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Sunday Collections:
 13/14 May OLR & SG £2,656 St.A £205
 20/21 May OLR & SG £2528 St.A £139
 2nd collection: Missionary Endeavour £745

Upcoming Second Collections:
 18th June Day for Life
 2nd July Comboni Fathers

Prayers for the Sick

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Theresa Kitchner Bernadette Briggs, Richard Kenton, and for all our sick & housebound.

For those who have recently died:
 Patrick Chatfield, Delia Markham, Philomena Forte, Robert Villegas



PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Loving God

We seek to live as a vibrant and welcoming Community centred on the Holy Eucharist.

We invite others to join us in growing together, in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Recognising that everything is a gift from God, to be treasured and shared, we commit to serving others, to promoting peace and justice, and to caring for creation for the benefit of all.

Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory & St Agnes
Pray for us, Amen

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
 28th May & 4 Juneth 2023

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 27 May	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Jeanette Adoration & Confessions Fr David Russell RIP
Sun 28 May Pentecost Sunday	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Alison Parsons People of the Parish Elsie Fingleton RIP Deena & Simon Abraham
Mon 29 May	OLR	11am	Bryan Barrow RIP
Tues 30 May	OLR	7.30am	No Extraordinary Form Mass
Wed 31 May The Visitation	OLR	11am	Kathleen Grice RIP
Thur 1 June	OLR	9AM	Margaret McGuiness
Fri 2 June	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Margaret Borza Extraordinary Form: Rev Christopher Spender RIP
Sat 3 June	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Seamus, Moira & Andrew Armstrong RIP Adoration & Confession In thanksgiving
Sun 4 June The Most Holy Trinity	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Anne & Tony Jolwell RIP Deceased members of OLR Choir Armanda Teresa de Caires Gouveia RIP People of the Parish
Mon 5 June	OLR	11am 1pm	Patricia Reynolds RIP Wedding: David & Catherine
Tues 6 June	OLR	7.30am	Florence and John Stonehouse
Wed 7 June	OLR	11am	Patrick Gallagher RIP
Thur 8 June	OLR	11am	Mick Glyn RIP
Fri 9 June	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Requiem: Robert Villeges RIP Extraordinary Form: Rosalind Upton RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.40-11.50am & 5-5.45pm (Our Lady of Ransom)
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30-11am;
 Friday 11.30am – 6pm Benediction; Saturday 10.30am-12pm Benediction
ROSARY: Tuesdays 10.30am St G; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass
DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER: Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We celebrate this weekend the great Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, and the Gift of the Holy Spirit, 3rd person of the Holy Trinity (next Sunday's Feast). We seek always the grace of renewal in the Spirit, to bring us ever closer into relationship with God and with each other. Today we launch a simple Parish Mission Prayer, fruit of reflection by the Parish Pastoral Team, to help guide us in the time ahead more deeply into our Parish Mission, to be Spirit led disciples who draw others into the life and communion of the Church, especially through our sharing in the Sacraments. Let us pray this prayer often, so that the words rest deep in our hearts, uniting us as a vibrant and welcoming parish centred in the love of the Risen Jesus. Happy Pentecost! Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

PARISH DIARY – MAY/JUNE

28 MAY – Children’s Liturgy OLR - 10.15 Mass

7 JUNE – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting – 7.15 pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

9th JUNE - at St Gregory’s at 7pm. Taize Service on the journey from Easter to Pentecost and beyond. Come and join us in a time of prayer and singing Easter and Pentecost songs from Taize. With refreshments afterwards.

11 JUNE – Children’s Liturgy OLR – 10.15 Mass

21 JUNE - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting – 7.15 pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

22 JUNE – Enrichment Talk - 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre - “Sexuality and Gender Issues in the Catholic Church” – Speaker: Fr Kevin. Last in current series.

