

## DECEMBER CHURCH NOTICES

### OUR LADY OF RANSOM – ST GREGORY – ST AGNES

SEASON OF ADVENT	SEASON OF CHRISTMAS
<p><b>ADVENT 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN</b> Available 1 December in the porch, please take a copy – (1 per family or couple please)</p> <p><b><u>RORATE MASSES</u></b> Candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30 am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall</p> <p><b><u>PARISH GIVING TREE</u></b> Please remember to bring your wrapped gift, with the Gift Tag attached, back to the churches at any of the Saturday or Sunday Masses up to <b>14 December</b>. Thank you for being the light of Christ to many disadvantaged people this Christmas</p> <p><b><u>PARISH ADVENT RETREAT</u></b> <b>Saturday 6 December</b> after 10.00am Mass with short reflections from Fr Kevin and Fr Charles, Adoration and Reconciliation finishing 1.00pm with Benediction. All welcome; bring a friend</p> <p><b><u>ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE</u></b> <b>Friday 12 December</b>, 7:00pm at St Gregory's. Come and join in the beautiful music and singing of Taizé. All are welcome.</p> <p><b><u>ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND COFFEE</u></b> <b>Thursday 4, 11, 18 Dec</b>, 11.45–1pm at OLR join us for our Advent Reflections based on Pope Leo's <i>Dilexi Te—I have loved you</i>. Coffee and tea after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome.</p> <p><b><u>PARISH CAROL SERVICE</u></b> <b>Sunday 21 Dec</b> at 3pm in OLR, with social gathering afterwards and the Christmas money draw. No charge but raffle with hamper and other prizes, to help local families in need at Christmas. Everyone welcome, bring your friends.</p>	 <p><b><u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u></b> <b><u>Wednesday 24 December</u></b></p> <p><b>5.00 pm</b> - St Gregory Vigil Mass</p> <p><b>6.00 pm</b> - OLR Vigil Mass (Carols from 5.30) Children come dressed as nativity characters</p> <p><b>8.00 pm</b> – St Agnes Vigil Mass (Carols from 7.30)</p> <p><b>9.45 pm</b> – St Agnes Polish Vigil Mass</p> <p><b>11.00 pm</b> – (<i>finishing at Midnight</i>) – OLR (Carols from 10.30)</p> <p><b><u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u></b> <b><u>Thursday 25 December</u></b></p> <p><b>9.00 am</b> – St Gregory Shepherds' Mass</p> <p><b>10.15 am</b> – OLR Shepherds' Mass</p> <p><b>11.30 am</b> – St Agnes Mass of the Day</p>

**Contemplative Prayer Group:** – Monday 1, 8, and 15 December, PMR, 3.00-4.30 pm

**Mothers' Prayers:** Thursday 4 December PMR , 11.45-1.00 pm

**Padre Pio Group:** Monday 8 December, PMR, 6.00-7.00 pm

**Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group:** Wednesday 10 December, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00 pm

**SIMBANG GABI OR NIGHT MASS: THURS 18 DEC AT 8 PM IN OLR:** This is a Filipino tradition, a series of masses in anticipation of Christmas Day, similar to the Friday Rorate Masses in that there is both an Advent spirit of penitence and yet joy as well, with lively singing, Mass in English but music in Tagalog. Come and share this special Mass with us. All are welcome and for fellowship in the Hall afterwards.

**NOVEMBER 2025 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:**

1st Richard Burbidge - £100; 2nd Sue Kimberley - £60; 3rd Stephen Bergin - £50; 4th Peter Butler - £25;  
Next draw: Sun 21 Dec after 3pm Carol Service; new members' Registration forms at the back of churches.

**ST AGNES:** Christmas Raffle tickets in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice are available after Sun Mass.  
Our next Thursday lunch will be the Christmas Lunch – **booking is essential** via Pauline Crunden, T: 07724 162207

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY:** The next Mass is Tuesday 30 December, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, or you are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Kevin or Fr Charles know

**FUNDRAISE FOR LIFE ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO:** Take on a challenge that makes life-long memories and supports pregnant women as they create their own family memories. Each step raises funds for LIFE, towards creating a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone. For everything you need visit: <https://www.different-travel.com/trip>.

**THE JESSE TREE – HISTORY AND HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN:** How much do you know about the Jesse Tree? A Jesse Tree is a great way to introduce children and young people to the stories in the Bible while also counting down until Christmas! And why not make your own family Jesse Tree – an excellent activity to do as a family this Advent? Visit: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent> for all that you will need to complete this task!

**SANTA ARRIVING AT HIS GROTTO:** Santa will be arriving at his Grotto during the Party that follows the 3.00 pm Carol Concert on 21 December. Everyone welcome.

**LOURDES FUND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Tickets (£1) for the wonderful Christmas hamper and other prizes will be on sale after the various masses over the next few weeks. If you have any alcohol, sweets, biscuits, vouchers, we would be delighted to have them for our Christmas fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Lourdes fund.

**COULD YOU SERVE AS A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE?** If anyone is interested, please contact [clerk@strichardscc.com](mailto:clerk@strichardscc.com) for full details.

**RENAISSANCE SINGERS CONCERT - SAT 13 DEC 3pm:** followed by refreshments. There will be a collection for Kingdom Way Trust, which supports local homeless in various ways.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note that the Mass Intentions are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the churches. From January they will also be displayed on the front of the monthly Church Notice sheet.