

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER everyday
10am-5pm. **SUNDAY** 11am-5pm **ST AGNES** every Saturday 10am-11am

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| Saturday 9 | Dawn 6pm | Tom O'Neill RIP (Barrow) Connie Ratcliffe (Taylor) |
| SUN 10 | Readings: | 1. Isaiah 55:1-11 [Psalm Is.12:2-6] 2. John 5:1-9 3. Mark 1:7-11 |
| OLR | 9.15am | People of the Parish [Live streamed] |
| St Gregory's: | 9.30am | Michael Dean RIP (Cathy Dean) |
| St Agnes | 11.15am | Colette Cullen RIP (Gina Moulding) |
| OLR | 11.30am | Achille Caira RIP (P. Caira) |
| OLR | 5.30pm | Sheila Lyon RIP |
| MON 11 | Dawn Day Dusk | Ann Sparks (Delia Markham) Patrick & Katherine Bergin & Family (Doreen Bergin) Harold Philip Heard-White, May & Tim Heard-White |
| TUES 12 | Dawn Dusk | Therese Collins RIP (John Larke) Kay Leonartt & family (D & F Heard-White) |
| WED 13 | Dawn 11am | Joan Garbet Requiem: Barbara Kelly RIP [Places limited to 30 people] |
| THURS 14 | Dawn 11am Dusk | Paul Joseph & family Requiem: Maurice Rodericks RIP [Places limited to 30 People] Private intention (Sperling-Tyler) |
| FRI 15 | Dawn Day Dusk | In honour of Jesus' suffering in Gethsemane Adoration & confessions Intentions of Alberto Parmigiano |
| SAT 16 | Dawn Day 6pm | Neil & Julianne Chatfield (Bergin) Fr Matt Carpenter M.H.M. (Arnold family) Stephen O'Brien (Doreen Bergin) |
| SUN 17 | Readings: | 1. Samuel 3:3-10.19 [Psalm 39] 2. Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20 |
| OLR | 9.15am | People of the Parish [Live streamed] |
| St Gregory's: | 9.30am | Tessa McFadden RIP (Catenian Circle) |
| St Agnes: | 11.15am | Abina Boniface RIP (Mary Sheppard) |
| OLR | 11.30am | Daniel Hinchin RIP (Catenian Circle) |
| OLR | 5.30pm | Therese Collins RIP |

GIFT AID: Nick Price at 8 Greenfield Road, BN21 1JJ.

The Baptism of The Lord
9th/10th January 2021
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Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

“Faith and reason”, writes St John Paul II in the encyclical of that name, “are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” The Magi had their minds lifted by faith, so that their intelligent comprehension of the material world – the movements of the stars and planets – led them not only to the recognition of a Creator God who is above the universe, but to the royal entry of that God into human history: Jesus Christ, born to reign the universe as King. They made an amazing journey, not only by land and sea, but in their hearts, realising that nature is not God to be worshipped, but that a true God exists and has joined himself to our nature to save us.

Nature’s purpose is to proclaim the coming of God made flesh. St Gregory, John Paul’s 6th Century predecessor, wrote: “*All things which He had made bore witness that their Maker was come...The heavens knew that He was God, and sent a star to shine over where He lay. The sea knew it, and bore Him up when He walked upon it. The earth knew it, and quaked when He died. The sun knew it, and was darkened. The rocks and walls knew it, and rent at the hour of His death.*” And today in the Church, nature proclaims Him in an even greater way in the sacraments - ordinary things: water, bread, wine, oil, and so on, become hallowed signs to be the means through which Christ changes reality. The waters of baptism are a continuation of the Epiphany, as Jesus was plunged into the water to be manifest clearly as the Son, who by dying and rising, redeems us. Through the same water, today He is shown forth in us, when we are transformed by Christ’s power in baptism, made members of His visible Body, the Church.

Baptism makes an invisible change too – a washing that removes the stain of original sin, and fills us with grace, virtue, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Through the way these gifts enrich our prayer and deeds, showing forth our love for God and for one another, we should become signs which guide others, by faith and reason, to God. Observing the love and devotion of ‘sign-Christians’ (or ‘saints’) is a preaching of the Word Made Flesh still more eloquent than the Magi’s star.

CHURCHES IN THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION

Unlike previous lockdowns our churches remain open for private prayer and Mass – and there is no longer any need to book in advance. A big ‘Thank You’ to everyone who has made this possible as stewards, musicians, readers, sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaners and eucharistic ministers so that we could celebrate the Christmas season. Also to all of us who have followed safety guidelines so that we are not seen as a risk by the government. Please may we be careful to continue this way, in particular observing the rule that we don’t mix households when we do come to church, even for a little chat after Mass. May we for the time being just pray for each other?

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

The Clergy would like to thank you all for so many kind messages, gifts and donations over the Christmas period. It is a real joy to know that you are out there!

MASS will continue to be streamed live every Sunday at 9.15am. Click on The ‘Live Streaming’ heading or on the simple button on our website ourladyofransom.org.uk to watch live or at any time to watch previous Masses. You can also use this link-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-g30645ef4&feature=youtu.be>

tinyurl.com/

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THIS WEEK: CHILDRENS’ LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY ONLINE:

Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading for the Baptism of The Lord with prayers and an art activity suggestion. Follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-g30645ef4&feature=youtu.be>

ALPHA ONLINE! Zoom Sessions will be from 7.45pm to 9pm every Tuesday *More details are on the website, and enquirers can email: alpha.olr20@gmail.com*

RCIA: the weekly newsletter for RCIA is available on the parish website.

LUMEN CHRISTI. The first Lumen Christi meeting of 2021 will be this coming Sunday starting at 7:30pm.

FUTURE EVENTS: JANUARY 2021 Justice & Peace Webinar:

The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid 19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. To find out what we can do to help on **Saturday 16th January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm.** To book free contact rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

THE GIVING TREE

Congratulations to Barbara and David Hiley assisted by members of the SVP who sent this message:

“I have just opened the Giving Tree envelopes and I am humbled by the generosity of the people of the Parish. To date the following has been donated:- Kings Church – The Sanctuary - Refugees cheques £230 – cash - £155 (£385) St Wilfrid’s Hospice - The sick - cheques £230 - cash - £195 (£425) Matthew 25 Mission - The Homeless-cheques £785 – cash -£360 (£1145) Southfield Trust -Hazel Court cheques £655 – cash - £225 (880)

Totals - £1900 £935 = **£2835**

We also had two donations to the SVP.”

Well done and thank you!

MONDAY EVENING MASS

The Mass had been suspended until further notice. We always need more stewards if we are to have more Masses; please sign up if you can!

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Barbara Kelly RIP Requiem 13th January at 11am. Maurice Rodericks RIP Requiem 14th January 11am. Abina Boniface RIP Requiem 20th January 11am. Margaret Clarke RIP Requiem 21st January RIP 11am. Margaret Sanders RIP Requiem 22nd January 11am. Maureen Gillett RIP Requiem 27th January at 11am and Donald Keown RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

LET US FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Madeleine O’Brien, Carmen Pumar, Pauline Bosley, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Lynnette and Michael Butters, Valerie Downey, Elizabeth Dudley, Irene Moir and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

CARE FOR ANYONE WHO IS TAKEN INTO HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL UNIT.

The priests will attend at home or in hospital to administer emergency baptism, Confession, Anointing. The sacraments are precious: please do not wait for the very end to call OLR (01323 723222) and request. Please let us know of anyone you know who needs attendance by the Priest.