30 JUNE Tuesday tea and social gathering

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Children’s Liturgy takes place regularly in the parish. This is a great opportunity for our younger children to be together to listen to the gospel in easy-to-understand language, and to have some fun doing a related activity. Maybe some parents and/or grandparents would be willing to come along too and help the Catechists? Please let Caroline know, via the Parish Office, if you can help for one hour, once a month.

NEW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - The new parish Charismatic prayer group, “KAIROS” meets fortnightly on Wednesdays, **from 7.15-9.00 pm in the Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome to join in a beautifully crafted mix of praise and worship, praying with the Scriptures, Lectio Divina, meditation, teaching, sharing and praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. **A very warm welcome awaits you** and we look forward to seeing you.

TUESDAY TEA AND SOCIAL GATHERING: Many apologies that we have had to cancel this month’s Tuesday tea but we will be back on June 27th.

MAY 2023 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Pamela Francis £114.00

2nd Beatrice Jackson £71.00

3rd Molly Phipps £57.00

4th Estela Simkins £28.00

Next draw - Sunday 18th June. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the church.

NB please note the monthly draw will continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month, however the sausage sarnies are now finished until September.

COFFEE MORNING Jasmine Moulding (Gina’s granddaughter) and Hannah Woodall (Nick’s daughter) are going to Lourdes as young helpers in July. They will hold a coffee morning/cake sale/raffle after 10.15 mass on June 18. Please support them and any offers of cakes can be left into office or given to Maura after mass.

St Agnes: Polish Mass: Every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month-pm.

St Agnes Lunch: 8th June @ 12.30pm. 2 courses - £3.50.

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Prayed every Thursday, *during Exposition* at OLR between 10.25 -10.50am. Please join in.

DIFFICULTIES AND DISTRACTIONS IN PRAYER – A COMMON PHENOMENON:

The buzz word of the moment is “Communication” but how do social media and the frenetic life we all lead affect our communication with God? The question in prayer is “How do I listen and hear God talking to *me*?” Here are some hints to try when talking to God may seem difficult. Begin by putting yourself at God’s disposal, be passive, let him direct your time together. Desire to be attentive and available to him alone, knowing that if you give him your heart, whatever you do will follow your new heart. Perhaps something like: “*Lord, I am yours. Fashion me anew*”. Look back over the last day or so and note all the things you can be grateful for. It’s amazing how even a bad day reveals blessings, and thank God for those. Again something like: “*Thank you Holy Spirit for the grace and love you pour over me; for constantly asking me to let you into my life. Forgive me for the times when I refuse you and close myself off from you. Let me be open to your presence and let me work with you for the glory of God*”. Then just sit, be still and silently patient and let God be God. He will guide you. The key with prayer is never to give up!

LIFE OF CHRIST – WINTERSHALL THURSDAY 29 JUNE, 10.00 -

3.30 pm: DON’T MISS this great offer open to 20 parishioners for this widely acclaimed passion play at Wintershall (nr Bramley, GU5 OLR) depicting the greatest story of all time, movingly recreated with authentic detail. Not to be missed. Tickets are normally £20 each but we can offer them for £15 which will cover costs for shared transport. Get together in groups of 4/5 and enjoy a wonderful day. Further details from Caroline in the Parish Office. Please reserve your tickets by Wed 21st June.

AVE MARIAS FOR MAY

The month of May has long been associated with devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Every day this May, we will share with you some of our favourite recordings of the traditional prayer, *Ave Maria* ('Hail Mary'). Some will be familiar to you, others may be less so. We hope you will enjoy them!:

www.newpilgrimpath.ie/ave-marias-for-may.html

AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE! These words actually appeared in a church bulletin! The Sermon this morning: “*Jesus walks on the water*”. The Sermon tonight: “*Searching for Jesus*”.

GIFT AID: If any parishioner who has gift aided would like a statement of contributions for the tax year 2022/3 please contact Nick Price on 07711 243419 or

nickprice8@hotmail.com. **Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 11 June. All items for this issue to be sent in by 2 June (new deadline).

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

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