

	Church	Service Times Masses marked L/S will be livestreamed on YouTube.
Sat 10 OCT	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass -Norah & Ronald Sherlock RIP & Terry Dillon-White RIP
<b>TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		<b>Readings: 1. Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 22 2. Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 3. Matthew 22:1-14</b>
Sun 11	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] - Nicky Carroll (Kennedy)
	St Gregory	9.30am Mass-Kevan Regan RIP (Regan family)
	OLR	11.30am Mass - Betty Hobbs RIP (Hiley) First Holy Communion : Ariana Plata-Hallijah and Emilia Salea
		5.30pm Mass - People of the Parish
Mon 12	OLR	6.30pm Mass - Intentions of Henryk Malachowsky
Tues 13		NO MASS
Wed 14	OLR	11am Mass-James Moulding RIP (Moulding)
Thurs 15	OLR	11am Mass– Desmond McKenna RIP (Jack and Teresa O'Brien)
Fri 16	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 17	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass –People of the Parish
<b>TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		<b>Readings: 1. Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 Psalm 95 2. Thessalonians 1:1-5 3. Matthew 22:15-21</b>
Sun 18	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] - John and Nicky Carroll RIP (Waters)
	St Gregory	9.30am Mass-Margaret Smillie RIP (Mary Smillie)
	OLR	11.30am Mass - Claud Borza RIP (Fusciardi family)
	OLR	5.30pm Mass - Elizabeth Dudley (recovery)

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th/11th October 2020**

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Today is Prisoners' Sunday when we mark the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It comes at a time of immense challenge for our church, our nation and our world. Today we are called to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Canon Paul Douthwaite, Chaplain for Prisons writes: "From freely browsing in the shops to meeting friends for a meal, from partaking of leisure activities to practising our faith and more besides, freedom was very much something we took for granted. Due to the coronavirus and the subsequent lockdown that was imposed upon our country in an effort to save lives, for a number of weeks, everybody in some way has had their freedom curtailed.

The removal of our freedom, albeit for a relatively short time, has resulted in many long term consequences. As human beings it is only when something is taken from us that we can begin to see its value or miss it. Each and every one of us, having experienced the 'lockdown' now have a renewed sense of value for the freedom we enjoy as human beings and moreover the freedom we enjoy as the children of God.

In today's Gospel Jesus makes use of a parable to remind the people of Israel that they had begun to take for granted the freedom and generosity they experienced as the children of God.

On this Prisoners' Sunday, as a Church, we are invited to be aware of those whose freedom has been removed by the justice system; those whom society may regard as the less noteworthy. We are called to be mindful that, despite their wrongdoing they are still children of God. Whilst the events of this year have had an impact on society at large, prisoners and their families have not been exempt from the turmoil which we have all experienced. For the duration of the national lockdown and beyond prisoners have had removed what little privileges they had, including the freedom to practice their faith and family visits'.

Canon Paul invites us, with a renewed sense of value for our freedom, on this Prisoners Sunday, to pray for those who have had their freedom removed and most especially for the families and loved ones of prisoners who feel the effects of their sentence. PACT, the national Catholic charity continues to support prisoners and their families and we are asked to commend their work to our prayers and support.

**FR. RAGLAN WRITES:** This week Bishop Richard telephoned to remind us that we have to follow the regulations agreed with the government, if we are to keep our churches open for Mass.

- Since the 8<sup>th</sup> August all churches in the United Kingdom have been required to wear masks except for individuals who have an exemption, and to keep it on all the time at Mass except to receive Communion
- We must keep a *minimum* of 1-metre distance from others at all times, including entering, receiving Communion, and leaving
- Anyone reading please sanitise your hands and wear gloves (ask a steward if these
- have run out)
- The priest says ‘The Body of Christ’ to the whole congregation before receiving himself, and everyone says ‘Amen’ at that time; we then receive Communion silently. We may only receive Communion in the hand.

