

*Parish Newsletter*

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Year A – Divine Office Wk 2

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Little Betsy was dying of a disease. But her older brother had recovered from the same disease 2 years previously. Only a blood transfusion from him would save the life of his little sister. “Are you prepared to give your blood” asked the doctor gently to the little lad. His eyes widened in fear, a moment’s hesitation and the lad replied, “OK doctor, I’ll do it”. All went well. About 2 hours after the transfusion, the little lad said to the doctor, “excuse me doctor, when do I die?” Suddenly, everyone, looking at the world through the child’s eyes, realised the enormity of what the child was doing – in the eyes of the child. All eyes welled up....

Is the child simply naive and innocent? Or is there more to this? Jesus calls us to be more like children. Does that mean we should suck our thumbs? Of course not. Words like simplicity, humility, childlike trust, sense of wonder, playfulness and joy come to mind. All these are pretty well knocked out of us by society, culture and its demands for competitiveness, superiority, control, power and having the most. What Jesus is clearly looking for is a people who can be wise to society, culture and its demands on our souls, without losing any of (or not too much) of those values mentioned above, so our souls, our characters remain intact.

And yet none of those values above, wonder etc, are achieved by will-power or determination. They are achieved by a genuine awareness of our pride and ego, and then an honest desire to let go. When we live in the shadowlands of unawareness, we will always play those games of superiority and stifle our souls.

To be childlike is to hold on to the characteristics of childhood that are deeply human and permanent. On the other hand, to be “childish” is to imitate a child’s temporary qualities that are immature and lack experience. Wisdom and experience teach us who to trust and who not to, how we trust in God, how we hold the sense of wonder and awe, playfulness and joy – all using wisdom and experience without having had culture and society knock these values out of us.

How childlike are we?

***God Bless, Fr. Paul.***

***This week Fr Paul will say Mass in private for the following intentions:-***

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
	Eileen Young RIP (Jean Williams)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
	For all parishioners
	Jean Connolly RIP (John & Gabriella Miller)
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Canon Eddie Matthews RIP
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Rafaella de Loughi RIP (Gabriella & John Miller)
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Mgr Frederick Miles RIP
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Ron Bray RIP (Gabriella & John Miller)
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Fr John O'Halloran RIP
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	
	John & Nora Dillane RIP (Julia Dillane)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
	Laszlo Balogh RIP (Colin & Marie Griffin)
	For all parishioners

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## **OPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

Up until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Church will be open for private prayer as follows –

Saturdays	5.30pm - 7pm
Sundays	8.30am - 10am
Wednesdays	8.30am - 10am

## **MASS DURING COVID-19 AT OLOR RAYLEIGH**

### **Welcome back to OLOR. Lovely to be able to be at Mass again.**

Apologies if this all appears a bit much, but we all NEED and are entitled to be in the know.

I am offering an adaptation of the collective Bishops' guidance.

***Please read thoroughly and carefully.***

Protection of, and Respect towards yours, and everybody's health, well-being and safety is PRIORITY.

### **Your health, hygiene, cleanliness and safety are paramount.**

I am in no doubt we will all be respectful and considerate to one another during these odd times, especially regarding Mass attendance.

There is NO OBLIGATION to come to Mass. So please out of consideration for one another, come monthly or at the very most, fortnightly. It has been recommended, if you are able, that you consider attending Mass during the week.

**DO NOT COME** if you have symptoms, sniffles, sneezes, coughs, immunity issues etc. Use common sense and think of others.

Please SANITISE hands on entering the church.

Doors and some windows will be kept open to allow cross ventilation.

### **Social Distance MUST be adhered to all times.**

Social Distance at OLOR implies: 3 individual people to a normal size pew; 2 people to the smaller pews; obviously families/couples/ group householders can sit together in accordance with government guidelines.

The stewards will ensure distance at all times.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards at all times.

With distancing, we can probably sit approximately 70 individual people in the church. Obviously more so with families, same-householders etc. in the same pew.

If too many come, and there is no room without compromising distance, people will be asked kindly to come to another Mass or stand outside. Hence **consideration and thoughtfulness** are crucial.

**Readers** – are asked to wear plastic disposable gloves.

ONE Reader is required. If you are an experienced Reader, please present yourself to a steward before Mass begins.

No bidding prayers.

No offertory collections – baskets will be available if you wish to make an offering on the way out. It is always more helpful if you make contributions online or via a standing order.

No singing. Therefore no hymnbooks. Communal prayers to be kept to a minimum.

