

**OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10AM—5PM**

**SATURDAY 10 JULY**

OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form)
OLR	11am	Adoration and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Jean Macari (Borza family)

**SUNDAY 11 15th ORD TIME**      **Readings: 1 Amos 7:12-15 [Psalm 84] 2. Ephesians 1:3-10 3. Mark 6:7-13**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [ <b>Live streamed</b> ]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Joseph & Dorothy Humby (Barrow family)
St Agnes	11.15am	Robert Bedwell RIP (Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Intentions of Stephen O'Brien (Pauline Crunden)
OLR	5.30pm	Enzo Fusciardi (Fusciardi family)

<b>MON 12</b>	11am	Intentions of Fr. Raglan (Jean Lloyd) (Fr Stephen O'Brien First Blessing as a new Priest)
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<b>TUES 13</b>	7.30am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Holy Souls in Purgatory (Delia Markham)
St Gregory's	10.30am	The Rosary

<b>WED 14</b>	11am	George, Kathleen & Peter Barrow (Barrow Family)
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<b>THURS 15</b>	11am	For successful surgery for Shirley Stoneham (Brenda Hilliam)
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<b>FRI 16</b>	11am	Reginald Markham RIP (Delia Markham)
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<b>SAT 17</b>	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) [NO Adoration or confessions]
OLR	12 noon	<b>Wedding Mass</b> Joseph Middleton & Monica Podariu
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Patrick Joe Neville (Mrs M. McLaughlin)

**SUN 18 16th ORD TIME**      **Readings: 1. Jeremiah 23:1-6 [Psalm 22] 2. Ephesians 2:13-18 3. Mark 6:30-34**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [ <b>Live streamed</b> ]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Sabina Lee RIP (Lipscomb Family)
St Agnes	11.15am	Michael Butters RIP (Elizabeth Redmond)
OLR	11.30am	Deceased members of the OLR choir (OLR choir)
OLR	5.30pm	Repose of the soul of Leslie George Wright (Divina Wright)

**10/11 JULY 2021 15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME  
THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM**

**2 Grange Road, BN21 4EU**

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**Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Parish Priest,**

**Fr Tristan Cranfield & Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priests).**

**Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)**

When we hear the word ‘mission’ it is likely to provoke some different reactions. Nowadays every company in its advertising proclaims it has a mission to a particular product, “passionate about bathroom fittings”. More darkly, society has become suspicious of cults that force their ideology on people through guilt or fear. On the other hand, anyone who has joined an Alpha course will hear testimonies from people whose lives were utterly changed when they were evangelised. One said, “my world was violence, hate and darkness; now I have a peace even though there are still storms; I have a family, and most of all, I have a future”. Perhaps the same was true in history. Looking back, some missions forced or bribed peoples into signing up, and we became familiar with the label of ‘rice Christians’ who, naturally enough, were happy to accept the benefits of Europeans’ culture that came with their religion. But there were also outstanding missionaries who gave their whole lives to God and to the people they went to.

What we seem to be learning right now is that no generation can be complacent and say, “here in Europe we are Christian, that’s a settled fact”. As Catholics in particular we used to say, “we have the Mass and the sacraments”. We are learning that we don’t *have* anything that we don’t continually search for. The Dominican John O’Donnell said that we should look at sacraments like baptism as actions rather than possessions. The renewal movement that John the Baptist started was a verb rather than a noun: he was “proclaiming a baptism of repentance”; the people “were baptised by him in the river Jordan”; and then he told them, “I have baptised you with water, but...after me will come the one who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1: 4-8). Perhaps the best image for what this means is the river John used for his extraordinary gatherings of all kinds of people: he was plunging them into a process that was flowing down for the rest of their lives.

We still think of ‘missionaries’ as ‘someone else’. But “the one who is to come”, in John the Baptist’s prediction, does not think in terms of ‘special’ and ‘ordinary’ types of people. Jesus was strikingly different among religious leaders. When he announced his message - the ‘Kingdom of God’ – the very next thing he did was call fishermen, not religious professionals, to share his life and work. The same was true of the early Church. Apart from some exceptional figures like St. Paul, and before his missionary journeys began, it was the example of the Christian community that made others want to join them. The most important thing we do for God in our day, is being part of that community.

*Fr Raglan*

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE:**  
[www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom](http://www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom)

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**CATHOLIC FAITH IN REAL LIFE TODAY:**

Next session July 15th at 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom Church. **[Livestreamed]**. This week the topic will be the Scriptures examining how the Word of God can have a deep impact on our lives. Open to all those interested in becoming Catholic or in deepening their faith. Please bring your questions!

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**FATHER STEPHEN O'BRIEN** will be celebrating the 11am Mass this Monday 12th July and offering his first Blessing as a new priest to anyone who wishes to receive it.

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**CCRS** - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser: [jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**FR RAGLAN:** Farewell Mass: Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at 11am. Do save the date. We are hoping to have a party afterwards (for which volunteers will be needed). The exact format will depend on restrictions, (to be announced this Monday). Watch this space!

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**ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC NURSERY SCHOOL** has a vacancy on their board of Trustees for a Treasurer. No experience necessary however would require an interest & some knowledge in finance, looking at the budget with the Nursery Lead & Admin and setting a working budget annually. Attendance at termly Trustees meetings required. For further information: [clarejrh@outlook.com](mailto:clarejrh@outlook.com)

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**CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:**

Our Diocesan Youth Adviser, Lizzie, is hosting another round of Deanery Confirmation Catechist meetings this week, and is delighted to be able to tell you that your local secondary school chaplains have been invited, which will give you a chance to get to know them better. We will also be looking at the theme 'Known and Loved'. If you are not already a member of your local network, please contact Lizzie directly [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

**LOST PROPERTY AT ST AGNES**

There are a few Jackets left at St. Agnes Church Hall. They have been there for over a year. If they are not claimed by the end of July they will be taken to a Charity Shop.

**FROM MAURA PHIPPS:** We are delighted to inform you that the memorial plaques are in the process of being reinstalled. Some may take a little longer whilst we wait for the benches to be returned to the church. This is a lovely way for you (and others) to remember your loved ones. It is also an excellent way of helping with much needed funds to our parish. If you would like a plaque please download form from OLR website, or pick up one from narthex display table. Alternatively contact [anthony\\_phipps@sky.com](mailto:anthony_phipps@sky.com) 01323 430532

A monthly money draw will be starting in September to enable us to refurbish the floors in toilets, passageway and replace the hall curtains which are disintegrating. Please see our poster in narthex. We would also like to buy a defibrillator for OLR. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope in narthex marked "Dec the hall", and put through presbytery door. More information soon on the draw.

Dates for your diary - **October 16th Parish Quiz. December 4th Desert Island Discs Christmas Celebration night, plus on September 19th** and every 3rd Sun of the month thereafter, bacon butties and money draw after mass.

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If you were a Eucharistic Minister at the 18.00 mass on Saturdays before lockdown, and would be willing to restart again, please let Maura know (01323 430532) as she may not have your contact details. The need is very urgent.

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

Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Teresa Stogdon, Teresa O'Brien, John Lec, Peter Endean, Joyann Green, Gonny Naoum and all our parishioners who are suffering.

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**RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Norman Olohan RIP (funeral elsewhere on 14 July), Barbara Packham RIP and Bryan Barrow RIP (Requiem 29th July at 11am OLR). Doreen Wardale RIP; Sheila Cook RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

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**PARISH GROUPS: MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION—BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT.**

We are looking for volunteers to visit and support recently bereaved people. For further details please contact the parish during office hours and leave your details.