*We understand that for many of us it is part of our devotion to receive on the tongue, but now the Bishop has said clearly that we have to sacrifice this for the safety of all*  
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**SACRAMENTS:** present and future 2021 please see a Priest after Mass then e-mail the Parish Office to register an interest, with your contact details stating which sacrament you would like to register for. Remember to always give your full name and address and which church you attend.  
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It is lovely to have a small choir back singing again. With many thanks to Colin Young, we now have screens in place in the choir loft to ensure everybody’s safety.  
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**5th November: Bishop Richard** will be Celebrating a Mass at OLR at 6.30pm, for all those who have died in this extraordinary year. It is advisable to book for this Mass and e-mail is preferable. If you are not on e-mail, you can telephone.

**MASSES:** We made an appeal 3 weeks ago that unless more of us are able to act as stewards we cannot keep our schedule of Masses going, either on Sundays or weekdays. Unfortunately those who came forward have been cancelled out by those who have had to drop out. This has become even more urgent now that Bishop Richard gave a warning this week that we must maintain the regulations agreed for churches to be open. We are sorry that many willing volunteers cannot be accepted for this if they are over 70, but one of the purposes of the role is to ensure safety whilst Covid-19 is still around, and that group have identified as facing greater risk. A key part of the job of a steward is cleaning the church after use. It is demanding and we wholeheartedly thank those who are doing it.

**ST RICHARD’S SCHOOL SIGNING**  
  
**Tuesday October 13th: 5.30pm- 7pm**  
**Monday October 19th:**  
**5.30pm-6.15pm and 7.15pm - 8pm**  
Please come to the Parish Centre Car park and wait to be called to the door

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Loman RIP, Blandine Ashe RIP , Lorraine McCormack RIP and Don Hinchin 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, Carmen Pumar, Sheila Brown, Pauline Bosley, Abina Boniface, Gilbert da Silva, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Terry Swales, Lynnette and Michael Butters, Valerie Doney, Elizabeth Dudley, Susan McGoldrick and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

**OFFERINGS** w/e 4th October Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes and St Gregory. £1822.06. Peter’s Pence £138.72.[Gift Aid Nick Price 07711243419]. Second collection this weekend: World Missions.

**7 DAYS OF CREATION: Celebrating September with prayers for Creation jointly declared by Greek Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis.**

### AGREEMENT

REPLACE CONSUMPTION WITH SACRIFICE, GREED WITH GENEROSITY, WASTEFULNESS WITH A SPIRIT OF SHARING, AN ASCETICISM WHICH “ENTAILS LEARNING TO GIVE, AND NOT SIMPLY TO GIVE UP. IT IS A WAY OF LOVING, OF MOVING GRADUALLY AWAY FROM WHAT I WANT TO WHAT GOD’S WORLD NEEDS. IT IS LIBERATION FROM FEAR, GREED AND COMPULSION”. – Laudato Si #

### OPENING PRAYER

Caring God, you sent your own Son to live a fully human life as we are called to live. He guided his followers in word and deed, and continues to guide all the baptised through the gift of his abiding Spirit. May we listen and not harden our hearts. May we turn to one another for help on the journey, striving to love our neighbour close by and around the planet, striving to find you in every creature that exists on Earth.

### EZEKIEL 33:7-9 - WARN THE WICKED TO REPENT

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

*Stories tell us that the suffering of earth and the suffering of people often go together. Research into the growing frequency of droughts and wildfires, floods and violent storms, shows that they both damage the land and turn livelihoods upside down. The twin cry of land and people need care and healing.*

It takes hard headed debate and choices to plan an adequate response to Earth’s environmental emergency. Structural economic and lifestyle problems take us beyond personal responsibility and personal blaming. Speaking truth to power is difficult. It takes insight and courage. But speaking out will lack impact if not done in cooperation with others. The ever present wisdom of God must be invoked, experts and neighbours listened to. Living out a faith driven ‘ecological vocation’ is not straight forward. It cannot be walked alone. But a community working as one is strong, a grace to be prayed for as co-creators with God in a new creation.

### PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT US: OUR FATHER

The urgent challenge to protect [earth] our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development. I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. –Laudato Si #13