

HOLY SATURDAY	OLR	11am-12 noon Confessions
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	OLR	9.00pm
		[Live streamed] Repose of Soul Bob Clarke RIP (Emily & Amy Staffiere)
EASTER SUNDAY	Readings:	1. Acts 10:34. 37-43 [Psalm 117] 2. Colossians 3:1-4 3. John 20:1-9
St Agnes	8.00am	Extraordinary form for the Souls in Purgatory
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Brenda Harding & Family (Barrow family)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Michael Butters RIP (Mary Sheppard)
OLR	11.30am	Connie & Stan Ratcliffe (B. Ratcliffe)
OLR	5.30pm	Therese Collins RIP (Marie-Laure Collins)
MON 5	Dawn Dusk	Priest's intention Priest's intention
TUES 6	Dawn Day	Private intention Priest's intention
WED 7	Dawn OLR	Priest's intention 11am Bernadette Meares RIP (Charles Meares)
THURS 8	Dawn 11am Dusk	Priest's intention Requiem: Molly Hannaford RIP (Limited numbers) Priest's Intention
FRI 9	Dawn OLR	Priest's intention 11am Michael Butters RIP (Lyn Butters) Dusk Priest's Intention
SAT 10	Dawn OLR	Priest's intention Day Priest's intention No Adoration or Confessions today
OLR	5pm 6pm	No Confessions Clare Greene RIP (Pauline Crunden)
SUN 11	Readings:	1. Acts 4:32-35 [Psalm 117] 2. John 5:1-6 3. John 20: 19-31
Divine Mercy Sun.	OLR	9.15am
	St Gregory's:	9.30am
	St. Agnes	11.15am
	OLR	11.30am
	OLR	3.00pm
	OLR	5.30pm
		People of the Parish [Live streamed] Barrow family (Barrow) Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Gina Moulding) Zelia Barros RIP (Da Silva) Confessions & Divine Mercy Devotions [Live streamed] Thomas Cahill RIP (P.Fidele)
<p>There will be a retiring collection for The Holy Places on Good Friday. The next newsletter will be on the weekend of 17th/18th April. The Office will re open after Easter on Monday 12th April from 9.30am to 2.30pm MASSSES from the week of 12th April will be as usual on Wed/Thur/Fri at 11am.</p>		

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK 2021
(double issue newsletter, also covering Easter week)
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This is the greatest week of the year. This week, the Church re-lives the centre-point of human history. All of creation and all of God's promises to Israel, were leading up to the Cross, and now all of human history will be determined by what has come out of it: Christ, living in His Body the Church, by the Spirit. This week is our Passover: the forging of the route by which the whole of mankind may be led out of sin, through the water, and into God's Kingdom.

We mustn't just think about this amazing reality, we must *experience* it too – experience God's forgiveness and new life! Those who will be baptised Christians, or be confirmed into the Catholic Church this week will be doing this in a powerful way. This is what St John Chrysostom had to say to them:

“Do you wish to know of the power of Christ's blood? Let us go back to the ancient accounts of what took place in Egypt, where Christ's blood is foreshadowed. Moses said: “Sacrifice a lamb without blemish and smear the doors with its blood.” So today the devil sees, not the blood of the figure smeared on the doorposts, but the blood of reality smeared on the lips of the faithful, which are the doors of the temple of Christ.

Do you wish to learn from another source the power of this blood? See where it began to flow, from what spring it flowed down from the cross, from the Master's side. The soldier pierced his side with a spear and at once there came out water and blood. The one was a symbol of baptism, the other of the mysteries. That soldier breached the wall of the holy temple, and I found the treasure and acquired the wealth!

Dearly beloved, do not pass the secret of this great mystery by without reflection. For I have another secret mystical interpretation to give. It was from his side, then, that Christ formed the Church, as from the side of Adam he formed Eve. For as at that time God took a rib from Adam's side and formed woman, so Christ gave us blood and water from his side and formed the Church. Just as he took the rib while Adam was in a deep sleep, so now he gave the blood and water after his death. Have you seen how Christ has united his bride to himself? Have you seen with what kind of food he feeds us all? By the same food we are formed and are fed.”

