

	Church	Service Times
Sat 26 Sep	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] - Patricia Hay-Will RIP
<b>TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		<b>Readings: 1. Ezekiel 18:25-28 [Ps. 24] 2. Philippians 2:1-11 3. Matthew 21:28-32</b>
Sun 27	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] - Len Brownsell RIP (Brownsell) <b>First Holy Communion : Aisling and Ted Murphy and Wiktorja Lewandowska</b>
	St Gregory	<b>NO MASS</b>
	OLR	<b>11.30am Mass [O]</b> Margaret Mary Moorton RIP (Crunden) <b>Baptisms: Pia Stokes, Arelli Fernando and Felicity Sheridan-Stack</b>
		<b>5.30pm Mass [O]</b> - People of the Parish
Mon 28	OLR	<b>6.30pm Mass</b> - Stan Byrne RIP (Byrne)
Tues 29		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 30	OLR	<b>11am Mass—Funeral Mass Patrick Sloane RIP. Apologies, not open to public due to government restriction on numbers.</b>
Thurs 1 OCT	OLR	<b>11am Mass</b> -Veronica Flint (Crunden)
Fri 2	OLR	<b>11am Adoration and Confessions</b>
Sat 3	OLR	<b>6pm Vigil Mass [O]</b> -Thanksgiving Desiree and Stefan Wedding day
<b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		<b>Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 [Ps.79] 2. Philippians 4:6-9 3. Matthew 21: 33-43</b>
Sun 4	OLR	<b>9.15am Mass [L/S] [O]</b> - Ana Paula Aveiro RIP (R. Aveiro) <b>Baptism: Rosie Elphick</b>
	St Gregory	<b>NO MASS</b>
	OLR	<b>11.30am Mass [O]</b> - People of the Parish
	OLR	<b>5.30pm Mass [O]</b> - Mary Gibbons RIP

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th/27th September 2020**

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If you want some really rich food for your soul this week, why not meditate on today's second reading (the start of Philippians 2)? "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus", says St Paul: or more literally: "*Think in yourselves that which was also in Christ Jesus*" (v. 5)

A strange expression! Does it boil down to just being kind and getting along with one another? It surely goes far beyond than that. Paul almost seems to struggle to convey an amazing reality here literally saying: "Think the same, having the same love, *with-souled*, the one thing thinking"! (v. 2) In our words our very souls, each uniquely created by God should become united with each other on earth, and with the saints, *in Christ*.

This can happen only in one way, which Paul also mentions: the *communion* in the one Spirit, or *koinonia* (v. 1). The Holy Spirit is One, and when He dwells in our souls, *He joins them through grace to Himself*, like fire enkindling wood and joining to fire – more closely joined than by any earthly tie or shared interest. Furthermore, He makes them one in Christ the Son, just as He the Spirit is One in that Son, proceeding from Him from all eternity. So, through the Spirit given at baptism; through the same worship in the liturgy; through union with the same hierarchy of clergy directed by the Spirit; living the same way of living taught by faith, expressed by the Holy Scriptures and handed down in the Church; eating the same Body, Catholics are "*with-souled*": we are "*in communion*". But each sin damages it or breaks it, by turning away from the Spirit – hence St Paul's pleading with the Philippians to keep as one in Christ.

"Communion" means an end to sin. It means through the Spirit to share together in the "DNA" of the Father, and thus "inherit" the way of living of His Son. It means to commit to loving radically, not after the way that might seem best to us, but every day by God's will, with, through and in the Church Christ founded. This is necessarily a way of sacrifice, a giving up self, desiring entirely to receive Another.

**ENQUIRERS FOR THE CATHOLIC FAITH 'RCIA' begins**  
8th October at 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom hall, access via the car park. See OLR website for further details. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can make the arrangements necessary for social distancing. Please ring Ann - 07790 208889.

**NEW ENQUIRIES FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION**

We are pleased to welcome families back to Mass. Preparation for the sacraments of initiation will not be the same as in previous years but we are taking e mail enquiries. Please see the website for further details first.

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**OFFERINGS** w/e 13 September, including standing orders: Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes and St Gregory. £1478.83 [Gift Price 07711243419].

**OLR CLUB** winners for September £100 Mrs. B Evans, £50 Maria Ringsell, £25 Mr. A Joseph, £25 Anne Barden

**THANK YOU!**

The Parish Finance committee met on 18th September to review the parish accounts for the last six months. It is remarkable that, thanks to your donations right through the lockdown, we sustained only a slight deficit this half year. We were able to pay for a new system for livestreaming Mass, which is continuing for the foreseeable future, and the refurbishment of St Gregory's hall used by the Montessori school. We do still have pay our levy of £1,000 every week to the Diocese; and now have to 'catch up' on some of the second collections due this year.

Also, winter will bring heating costs, candles(ongoing),essential maintenance which is on top of all the printing, postage, materials for Mass etc. So thank you for your generosity, and to many who have signed up for standing orders and gift aid, so that now we can face the future with confidence. If you have not so far committed to payment to the parish by standing order, could you please consider this? Thank you in advance for your continued support of the parish.

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**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cecilia Mafe. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family.

**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 Downey, Elizabeth Dudley and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

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

**HEALS AND CASTS OUT DEVILS**

Pope Francis pointed out that the way we treat others, is usually reflected in the way we misuse the earth. **THE VIOLENCE PRESENT IN OUR HEARTS, WOUNDED BY SIN, IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE SYMPTOMS OF SICKNESS EVIDENT IN THE SOIL, IN THE WATER, IN THE AIR AND IN ALL FORMS OF LIFE. THIS IS WHY THE EARTH HERSELF ... "GROANS IN TRAVAIL"** (ROM 8:22). – Laudato Si #2

Isaiah tells us that God looks upon the suffering of all peoples and the Earth itself. The word trauma regularly appears in news reports ranging from climate emergency to mental health, from family violence to migration. Let us remember that Jesus healed the sick and cast out devils, and that as people of hope let us begin by weeping when we hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

**ISAIAH 61:1-3 – QUOTED BY JESUS (LUKE 4: 16-30)**

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

*Most people can tell stories about how they have seen the creative action of God thwarted. Even an elementary knowledge of evolutionary processes leads us to question over fishing oceans or over stocking farms, to putting untested chemicals into the food chain or the proliferation of garbage dumps. Not only lament but anger is a legitimate response. Protest as well as loving action to heal become part of eco-spirituality.*

The Scriptures are full of the twin cry of the earth and cry of the poor. The psalms lament the suffering of the people and invite them to join with the suffering of the stress of parched land, with the stress of a tree starved of water. It is God who upholds hope for healing and freedom, free like sheep led to green pastures in another image. God cares and is never far away from a suffering world.

**PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT: "OUR FATHER ..."**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER** Creative and nurturing God, your Son ushered in a new era of good news to the nations. May we be transformed so that we can live as good news for our neighbours and Earth itself, caring and healing in your name. Strengthen us on our painful journey as part of all creation groaning to give birth to a new creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ST RICHARD'S SCHOOL**  
**SIGNING DATES:**  
**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES**  
**Tuesday October 13th:**  
**5.30pm- 7pm**  
**Monday October 19th:**  
**5.30pm-6.15pm and 7.15pm - 8pm**  
Please come to the Parish Centre  
(via the car park)