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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
14th May & 21st May 2023

Sunday Collections:
 29/30 May OLR & SG £2484 St.A £210
 6/7 May OLR & SG £2469 St.A £1359
Second collection: Education of future Priests £1,017
Upcoming Second Collections:
 14th May: Missionary Endeavour of Diocese
 21st May: World Communications Sun

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: ,
 Eileen Geelan, Mary Toft, Patrick Chatfield



Christ has no body now on earth but *yours*; No hands or feet but *yours*;
Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look;
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless people;
 Christ has no body now on earth but *yours*.
St Teresa of Avila

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 13 May	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Patricia Reynolds RIP Adoration & Confessions Dorothy Healey RIP
Sun 14 May 6th Sunday of Easter	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	John Redfern RIP Deceased members of OLR choir Paul & David Avann RIP People of The Parish
Mon 15 May	OLR	11am	Anthony Woodhouse RIP
Tues 16 May	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls RIP
Wed 17 May	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: Eileen Geelan RIP
Thur 18 May The Ascension of the Lord, Holyday	OLR OLR	11am 7pm	Eileen & Jim Dineen RIP For vocations to the Priesthood
Fri 19 May	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Linda Mills Extraordinary Form: Agostino Jorge Vieira
Sat 20 May	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Edmund Coope RIP Adoration & Confessions Fred Byrne RIP
Sun 21 May 7th Sunday of Easter	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Ellen Smith RIP People of the Parish Agnes Phipps RIP Robin Butler RIP
Mon 22 May	OLR	11am	Roy Sleight RIP
Tues 23 May	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Jariba's recovery
Wed 24 May	OLR	11am	NO MASS (Diocesan Clergy in service)
Thur 25 May	OLR	11am	NO MASS (Diocesan Clergy in service)
Fri 26 May	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Meg Marsh RIP Extraordinary Form: NO MASS

CONFESIONS: 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

This coming week, 40 days after the Resurrection of the Lord we celebrate his Ascension into heaven. In his risen and glorified body our Lord Jesus Christ is now with the Father in heaven and the opening prayer for the Mass of the Ascension says, 'and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.' The Ascension reminds us of our goal and of life's ultimate meaning. Here below though we each have our vocation to live which we do not do alone, but with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Here is a prayer given to Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope St John Paul II) when he was a boy from his father. He prayed it every day: '**Holy Spirit**, I ask you for the gift of **Wisdom** to better know You and Your divine perfections, for **Understanding** to clearly discern the mysteries of the holy faith, for the gift of **Counsel** that I may live according to the principles of this faith, for **Knowledge** that I may always find it in you, for the gift of **Fortitude** that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from you, for **Piety** that I may always serve Your Majesty with a filial love, and for the gift of the **Fear of the Lord** that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God. Amen.' God bless you in this time leading up to Pentecost, Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY - APRIL/MAY

Sunday 14 May : OLR children's liturgy during 10.15 Mass

Monday 22 May : Enrichment Talk "Cardinal Manning : from Anglican to Roman Catholic" – together with the Newman Circle – Speaker: John de Waal

Wednesday 24 May : Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, 7.15 pm – Parish Centre

Tuesday 30 May : Monthly Tea and Social Gathering – 2.30-4.00 pm - Parish Centre

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE OFFICE: 'Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes. Further information is available on the Lourdes Pilgrimage (abdiocese.org.uk) website. The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28 July to 3 August for those travelling by air, or 27 July to 4 August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available'.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLR: The next Children's Liturgy at OLR will take place on Sundays 14 May and 28 May. 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. The First Holy Communion children are also invited to attend on Sundays when they don't have a class. 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 just one hour, once a month. Thank you.

NEW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - With Fr Kevin's blessing and support, we are delighted to announce the new parish Charismatic prayer group, "KAIROS". The group will meet 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 and meditation, teaching and sharing. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray for a fresh outpouring from Him for a renewed flourishing of his gifts and charisms, leading to deeper faith, conviction and mission in the Church. **A very warm welcome awaits you** and we look forward to seeing you.

OLR MONEY CLUB Next draw - Sunday 21st May. Please join us for sausage sarnies after Mass. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches.

St Agnes: Polish Mass: Every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month- 6pm

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!

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY **FOR PEACE** – is prayed every Thursday, during Exposition at OLR between 10.25 -10.50am. Please join in.

WORKING WITH GOD IN CREATION - Following on last Newsletter's piece *Caring for our Planet* we have decided to continue our focus on this vitally important issue. Many will know of Fr Pierre Teilhard de Chardin who linked his deep Jesuit spirituality to his scientific work and reflection. As a renowned palaeontologist, he explored humanity's early beginnings and our place in the ever-unfolding sweep of evolution. As a philosopher and theologian, he developed a unique synthesis of science and religion based on an evolutionary understanding of what he called the 'cosmic Christ' – the idea that the universe and everything in it is constantly moving towards a point of perfection defined by unity and love, a point which he called 'the Omega point'. Now, the Omega Centre's mission is to deepen awareness of Teilhard de Chardin's integration of science and spirituality by providing insights and practices to enkindle awareness of love at the heart of reality. Click here for this fascinating, thought provoking and inspiring resource www.newpilgrimpath.ie

LOVE POETRY? Poetry has been described as "capable of making one into a tuning fork of the Divine". For some beautiful poetry go to <https://www.journeywithjesus.net/poetry/poetry-index>

NEXT FAITH ENRICHMENT TALK

THURSDAY 22 June – 7.30 pm OLR HALL - "Sexuality and gender issues in the Catholic Church" – Speaker: Fr Kevin Last in current series

PAX CHRISTI write: 'Thank you for the donation of £447 for Peace Sunday. Your continued support of our work gives us great encouragement'

CONGRATULATIONS to Sam & Natalie and Isabella & Joseph who were recently married in our Parish.

PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION: on **Saturday 27th May** a **Parish Pentecost Celebration** at OLR with **Holy Hour from 5pm**, a multi-cultural **Mass at 6pm**. Afterwards we will have a shared Supper and Party in the Hall. Contributions of multi-cultural already plated **COLD FINGER FOOD** will be gratefully received (i.e. doesn't require heating or cutlery to be eaten). We hope you can be part of the celebration!

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS: Please bear in mind that the parish centre is available to hire for funeral receptions, with a catering team available from the parish. Please contact the office.

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 07711243419 or nickprice8@hotmail.com

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 28 May All items for this issue to be sent in by 19 May (new deadline)