

	<b>Church Opening times</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service Times</b>
<b>Sat 5 Sep</b>	5.30pm – 7.30pm	<b>OLR</b>	<b>6pm Vigil Mass</b> [O] – Ann Smiley RIP (Kennedy)
<b>TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			<b>Readings: 1. Ezekiel 33:7-9 [Ps.] 94 2. Romans 13:8-10 3. Matthew 18:15-20</b>
<b>Sun 6</b>	8.45am – 10.15am	<b>OLR</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> [L/S] [O] – Veronica Flint (Sheppard)
<b>PATRONAL FEAST OF ST GREGORY</b> (trsfld)	9am-10.30am	<b>St Gregory</b>	<b>09.30am Mass</b> —People of the Parish
	11am-12.30pm	<b>OLR</b>	<b>11.30am Mass</b> [O] Nora Hurden and Pauline Smith (Lloyd)
	5.00pm – 7pm		<b>5.30pm Mass</b> [O] - Reginald Markham RIP (D. Markham)
<b>Mon 7</b>	6pm-7.30pm	<b>OLR</b>	<b>6.30pm Mass</b> [O] - Milan Rjabec
<b>Tues 8</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>		
<b>Wed 9</b>	10.30am - 12noon	<b>OLR</b>	<b>11am Funeral Mass</b> – Pamela Turner RIP
<b>Thurs 10</b>	10.30am – 12noon	<b>OLR</b>	<b>11am Mass</b> —Emma Moulding RIP (Sheppard)
<b>Fri 11</b>	10.30am – 12noon	<b>OLR</b>	<b>11am Adoration and Confessions</b>
<b>Sat 12</b>	5.30pm – 7.30pm	<b>OLR</b>	<b>6pm Vigil Mass</b> [O] – Joan Marolf RIP (Marolf-Silva family)
<b>TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			<b>Readings: 1. Ecclesiasticus 2:30-28:7 [Ps.] 102 2. Romans 14:7-9 3. Matthew 18:21-35</b>
<b>Sun 13</b>	8.45am – 10.15am	<b>OLR</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> [L/S] [O] David Swann RIP (McCabe)
	9am-10.30am	<b>St Gregory</b>	<b>09.30am Mass</b> —Manuel Fernandes RIP
	11am-12.30pm	<b>OLR</b>	<b>11.30am Mass</b> [O]- David Cooksey RIP (McCabe)
	5.00pm – 7pm	<b>OLR</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> [O] – People of the Parish

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th/6th September 2020**

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The first of the Ten Commandments is: "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). The warning here is that we can make a 'god' out of something that is less than God; and when we do, we enslave ourselves. We have seen in our own times that whole nations can fall under the spell of an ideology that makes them captive. God's nature, on the other hand, is to bring us into true freedom, as the Israelites were brought out of slavery and on a journey to the promised land. So the Bible is founded on the utter superiority of God to any human institution or creation. And yet there is also a message that this God chooses to bridge the distance between us: "...what great nation is there that has its gods as near as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call to him" (Deut. 4:7); "...he who is your teacher will no longer remain hidden...Whether you turn to the right or to the left your ears will hear these words behind you, 'This is the way, keep to it' " (Isaiah 30:21). Christians would see in Jesus' human birth the clearest example of God, Who is above us, at the same time coming amongst us in the closest way. In turn, this underlines the seriousness of all the biblical teachings about our neighbour. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) stated that this is the role of the Church, to witness that "[God] has willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness" ('Lumen Gentium', Constitution on the Church, chap. 2, n.9). Both the first and second readings are drawing out the meaning of "you shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12: 31), whilst the Gospel is trying to help us when that relationship gets into difficulties. It is one of the most challenging and sometimes painful things in our lives, precisely because we meet the demand of God Who is above us, in that neighbour whom we cannot get over. That is why Jesus adds an essential ingredient to his teaching about our relationships. Our effort to 'agree' goes with being ready 'to ask' of God what seems beyond us as human beings - we need to bring it into prayer.

**PRIVATE TUITION** for Primary aged children in Maths and English provided by an experienced catholic teacher. DBS provided. Please contact 07481180958 to talk about the support that you would like for your child.

### 'GUARDIAN ANGELS'

Does anyone have some spare time to be a telephone friend for those who are housebound and rather on their own? Please drop a message to the office, it would make a big difference to some people for whom the lockdown, even now, has been hard.

### STEWARD APPEAL FOR ST AGNES AND ST GREGORY

Until we have enough volunteers to make up teams, Masses cannot yet resume at St Agnes. We also need more stewards for OLR and St Gregory's.

### FIRST COMMUNION, BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE:

If a family or group of families feel ready to come to Mass again, let us know that you would like to discuss moving forward with a sacrament you had been preparing for before the lockdown. Guest numbers are limited.

**COLLECTIONS:** There is a retiring collection for Holy Places next weekend 12th/13th September.

**Offerings:** W/E 30/8 Our Lady of Ransom **£680.00**

Gift Aid: Nick Price 07711243419.

**7 DAYS OF CREATION: Celebrating September with prayers for Creation jointly declared by Greek Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis. Today, we are publishing Day Two:-**

**GOOD SEED BEARS FRUIT**

**PRAYER**

Creator God, over billions of years you created all that exists and brought forth humanity to flower as many cultures. Open the eyes and ears of our minds in growing awareness, so that each day we can better experience your Earthly presence. In wisdom and goodness may we stand tall like a tree witnessing that you sustain all that exists honouring you by its very existence. We ask this ...

**WISDOM 11:24-26 – GOD LOVE ALL THAT EXISTS**

For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it.

How would anything have endured if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living. For your immortal spirit is in all things.

**REFLECTION IDEAS**

The yearnings of the human heart were manifest in every culture as people strove to make sense of their existence on Earth. The place where they lived formed the basis for the first stories they shared. They saw the stars, mountains, rivers, plants and animals as sources of life, wonder and sometimes fear. In prayer they developed ways of wisdom. Scripture tells the stories of the decedents of Abraham as God formed them as a people. They lived with being landless

and famine stricken migrants. Gradually they formed laws under God given leaders like Moses to guide them in the ways they treated both land and each other. They learnt God given wisdom. They made mistakes and asked forgiveness to change their ways. We have our modern stories of both hope and fear, stories of bearing fruit in varying degrees. We are called to choose a way forward that is not overcome by the weeds of business nor become impervious to compassion like rocky ground. We can calmly move forward choosing first to remember we are loved by God in whom we live and have our being. **PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT: "OUR FATHER ..."**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Creative and nurturing God, you have planted deep in every human heart a desire to celebrate with all your gifts of creation. From mountain top to sweeping plains, from isolated ponds to the ocean, people around the globe remember your loving acts of creation. Sustained for the journey, may we continue to evolve according to your will until all is fulfilled as a new creation in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord... "**Science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both.**" –Laudato Si #62

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**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pamela Turner whose funeral will be at Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday 9th September at 11am and Wilbald Tesha RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, 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, Michaeline Winterbottom, Cecilia Mafe, Terry Swales, Lynnette and Michael Butters and all our parishioners who are suffering.

If you or someone you know is ill or going into hospital treatment, please do let us know. If it is an emergency you can leave a message on the answerphone, option 2

**Masses are currently at Our Lady of Ransom and St Gregory. Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel where marked [L/S].**

**Bishop Richard has written to all churches reminding us that by agreement with the government, all places of worship have been required to wear masks since the 8th August. Therefore, all those attending Mass MUST bring and wear a face covering and maintain 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 screens.**