

### TIMES OF CONFESSIONS

Saturdays in Our Lady of Ransom 11.30am to 12.30pm and 5.15pm to 5.45pm; at St Agnes confession is offered each Saturday after 4pm Mass and at call

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:10-11) (Rm 8:18-23)

<b>Saturday 15</b>	4pm	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Audrey Pearson RIP (Pearson)
<b>Sunday 16</b>	9.15am	St Gregory's	Fr Paul Baker, Margaret Corrigan & Mark Conlin RIP (Barrow Family)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Zelia Sa RIP (da Silva)
	11.15am	St Agnes	Paul & David Avann RIP (Avann)
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Eastbourne Ordinariate Mission
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Kathleen Wood & Gillian Lenz RIP

12noon Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Amelie Hopkins & Alessandros Garcia

<b>Monday 17</b>	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Patrick Joe Neville RIP (Neville)
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom (Ordinariate)	Private Intention (Chatfield)

<b>Tuesday 18</b>	10am	St Gregory's	Nicky & John Carroll (Barrow family)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Mass in Word & Sign

<b>Wednesday 19</b>	9am	St Agnes	Morning Prayer and Exposition
	10am	St Agnes	Rita Caine RIP (Barrow Family)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Co-Workers Intentions

<b>Thursday 20</b>	7.30am	St Gregory's	Susan Funnell (Neves)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Edith Canning RIP

<b>Friday 21</b>	9am	St Agnes	Morning Prayer and Exposition
	10am	St Agnes	Ron Hawke RIP (Harber)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Requiem: Anthony McKenna RIP
	3pm	DGH	Followed by Exposition until 7pm For staff, patients and friends

<b>Saturday 22</b>	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	John Donovan RIP (Donovan)
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#### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ws12:13.16-19) (Rm 8:26-27)

<b>Saturday 22</b>	4pm	St Agnes	Patsy Flanagan (Flanagan)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	David Barnard RIP (Barnard)
<b>Sunday 23</b>	9.15am	St Gregory's	Peter & Mary Oakshott (40th Wedding Anniversary)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Barbara Rand RIP (Garbet)
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Holy Souls
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Jozefa & Gerard Potrac (Brochowska)

12noon Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Rosalind Hugg & Miah Dias

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JULY 15th/16th  
2017

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**Gift Aid:** Taxpayers: please  
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if you wish to join the scheme

### THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM St GREGORY AND St AGNES

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Gerard Hatton

Fr Neil Chatfield, Deacon Paul Scholey

It is not surprising that the disciples asked the question 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' It is a question most of us would ask at one point or another as we listen to the Gospels. We hear the parable but there are times when we do struggle to understand it. Surely it would be so much more simple if Jesus would just plainly state what he means. However, there is another way of looking at it. By speaking in parables Jesus tells a story, paints a word picture, ties in his message to the everyday experience of the people to whom he is speaking. It gives them something to turn over in their minds, and to tease some meaning out of what they have heard. Those who have ears would certainly try and listen. However it does seem a harsh judgement when he says "the reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding". That sounds patronising, even if it is fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. It seems that they are being cast into the darkness without being given a chance, while the disciples are being praised because they have eyes that see and ears that hear.

Actually we all have the option, as Jesus finally explains. It is up to us to determine whether we are stony ground where no seed of truth has a chance of flourishing, or rich soil eager to grow and develop. It is our choice: do we listen and then turn away, or do we open our ears and experience the dawn of understanding.

**THIS WEEKEND** If you would like our Diocesan Pilgrims to take a petition to be placed in the Grotto at Lourdes for you, please leave it in the Parish Office or the Sacristy, clearly marked.

**GIFT AID:** Please remember to collect your Annual Gift Aid Donation Statement from the narthex of Our Lady of Ransom.

### COMING WEEK

**Wednesday 19th** Next meeting for Co-Workers of St M Teresa on Wednesday July 19th after 12noon Mass. Knitting wool and used stamps still needed.

**Thursday 20th 7.30pm Parish AGM in the Parish Centre. Please make every effort to attend.** You are invited to either submit a question or suggestion in writing to the Parish Office or do so in person on the night.

