrones and dominions, authorities and rulers. The thief at the cross, as recorded in the gospel, acknowledged the power of Christ beyond this world and begged Christ to remember him in his kingdom. Let us learn from Christ the King to be humble servants, stewards of the gospel wherever we are. We may be leaders in our rights, but God wants us to be servant-leaders just like Christ and always willing to lay down our lives for others. Fr. Charles

Parish Collections: 16 November £2565

2nd Collection for Retired Priests - £941

PARISH DIARY

Monday 24 Nov – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 3.00-4.30 pm

Thursday 27 Nov – Parish Advent Reflections, OLR Hall, 11.30-1.00 pm

Saturday 29 Nov – FHC Classes, OLR Hall, 9.00-11.30 am

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND COFFEE: Thurs 27 Nov and 4, 11, 18 Dec, 11.45–1pm join us for our Advent Reflections and prayer based on Pope Leo's *Dilexi Te—I have loved you* – all about God's love for the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our society and how we can apply it to our own Parish Mission. Coffee and tea after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome.

THE GIVING TREES: The Parish Giving Trees 2025 have arrived. In all of our Churches the Christmas Giving Trees have once again appeared. There are Gift Tags for the 6 selected charities to allow Parishioners to choose a gift to give at this special Holy time of the year. Please remember to sellotape the Gift Tag to the gift when you bring it to Mass.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT: Saturday 6 December after 10.00am Mass with short reflections from Fr Kevin and Fr Charles, Adoration and Reconciliation finishing 1.00pm with Benediction. All welcome; bring a friend.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: The next Mass is Tuesday 25 November, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, or you are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Kevin or Fr Charles know.

LOURDES FUND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets (£1) for the wonderful Christmas hamper and other prizes will be on sale after various masses over the next few weeks. If you have any alcohol, sweets, biscuits, vouchers, we would be delighted to have them for our Christmas fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Lourdes fund.

ST AGNES THURSDAY LUNCHESES: The next lunch Thursday 11 December will be the Christmas lunch and **booking is essential**. Please contact Pauline Crunden on 07724 162207 Christmas Raffle tickets are available after Sunday Mass, in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice.