

	Church Opening Times	MassTimes
FIFTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11 [Ps. 64] 2. Romans 8:18-23 3. Matthew 13:1-23
Sun 12 July	8.45am – 1pm	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – Barbara Sloane RIP (Carroll) 11.30am Mass [O] – Sarah Larkin Birthday (Larkin)
Mon 13	6pm – 7.30pm	6.30pm Mass – Merlyn D’Silva RIP (Edwards)
Tues 14	CLOSED	
Weds 15	10.30am – 12noon	11am Mass – Souls in Need (Holly)
Thurs 16	10.30am – 12noon	11am Mass – Ann Smiley RIP (Morgan)
Fri 17	10.30am – 12noon	11am-12noon. Adoration and Confessions available. No Mass.
Sat 18	5.30pm-7.30pm	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Patrick Joseph Neville (M. Neville)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Readings:1. Wisdom 12:13.16-19 [Ps.85] 2. Romans 8:26-27 3. Matthew 13:24-43
Sun 19	8.45am – 1pm 5.00pm-7pm	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – People of the Parish 11.30am Mass [O] – Paul & Ann Shorten (Phipps) 5.30pm Mass [O] – Ann Nash RIP (Bergin)
<i>For those who have internet Universalis.com gives the readings for every day</i>		

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11th/12th 2020**

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Jesus’s parables about the nature world are very mystical. They remind us that the planting of the Holy Spirit in someone’s heart, their growing more and more filled with love, and their being drawn, through death, into the kingdom of the saints is entirely due to God’s secret action in the soul, just as He makes seeds sprout unseen in the soil and become part of a rich harvest. It is thus a mystery why some seem to receive God’s love so readily, and others seem to endure constant struggles. The writings of the great saints show us that, since our baptism, it is more often than not that we have sown weeds and strewn stones in what should be fertile soil; and that we cannot make progress until these have been pulled out. Very few of us, those saints included, are ‘rich soil’ from start to finish! Jesus’s words in this passage show us that the worst thing we can do is to ‘shut our ears and eyes’ to the state of our own little patch of soil. When I ask the Holy Spirit to help me look at my heart, I see many stones: challenges I’m scared to stand up to, to let the Lord take care of, which ultimately prevent me from fully following Him. I see many weeds too – bad habits or pleasures that I can’t give up – those patches of life where I say “I will follow the Gospel, but not if it means changing my lifestyle *here* or *here*”; I also have concerns that sap all my energy before I have even had a chance to stop and think: “Does God want me to devote all my time and attention to this?” It is always time to let the Holy Spirit stop and eradicate these stones and weeds! We just need courage to start, and to make resolutions. Today, what concrete steps will I make to clear the soil, and turn back to the Lord? Holy Spirit, send your grace as sunshine and rain, and let the Word sown in us bear fruit in plenty!

TEMPORARY CONTACT DETAILS

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We would love to hear from you
with any input you feel is of interest
to fellow parishioners, to
info@ransomagnes.org

ORDINATIONS

Ordinations to the Priesthood and
Diaconate Congratulations to Tom
Kent who is to be ordained priest on
Saturday (11th July); and to Simon
South and Dominic Dring who will
be ordained Deacons on Tuesday
14th July at 7.00pm - both those
celebrations are at Arundel
Cathedral and can be viewed on the
YouTube channel: [https://
www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-
pXF8vVZfzO01zrnerQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8vVZfzO01zrnerQ)

You may see a young French
seminarian with us for this next
month: Vincent Avot is now able to
travel to the UK as the quarantine
regulations have ended. He is
improving his English, in the same
way as Alexandre Guillaud 2 years
ago. Alexandre will be ordained
priest in Lucon on Sunday 26th July
(& Fr Raglan will take part). Please
spare a prayer for them.

CONTACT ADDRESSES APPEAL

One thing that would really help as
we move (cautiously) into the weeks
ahead would be to get our contact
addresses up to date. That is
certainly the case if you have moved
house or changed your email. But
also I suggested in April, that if
everyone asked 4 fellow-
parishioners if they have given their
email/address etc to the office - and
confirmed that they are happy for us
to have them according to Data
Protection rules - we would achieve
that in no time. And we are still in a
situation where we can't gather quite
so freely as before, and having those
addresses is a vital way of
communicating.

We have been trying to contact
many of our Readers, Welcomers
and Eucharistic Ministers etc but
there are some of you whom we do
not have contact details for. If you
are a Eucharistic Minister, Readers
or welcome and have not heard from
Maura Phipps (who is now doing the
rotas) can you please e mail the
office and it will be forwarded to
her.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please give your box number to a
steward on your way into mass and
they will have it ready for you to
collect at the exit after mass.

THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDING VOLUNTEERS

You have enabled us to open for Mass after all this time! Some of our
regular welcomers have asked if this means they are redundant? No, it is
just for as long as the government guidelines require it (at present we may
not give out hymn books or newsletters).

We are still unable to do the same at St Agnes' and St Gregory's, until we
have enough volunteers to make up teams for this. It does mean coming
half an hour before Mass, seeing that people know the procedures to keep
everyone safe, and cleaning afterwards. The more people who can give
some of their time, the more we can open for Mass, and it will not bear
too much on anyone. Please leave a message with the Parish Office.

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 from other households.**

As seating is limited, you are advised to be in good time.

**Where marked [O], overflow seating will be available in the Parish Centre, where a
second priest, if available, will offer a separate Mass – or else Mass from the main
church will be simultaneously broadcasted there on the screens.**

Please see Mass Schedule on the back page of this newsletter.....

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Yvette Daniel and Ralph
Grandi. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.
Due to the restrictions, funerals are being limited to family members only
and therefore taking place outside the Masses open to the parish.

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.