

	Church Opening Times	Church	Service Times
Sat 25 July	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass – Peter Sheppard RIP (M. Sheppard)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			Readings: 1. 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12 [Ps.118] 2. Romans 8:28-30 3. Matthew 13:44-52
Sun 26	8.45am – 1pm	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – People of the Parish
		OLR	11.30am Mass – Emma Moulding RIP (Moulding)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass – Clarissa Neves RIP (Neves Family)
Mon 27	6pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6.30pm Mass – Terence North RIP (Arnold)
Tues 28	CLOSED		No Mass
Weds 29	12.30 – 2pm	OLR	1pm Mass – [L/S] Order of Malta Volunteers Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage
Thurs 30	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Anna Mogford RIP
Fri 31	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 1 August	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Eileen & Albert Wenbon RIP (Crunden)
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			Readings: 1. Isaiah 55: 1-3 [P.144] 2. Romans 8:35. 37-39 3. Matthew 14:13-21
Sun 2	8.45am – 1pm	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – Henryk Malachowsky
		OLR	11.30am Mass [O] – Emma Moulding RIP (Moulding)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] – Veronica Flint RIP (Mathers)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25th/26th 2020

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Grace is the freely given “gift that God makes to us of his own life, infused by the Holy Spirit into our soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it” (CCC 1999). The concept of grace helps us to understand the *hiddenness* of the kingdom of God as described in Matthew 13. God begins to live in me, and I in God, leading my life to be fragrant with Him, in other words, to ‘holiness’. Grace is a buried treasure, and holiness a precious pearl; they are within our grasp, but we must sacrifice ourselves in order to attain them. This is because grace comes to us *through* Jesus – and to receive it will mean that we, too, have to walk with him the way of His sacrifice and His death, to come to glory.

This journey is exactly what the *Angelus* prayer asks for: “*Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.*” Furthermore, it asks for it along with the powerful intercession of Our Lady. ‘Full of grace’, Mary really *is*, in a way, Jesus’s kingdom. She is like the field containing a hidden treasure: her glorious Son. Even though outwardly, her life seemed rather ordinary – that of a wife and mother – the Lord’s will saturated everything she did. Her ‘yes’ to God is the pearl of great price, which she obtained by casting everything else aside: a word of joy, but also of sacrifice, as the love with which she uttered it brought her directly into the agony of the Crucifixion. Dying to ourselves each day can be painful. It feels like we have committed ourselves to an empty field; we need faith to remember that there is treasure within. Making the *Angelus* prayer with Mary, morning, noon, and evening, can help us stay focussed every day on the prize, which lies, for the most part, beyond this life.

TEMPORARY CONTACT DETAILS

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We would love to hear from you with any input you feel is of interest to fellow parishioners to info@ransomagnes.org

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please give your box number to a steward on your way into mass and they will have it ready for you to collect at the exit after mass.

LOURDES VIRTUAL TOUR

Each year, we journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, however, due to Covid-19, this year we will have to travel in spirit and mind and not body.

We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for a virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage from the 25th to the 30th July. Including virtual events for families and for Redshirts (those ins years 10&11). Find out more at www.ablourdes2020.org

CONTACT ADDRESSES

Please remember, if you have moved house or changed your email/telephone number to let us know. It would of course be in line with Data Protection rules.

This is vital for communication at a time when we do not meet as often as we used to.

STEWARDS AT MASS

Some people have asked, “why do we need these ‘stewards’ for Mass (we did not have them before). The simple answer is the government regulations agreed by the Church! This is the condition of our being able to open for Mass again.

Our Lady of Ransom

We still need more volunteers, with people away in August. Please e-mail or ring the parish office.

St Agnes and St Gregory’s

Until we have enough volunteers to make up teams, Masses cannot yet resume at St Gregory’s and St Agnes. We need more than a couple of volunteers so that the same people are not doing it every week. We need to form a rota. We still have restrictions in place, so it does mean coming half an hour before Mass, seeing that people know the procedures to keep everyone safe, and cleaning afterwards. The more people who can give some of their time, the more we can open for Mass, and it will not bear too much on anyone. Please leave a message with the Parish Office.

NAZARETH APPEAL - Many Christian families in the Holy Land rely on the tourist trade, and this has been non existent this year because of the Corona virus. The knock on effect is that families can't afford to send their children to school or University. Please read the full report found on the Parish web site.

The Catenians have set up an appeal, donations can be made to the Catenian Association - Nazareth, sort code 08 92 99' account no 68351649.

VINCENT, OUR FRENCH SEMINARIAN

If there is a parishioner who can spare some time to help Vincent with conversation practice in English, please contact us. Of course someone with French also is a bonus but not essential.

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

All those attending Mass MUST bring and wear a face covering and maintain 1m social distancing from other households. 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 the screens

Please see Mass Schedule overleaf.....

Private Masses will continue to be celebrated when the church is closed, for the priests' private intentions.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Fernandes. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family.

Due to the restrictions, all funerals will be limited to family members only and therefore taking place outside the Masses open to the parish.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Martin Forte-Hyland, 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, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.