

Sunday Mass will be live streamed from OLR at 9:15am;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZlr.H5bZw>

Those without Internet access are invited to pray at the same time, using the separate sheet "When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly", so we can all be united spiritually.

Despite the lockdown, Mass will continued to be offered twice daily for your intentions, which are still gratefully received via e-mail and bank transfer. You may also use your own envelopes and post offerings through the Presbytery letterbox.

PENTECOST

Readings: 1: Acts 2:1-11 Ps. 103 2: 1 Cor. 12:3-7.12-13 3: John 20:19-23

Sunday 31st 9:15 **People of the Parish (Live Streamed online)**
Dusk Fr David Rea RIP (Bergin)

Monday 1 June Dawn Marjorie Fielden RIP (**Funeral Day**)
Dusk June Lipka RIP (Carroll)

Tuesday 2nd Dawn Deceased Members of OLR Choir (OLR Choir)
Dusk Rose Watson (Harnetty)

Wednesday 3rd Dawn Tessa McFadden RIP
Dusk Thanksgiving for the birth of Cecilia Wren

Thursday 4th Dawn Holy Souls of the family of Cecilia Vieira
Dusk Fr Geoffrey Nixon RIP (Bergin)

Friday 5th Dawn John Collie RIP
Dusk Joseph Penketh RIP

Saturday 6th Dawn Moises Fajo-Misa RIP (Fajo-Misa)
Dusk Margaret Wilcox RIP

Sunday 7th **The Most Holy Trinity**

Readings: 1: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 Ps. Dan 3: 52-56 2: 2 Cor. 13:11-13 3: John 3:16-18

9:15 **People of the Parish (Live Streamed online)**
Dusk Joan Marolf & parents RIP (A. Marolf-Silva)

For those who have internet Universalis.com gives the readings for every day

**PENTECOST
May30th/31st 2020**

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM
St GREGORY AND St AGNES**

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Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Parish Priest
Fr Tristan Cranfield, Assistant Priest
Deacon Paul Scholey (Retired)

This week we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a special magazine. (We also grieve that this newsletter is *not* compiled by Ann Smiley, since her unexpected death a week ago, see inside). In the magazine Fr. Thomas Mason reminds us that Pentecost was already a feast for the Jewish people. Fifty days after Passover, it celebrated both the blessing of harvest and the law of God that guided them spiritually. Then at Pentecost the disciples of Christ experienced the divine Spirit that transformed their brokenness into a joy they could not keep to themselves. Nicholas Harden, our seminarian, picks up the theme of the Spirit's healing our souls in the sequence at Pentecost Mass. At times we learn just to be open to God's overflowing love, like the dry ground without rain. Fr. Raglan Hay-Will writes of the way Pentecost does not stop the next morning, as we begin 'Ordinary' time. The disciples went through stages in faith, from being with Jesus physically, to seeing him in revelation after the resurrection. After Ascension they were back to life in the world, yet knowing the Spirit of Pentecost was always with them. Fr. Tristan Cranfield points out that the Church is both the Bride of Christ with an eternal destiny; yet living our vocation in the flow of time, including the fact of change. As people of the 'Way' (of Christ), we cannot stop on the road. After 'lockdown' we must ask which institutions and practices best serve that mission in today's reality. Fr. Neil gives us fun ideas to make, bake and pray Pentecost at home and in our families. It is a theme with a serious side to it: both Jews and Christians were accused at times of being disloyal to Rome and were scattered abroad after the Jewish Revolt of 70AD. They held on to their faith by living it in their homes and house churches – much as we have had to do these last few weeks.

The Pentecost magazine is available from the website.

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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

Ann Smiley RIP

A brief word, which must be followed by fuller tributes when current restrictions allow. I somehow never imagined I would be writing about Ann – I always wrote *to* her, begging that she squeeze an impossible amount into the weekly newsletter. She started her role in 1993 and gradually acquired other jobs: a Director at the Montessori school at St. Gregory's, the Mass rotas at Our Lady of Ransom, and self-appointed watch-dog over the cupboard space in the Parish Centre, to name just a few. She did those things because she had a heart for this parish community. Perhaps it was her positivity that made us feel she would go on forever, and yet she died perhaps the way she would have wished – fully occupied and involved until the very end. And in the faith she so deeply held, it is not an end but the beginning: of eternal life, and please God, with her husband Ken. RIP
Fr. Raglan

THIS WEEK let us pray for our public authorities to make wise decisions, and for the Holy Spirit to help our bishops as they decide how to re-open our churches. "Spirit of Wisdom, seated at the throne of God, you filled the mind of Solomon and directed the paths of the saints. Guide your sons whom you have chosen to lead your church, and those who must make decisions on behalf of our country, that they may act for the glory of God and the common good of His family. Through Christ our Lord. Amen." *Fr. Tristan*

Thank you all for your offertory gifts that have been posted either online or through the letterbox. Also we have received treats of food and drink; we are not quite like parts of the world where baskets of food are brought up in the offertory procession, but thank you for your kindness!

GIVING DONATIONS You can now do this through the Diocese Virtual Offertory: justgiving.com/campaign/parish-offertory. Please be sure to specify the church and town for your donation in the 'message of support'. Or post your donations through the Parish Office door marked either for the Offertory, a Mass Intention (give clear details) or for the priests. To pay by bank transfer: Parish bank details are Account name: Our Lady of Ransom and St Agnes; Account number: 61077007 ; Sort code: 40-05-20. Reference is the donor's name. To obtain a standing order form, please go to the Parish website and either post it in the Parish Office or send to Nick Price at 8 Greenfield Road, 21 1JJ.

OUR 'THROWAWAY CULTURE':

An excerpt from an article written by Kit Bell, a student at All Saints Catholic College School in Sheffield, and winner of the 2020 Columban Schools Journalism Competition:

When asked for his opinion on [our 'throwaway culture'], Pope Francis offered a unique take: that our careless attitude towards things we no longer need has spread past material possessions. The way we treat those on the edge of our society is all the proof we need to see that he is right – the elderly, left to fade into an undignified end; those with disabilities, left to struggle until they can no longer cope; the homeless, left to scavenge for cast-offs, as if we can offer nothing else. The invisibility of those we have no use for shows how much the consumer mindset has poisoned our humanity. We simply throw away people we think we don't need, whilst keeping those who promote this toxic ideal. Toxicity is found not just in our attitudes, but in the products we cast aside [destined for landfill]. The landfills we speak of are not on our land, of course... the majority of our rubbish is shipped to developing countries... where disposal regulations aren't as strict. One of the key points made in *Laudato Si'* [Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for our common home] was that the poor are disproportionately affected by climate change... we fill their land with our rubbish, allow their air to become polluted, and dirty the water they need to survive. This is not showing love to our neighbours. This is not caring for creation. In writing his encyclical, Pope Francis draws on the knowledge of many countries to emphasise that once we are united, we can tackle this issue. Indifference and selfishness are the only true drivers of this throwaway culture – so maybe it's time for a change of heart.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Ann Smiley and Marjorie Fielden 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, Agnes Phipps, 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, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers.

END OF LIFE CARE: the priests will attend the dying at home or in hospital to administer emergency baptism, Confession, Anointing of the Dying. The sacraments are precious: please do not wait for the very end to call OLR (01323 723222) and request.

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OUR BISHOPS will be celebrating Mass in their Cathedrals for the sick, their families, frontline workers every Thursday at 7pm which will be live-streamed. On May 14th it will be Bishop Mark Davies from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury. The link is on the Bishops' Conference webpage (cbcew.org.uk)