As a charity we are required to give a presentation of our accounts each year, and that is the one part of the AGM that must take place. But how we spend our money (and this is true for all of us in our personal lives) shows up what our real priorities are. A parish meeting is an occasion to look back on our Church in these last years—and even more importantly where we would like to be in years to come.

**Sunday 23rd** No coffee after 10.30am Mass.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Saturday July 29th** after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre there will be a DVD showing of the interview Focolare founder Chiara Lubich had with journalist Sandra Hoggett, in which she explains the

development of a new Christian path which had been revealed to her. Out of the bombs of hatred which pulverised her native Trent, the young mystic brought a new charism of love for the Church and for the world. For more information contact Hanora on 01323 490721

**Tuesday August 1st 3-5pm.** You are very welcome to join our august company for the usual delicious tea. £3 for homebaked cakes/scones/sarnies and the opportunity to enjoy bad jokes and time with friends! New people very welcome.

**Tuesdays September 5th and 12th:** 7.30pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre. Next Baptism Course. Please fill in a registration form available from the back of the church.

#### REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS

*Everyone is welcome to join them*  
**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

Every second Monday 4pm to 5.30pm in the Committee room in the Parish Centre. Contact Susan 732725

#### MOTHERS PRAYERS

First and third Tuesdays each month in the committee room in the Parish Centre. Contact Teresa 733487 or Mary 732907

#### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.

#### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

7:30pm Parish Centre

#### ST GREGORY'S

Every Thursday at 10.00am

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Our Lady of Ransom

**Every First Thursday** for 1 hour after 12 noon Mass to pray for our priests and for vocations.

**Every Friday** from 12.30 to 7pm.

### SUNDAY MASS SHEETS

We are trying out a change to our missalettes this week. They are the same as those we are used to, except that they do not print out the words of the Eucharistic Prayer. The reason is to make room for more than one choice of the penitential act at the beginning (I Confess/Lord have mercy) and of the Creed (up to now we have not had the Apostles' Creed as an option, and there is a tradition of using it especially in Advent and Lent). Also the priest may often feel that a different Eucharistic Prayer is more appropriate than one of the four that are used by the printers—there are many more in the missal, such as Prayers for Reconciliation or for Children.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE IN MAY (2017)

Two months ago we asked for prayers in advance of a gathering of our priests and deacons on Pope Francis' latest document 'Amoris Lactitia'. This resulted from the two Synods in Rome, with delegates from laity, clergy and special advisers, in 2014 and 2015. As society has changed in many ways, the question is how we present the Gospel message of Jesus in that different situation? Bishop Richard is preparing a paper based on our discussions, and we will hold an evening to reflect upon it once it is issued.

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:** St Thomas a Becket schools are amalgamating in September. To celebrate this wonderful occasion, there will be a special outdoor celebratory Mass for children and parents on September 15th at 9am. If you would like to be part of the music group, please contact Maura on 01323 430532

**Molly Phipps is home from university for the Summer and is looking to do some work to help towards next year's fees.**

Molly will happily do tutoring, child minding or helping in any way she can. She is DBS checked. Please call 01323 430532

**IN MEMORIAM** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony McKenna whose Requiem is on Friday July 21st at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Our prayers are with his family.

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS,** especially Pamela Turner, David Brazier, Teresa Bromley, Colin Light, Joan Garbet, Ron Wallace, Daphne Warwick, Maureen Barnard, Rosanna de Souza and Rose McKie, for our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and for their carers. Please let us know if someone is taken ill or into hospital and also when they return home.

**Safeguarding** is our Church's responsibility for people who might be at risk of abuse (children or adults). For any concerns please contact Helen James 01323 504313  
barryjames143@btinternet.com; For DB applications contact Wendy Goodman 501736 Goodman.wp@gmail.com

### COLLECTIONS

**Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £2410.87**  
**CAFOD £78.29 Apostleship of the Sea £673.03**  
**St Agnes £502.54 CAFOD £5 Apostleship of the Sea £171.63**

**Thank you for your generosity**  
**Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches. Please do not insert any other literature into the leaflet dispenser in the narthex.**