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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
3rd & 10th April 2022 – THE SEASON OF LENT

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

OLR & St Gregory: 20 March
£2114.62
27 March £1994.10
St Agnes: 20 March £196.62
27 March £227.25

2nd collection this weekend
Flowers for Easter (envelopes
available at back of churches)

EASTER OFFERING: your personal
gift to the clergy. Please use
envelopes provided. Many thanks.

Prayers for the Sick

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat
Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie
Downey, Roy Sleight, Agnes Phipps,
Joy & Gerald Shakespeare, Lorna
Cameron, Mary Shepherd and for all
our sick & housebound.
For those who have died, especially:
Rose McGoldrick, Eoin Grant, Anne
Maria Ullah. May they rest in peace

A Thought for Holy Week

*Let us then show Christ
mercy in the persons of the
poor and those who today
are lying on the ground, so
that when we come to
leave this world they may
receive us into everlasting
dwelling places, in Christ
our Lord himself, to whom
be glory for ever and ever.*
Amen

St Gregory Nazianzen (d.390)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 2 April	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Elizabeth & James Baxter (recovery) Children's First Confessions Ruby Divito RIP
Sun 3 April 5 th Sunday of Lent	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Marshall Bartram RIP Armanda Caires Gouveia RIP Maria Rosario RIP Paul Strydherst RIP
Mon 4 April	OLR	11am	Holy Souls
Tues 5 April	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls Stations of the Cross
Wed 6 April	OLR	11am	Sarah Brown
Thurs 7 April	OLR	11am	Bernadette Meares RIP
Fri 8 April	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Celebrant's Intention (Stations of the Cross) Extraordinary form: Mother of Jesus
Sat 9 April	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	David Bosley RIP Adoration & Confessions (3 Priests) Sandra Zilioli RIP
Sun 10 April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Gary Abraham Elizabeth Roncone RIP Mary Barber RIP Agnes Singleton RIP
Mon 11 April	OLR	11am	Alchin family
Tues 12 April	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Int of Bridget Atkins Stations of the Cross
Wed 13 April	OLR	11am	Patrick O'Donovan RIP
Thurs 14 th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	OLR	8pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Joseph Kennedy RIP
Friday 15 th April GOOD FRIDAY	St. G OLR OLR St. A St. A	10am 12 noon 3pm 3pm 7pm	Children's Stations of The Cross Stations of The Cross Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion Stations of The Cross
Sat 16 th April HOLY SATURDAY	OLR	8pm	EASTER VIGIL Bob Clarke RIP
Sun 17 th April EASTER SUNDAY	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Brian Barrow RIP Michael Butters RIP Yuriy Yurkiv RIP Paula Duggan RIP

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-5.45pm Saturday (Our Lady of Ransom)
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Fridays 11.30am – 6pm (Benediction)
Our Lady of Ransom Church open every day from 8am to 6pm

OUR PARISH

Following a series of important meetings of the Parish Pastoral Committees over recent months, representing our 3 churches, and ongoing reflection with Fr Bruno and others, I present some important actions below that we believe will help our parish to continue developing in a way that is **MISSION** focused, for the good of all.

COMMUNITY: To best serve the Parish community we need to know **WHO** we are. From **1st May, over 4 weeks**, we will conduct a **PARISH CENSUS** to provide an up-to-date database. More details to follow. The key is for the census to be as complete as possible.

CELEBRATION: From Sunday 1st May we will realign our **SUNDAY MASSES** to allow 1 priest, in emergency (sickness etc), to cover all the parish Sunday Masses. **The new schedule will be: Sat 6 pm (OLR); Sun 9 am (St G's); 10.15 am (OLR); 11.30 am (St A's); 5.30 pm (OLR).** It will also allow us, in emergency, to help another parish where there is only 1 priest. These new times are only slight adjustments to pre-covid timings. Making our Church celebrations the best they can be is a top priority.

SERVICE: at the same time as the Census, we will conduct a **GIFTS / VOLUNTEERING AUDIT**, inviting everyone to consider how they might offer time and talent for the building up of the parish, but also allowing us to reach out and better serve the wider community.

From Easter Sunday (17th April) until Pentecost (5th June) we will be using a specially composed **PARISH PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR RENEWAL**, to help us to understand the key priorities we need to embrace as a parish in the time ahead. The Pastoral Committees, who I thank for all their hard work, have already put in lots of reflection which will be shared with you, and your own views and ideas will be gratefully sought. Further information will follow in the coming weeks. It's **OUR PARISH**, all of us together, and so I invite everyone to play their part, that the **JOY OF THE GOSPEL** may be more deeply experienced by us and shared with others.

God bless you for all you do and anticipating your generous response to the good and important challenges ahead!

Fr Kevin

LENT 2022: STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed at OLR after the Friday 11 am Mass each week, and 10.30 am on Tuesdays at St Gregory's

ST. AGNES LENTEN LUNCHESS: Thursdays during Lent at 12 o'clock. Homemade soup, bread and cheese - £3.
2022 charity - Emma's Lourdes Fund.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – SAT 9 APRIL: we will have 3 priests available from 10.45-12pm and 5-6pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: from Old Town Community Centre at 10.30am or join from St Gregory's shortly after.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH" A new series of talks for parishioners and others:

- **Thursday, 7th April - Can War ever be Just?** -
speaker: Fr Kevin.

Sessions last an hour and start at 7.30pm in the OLR Parish Centre - with a break halfway for refreshments.

MARCH 2022 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Prize £107 - Una Carter; 2nd Prize £66 - Beatrice Jackson;
3rd Prize £53 -Doug Robertson; 4th Prize £26 - Pamela Francis.
Next draw, with extra Easter prize- Easter Sunday, 17th April between the 9.15am and 11.30am Masses; Easter treats, tea/coffee all for £1.50; New OLR Draw Club Members welcome, Registration Forms at the back churches. Money Draw Gift Vouchers for Easter, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. from £5 for 1 draw - Maura 01323 430532 or Reception. Future date: Keep June 3rd free!

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!

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RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION – COVID CONCERNS:

a number of parishioners have politely raised concerns, in light of high covid infection rates, about the risks of transmission in church where there is a mix of those receiving on the tongue and on the hand. As a temporary measure, to help allay fears, please can those who receive on the tongue, as far as possible, come forward at the end of the Communion queue. This has been the practice in a number of parishes. Communion Ministers will also have a cleansing wipe at hand if needed. Thanks for your understanding in these ongoing challenging times.

THANKS FROM GINA MOULDING: To all who attended or donated at last Sunday's Coffee Morning at St Agnes - £316.85 was raised for Emma's Lourdes Fund

PRAYERS FOR THOSE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS:

- Congratulations to the **45 CHILDREN** from our 3 churches who celebrated their **First Reconciliation** on **Saturday 2nd April** at Our Lady of Ransom.

The **5 ADULTS** preparing to be **Confirmed and Received into the Church** here at **East:** Mary Olohan, Philip Miles, and Lester Magnaye; and at **Pentecost:** Philip Perry and David Coates.

GIFT AID: If you are a taxpayer could you consider Gift Aiding your donations to the parish? Contact NICK PRICE on 07711243419. Current Gift Aiders: Please collect your envelopes- back of church

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 16th April. All items for this issue to be sent in by Mon April 11th.