**Holy Communion** to be given out in silence. No dialogue between the priest/minister and the person receiving – ie. no saying “Body of Christ” and no “Amen”.

Queuing for Holy Communion – social distance must be adhered to.

A kneeler will be placed in front of the priest/minister to ensure distance between the minister/priest and the person receiving. Again, common sense at all times.

Communion ONLY in the hand.

No Chalice/Precious Blood for the congregation.

ONE Eucharistic Minister is required. If you are a commissioned minister, please present yourself to a steward before Mass begins as you may well be needed.

The Sacristy is **open only** to the priest, one server and sacristan for obvious reasons.

Stewards, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers should NOT double-up on these ministries at a single Mass. ONE ministry per Mass.

NOTHING is to be left in the church. Anything brought in to church **MUST** be taken away at the end.

Leaving the Church – if you can, please leave by the Emergency Exit. Please leave in an orderly fashion and maintain distance.

**Toilets.** Contagion in toilets can be high. Please be considerate when using.

**Remember** – someone else will need to clean them after you. Be **thoughtful** and **considerate**.

Toilets – after use, close the lid, flush and then wash hands in that order.

**Test and Trace.** This is being looked into, but it may happen that all churches in time are required to have a ‘register’ of all attending a specific Mass. One way this may happen is for everyone attending to be given a card on which contact details are written. These details would be kept in a bag for 21 days. This test and trace is still under discussion.

We are not operating a ‘booking online system’ at present. This also allows for contact details to be maintained.

**Mass times:**

**Saturdays 5.30pm**

**Sundays 9.30am**

**Wednesdays 10.00 am**

**Fridays 10.00am**

These Masses will of course replace the individual prayer times

**Our first public Mass at OLOR Raleigh will be Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10.00am**

**Please be aware - Times and days of Masses are subject to change.**

I will endeavour to continue to record Mass as in previous weeks.

Of course, being flexible and adaptable is always key in these situations. Changes (even including possible cancellations) can happen and at fairly short notice. Please keep an eye on the newsletter.

**Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and kindness to one another, our parish has a wonderful reputation in this respect and that is what we are all counting on.**



**PRESBYTERY GARDEN**

Don't Forget!

You are welcome to use the Church Garden for some quiet time – especially now the weather is so lovely. Please treat it respectfully.



**PLEASE PRAY**

For all the sick members of our Parish and all our relatives and friends.

**† ANNIVERSARIES †**

Kindly pray for Rosemary Hassell, John Richards, Niqui Denkmayer, Thomas Smyth, Myra Baxter, Penny Mahoney and Eileen Young whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## MASS CARDS, SYMPATHY CARDS AND OTHER CARDS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS...

- normally sold in the Repository – these can now be obtained at the presbytery. Please contact Fr. Paul to arrange a convenient time to come, choose, collect and pay for the cards.



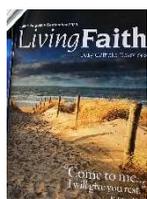
### MY DAY BY DAY

Booklets for July, August & September are available priced £1 each.



### BIBLE ALIVE

Booklets for July are available priced £3 each.



### LIVING FAITH (July – Sept)

Popular booklet with a thought for every day for the next three months. Limited number available.... Voluntary donations for the booklets welcome.

If you would like to collect these from the Presbytery please contact Fr Paul. If you usually purchase these but are unable to collect or arrange for one to be collected for you, then we can arrange delivery.



### RECIPE SHARING

Our Lady of Ransom Church and School have come together while in lockdown to produce a recipe book. This can be found on the Church website and also on a new Facebook page called "Ransomer's Recipes". If you have any favourite and well loved recipes please contact via email ([OLORChurch@outlok.com](mailto:OLORChurch@outlok.com)) or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/groups/2528568214071730/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2528568214071730/)).

This book will eventually form part of a special fundraising Recipe Book.

### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Please continue to support the parish financially with your weekly contributions – please email Fr Paul if you would like the parish bank account details to set up a standing order or to make a bacs donation. Thank you to those that have already made arrangements - ***Please make it clear whether it is an Offertory / Other donation on your payment reference and if you are already a gift-aider please quote your gift aid number.***

For Gift Aid enquiries the email address is [ologiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:ologiftaid@hotmail.com)  
and the phone number is 01268 772998

At the bottom of the parish website there is a pink "gift aid" logo which, if you click on it, takes you to another parish web page which goes into more detail and has some frequently asked questions.

### NEWSLETTERS

If you are able to print off any newsletters and deliver to anyone who can't get out, that would be a great act of charity. Thank you.