

	Church Opening times	Church	Service Times
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			Readings: 1. 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 [Ps 84] 2. Romans 9:1-5 3. Matthew 14:22-33
Sun 9	8.45am – 1pm	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – Sean O'Connor (Foley)
	9am- 10.30am	St Gregory	9.30am Mass —People of the Parish
		OLR	11.30am Mass [O] Frederick Hunter RIP (M. Hunter)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] - Donald Nutbrown (Reid)
Mon 10	6pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6.30pm Mass – Gerard Kennedy RIP (J. Kennedy)
Tues 11	CLOSED	OLR	
Wed 12	10.30am -12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Thanksgiving for birth of Lucas Michael (Shabankareh)
Thurs 13	10.30am -12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Private Intention
Fri 14	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	10.30am Marian Devotions, Adoration, Confessions – in preparation for the Assumption
Sat 15	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Danuta Hiley RIP (David Hiley)
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM			Readings: 1. Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10 [Ps. 44] 2. Corinthians 15:20-26 3. Luke 1:39-56
Sun 16	8.45am – 1pm	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – Norman Lloyd RIP (J. Lloyd)
	9am- 10.30am	St Gregory	9.30am Mass — People of the Parish
			11.30am Mass [O] – Betty Johnny RIP (Zarian Oakes)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] – Ann Smiley RIP (Sheppard)

**18th and 19th Sundays in Ordinary Time
August 1st/2nd, 8th 9th, 16th 17th 2020-double issue**

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From the creation of the world when "God spoke...and so it was done" (Gen. 1: 7, 10, 12 etc.), the Jewish people believed that God continued to speak every day, in creation and in the events of history. All our prayer is listening to that voice: as the first reading from Isaiah tells us, "listen, and your soul will live" (Is. 55: 3). August, the Sabbath of the year, is a month in particular when we might pause and listen to the echoes of God in our lives. St. Paul in the second reading makes his famous declaration, that "nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8: 39). This was not a piece of empty rhetoric but something he had learnt through his own experience. He endured physical dangers ("five times I have been given the 39 lashes", 2 Cor. 11: 24), and perhaps worse were setbacks to his morale ("Demas has deserted me...no one came into court to support me", 2 Tim. 4: 10-16). In all this his life-changing encounter with the risen Christ had left him with the conviction that as we share in the Cross of Christ, we share in his triumph over sin and death, and not just in the next life but here and now in this life. We see this pattern in the Gospel from Matthew. It starts with the sombre news of John the Baptist's execution for daring to speak truth to power. We are called to commit ourselves to what gives life, and it may be at the cost of our own lives. Jesus is under the shadow of the Cross as he brings life to others, and for once he involves the disciples in one of his "signs", "miracles" of the Kingdom: "give them something to eat yourselves" (Matt. 14: 17). The disciple experiences at times the cost of commitment; but this is the way they also share in the resurrection.

PARISH OFFICE

The receptionists are not yet back at Our Lady of Ransom, so if you need the parish office during August, please ring or e mail.

BAPTISMS, FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATIONS AND MARRIAGE

We recognize that many people are not yet coming to Mass, with the uncertainty about Covid still hanging over us. So we cannot fix dates for all those who are waiting to celebrate sacraments, whilst some of them do not feel it is safe. However, if a family or a group of families feel ready to come to Mass again, let us know that you would like to discuss moving forward with the sacrament. Churches can now be open, but only at times when we have volunteers to steward the people who come. So for the time being these sacraments will happen at Mass. We plan to begin with people who had been preparing for baptism, first communion, confirmation and marriage before the lockdown in March. Due to the safety restrictions, we ask your understanding that we have to limit the number of guests you bring. We can give further details according to which sacrament you are preparing.

FR ALEXANDRE GUILLAUD

Alexandre was with us 2 years ago improving his English. Last Sunday he was ordained priest in Lucon Cathedral. He sent his prayers. The Mass was over 2 hours but was so joyful it passed swiftly even with everyone wearing masks, they all sang fervently!



NEW BOOK BY OUR OWN PARISHIONER

Veronika Lees. "The Art of Falling Gracefully" is Veronika's moving account of her journey with Parkinson's Disease. Written to help those people 'who are ashamed to normal a life as possible because they twitch and tremor', the book is a both serious and humorous: a witness to courage, to faith in God and to marriage, which will surely inspire you. Available from Amazon £6.99 - all proceeds to charity to help those with Parkinson's. (Review by Fr Tristan).

MARIAN DEVOTIONS at **10.30am-12noon on Friday 14th March** at OLR, in preparation for the feast of the Assumption, which falls this year on the Sunday

OLR CLUB WINNERS: £100 Mr. T May, £50 Mrs A Bennell, £25 Mrs PB Smith, £25 Mrs. G Rowan.

STEWARDS APPEAL FOR ST AGNES AND ST GREGORY

Until we have enough volunteers to make up teams, Masses cannot yet resume at St Agnes. We also need more stewards for OLR and St Gregory's. The more people who can give some of their time, the more we can open for Mass. Please leave a message with the Parish Office.

MATTHEW 25 MISSION.....

Send their huge thanks to this congregation for their generous donations which has helped them nearly double their mealtimes.

Congratulations to Fr Barry Anderson on his Golden Jubilee, July 16th

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Hobbs and Andrew Scillence. 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, 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.

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.

	Church Opening Times		Service Times
Sat 1 Aug	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Eileen & Albert Wenban 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)
Mon 3	6pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6.30pm Mass – Cyril Simon RIP
Tues 4	CLOSED		
Weds 5	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Bryan Phipps RIP (Moulding)
Thurs 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Joan Kennedy (Marolf)
Fri 7	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 8	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – A Recently Bereaved Friend (Longhorn)