By Christ's death, Death is no more! By His rising, man has eternal life! Jesus lives, and we are His people. May we come to perceive that truth all the more keenly by our experience of this week. And on behalf of Fr Raglan, Fr Bruno and myself: a very Happy Easter!
Alleluia!
Fr Tristan

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

THIS WEEK
 CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY ONLINE
Sister Mary Rose has prepared 14 reflections for older children on the Stations of the Cross. Children are invited to pray two a day leading up to Easter Sunday. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RZZBEGysvZs&feature=youtu.be>

Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading for Palm Sunday with music and an idea for an altar at home.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=H7K5T4J0_Bw&feature=youtu.be

WEDNESDAY 31st March 11am Mass
 Dorothy Scarth will receive the Rite of Welcome, a stage in her preparation for being received into full communion with the Catholic Church. At this Rite she commits to taking part in Sunday Mass every week (when health conditions allow); and we pray for her as already a member of our community.

THURSDAY 1st April Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
 regulations do not allow the ceremony of foot-washing, or watching at the Altar of Repose; however we can join in prayer via the livestream until 11.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April
 Our Lady of Ransom will close at 12 noon, to allow time to prepare for the afternoon liturgy.

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April CONFESSIONS will be available at OLR on Holy Saturday at 11am-12 noon, without Adoration. There will be no confessions the following Saturday, but rather on Divine Mercy Sunday (see below).

SATURDAY 3rd April: EASTER VIGIL. Welcome to Mary Thurston and Joan Deguara who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, and be confirmed.

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April: URBI ET ORBI. A reminder that Pope Francis will speak from the balcony of St Peter's after the morning Mass at 11am (UK time) and impart the special Easter Blessing, for which we can obtain an indulgence by participating online (see Vatican Youtube channel or BBC iPlayer on the day).

SUNDAY 11th April DIVINE MERCY Recitation of the Chaplet, Divine Mercy prayers, Homily and Confessions at **3pm** at Our Lady of Ransom, for those who wish to obtain the indulgence on this day. (The Novena of the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday).

YOUR EASTER OFFERING is a personal gift to the priests. It can be made through the normal collections at church services or dropped into the parish office. It can be gift aided. For those unable to come to Church this year, any envelope sent in and marked 'Easter Offering' will be directed to the collection for the Clergy.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES for 2021/2 will be available for collection immediately after Easter. If you wish to make future donations by standing order please contact Nick Price at nickprice8@hotmail.com or 07711243419.

EASTER MASSES: Most Masses are now fully booked except for the 8am (Extraordinary Form) at St Agnes and the 5.30pm at OLR on Easter Sunday. There are still places left in the Parish Centre at OLR except on Good Friday. From Maundy Thursday through to Easter Sunday at OLR, please enter from the car park via the Parish Centre.

If you would like to book for one of these Masses please ring the parish office during office hours only, 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday 29th March to Wednesday 31st March next week.

SAT 27	Dawn	Priest's intention
	Day	Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
Mass of Palm Sun.	6pm	Ray Kenward RIP (Ann Bennell)

SUN 28 **Readings: 1. Isaiah 50: 4-7 [ps. 21] 2. Philippians 2:6-11 3. Mark 14:1-15:47**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD WITH THE BLESSING OF PALMS AT ALL MASSES.

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's	9.30am	Don & Pam Withey RIP (Anne Buchanan)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Mary Mitchell)
OLR	11.30am	Marie Neville RIP (Knights of St Columba)
OLR	5.30pm	Clare Greene RIP (Eileen & Dorothy Walsh)

MON 29	Dawn	Kurian 40th Anniversary of funeral (Ajeesh Kurian)
	Dusk	Fr Raglan, Fr Tristan and Fr Bruno (In thanksgiving)

TUES 30	Dawn	Repose of the soul of Mgr Coronata Grima (Doreen Bergin)
	Day	Repose of the soul of Mary Schulte RIP (Robbie Shulte)

WED 31	Dawn	Angela Watts RIP (Funeral day elsewhere)
OLR	11am	Carmen Pumar RIP (Pauline Crunden) Rite of Welcome- Dorothy Scarth

HOLY THURSDAY		Mass of The Lord's Supper [Live streamed]
OLR	9.00pm	Fr Philip Geoffrey du Putron RIP

GOOD FRIDAY		Solemn Passion of The Lord [Live streamed]
OLR	3.00pm	Solemn Passion of The Lord
St Agnes	3.00pm	Solemn Passion of The Lord
St Gregory's	3.00pm	Solemn Passion of The Lord