

	Church Opening Times	MassTimes
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 July	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)
Mon 20	6pm – 7.30pm	6.30pm Mass – Mary Barber RIP (Brazier)
Tues 21	CLOSED	
Weds 22	10.30am – 12noon	11am Mass – Peter Sheppard RIP (Moulding)
Thurs 23	10.30am – 12noon	11am Mass – No public Mass Requiem: Yvette Daniel RIP <i>Apologies: government regulations restrict funerals to 30 guests of the family – no admission to the public.</i>
Fri 24	10.30am – 12noon	11am-12noon. Adoration and Confessions available. No Mass.
Sat 25	5.30pm-7.30pm	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Peter Sheppard RIP (M. Sheppard)
SEVEN-TEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Readings: 1. 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12 [Ps.118] 2. Romans 8:28-30 3. Matthew 13:44-52
Sun 26	8.45am – 1pm 5.00pm-7pm	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – People of the Parish 11.30am Mass [O] – Emma Moulding RIP (Moulding) 5.30pm Mass [O] -Clarissa Neves RIP (Neves Family)

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18th/19th 2020**

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The parable in Matthew's Gospel this week, of the wheat which turns out to sprout weeds gives us a profound way of dealing with the wrong we see in the world. It is natural to respond to evils with righteous anger, but the lord in the story cautions differently: let it be, let God deal with it. From history we learn how revolutions often start with a justified fury at injustice, but how often too they end up creating worse destruction than before. A key spiritual question is how we deal with the pain in our lives: either we transform it, or we will transmit it, hand it on to others. Transforming it does not mean passively accepting all suffering, but bearing it in union with God in faith that it can be healed. It means facing the fact that some of that wrong-doing is in us, as we do at the beginning of every Mass at the 'Lord, have mercy', and in a very special way in the sacrament of reconciliation. Starting in our families and then preparing for our first confession, we are learning through life to admit we do wrong, that we are part of the things in the world that are not at rights. Martin Luther said that we are "simul justus et peccator": saints and sinners at the same time. We do some really good things, but we cause hurt and damage too. So long as we are in this life there will always be something of a war between these two forces in us. It is part of our journey of faith, which begins with conversion. The Gospel word for that is 'metanoia', transformation of our minds. We may make mistakes all our life, but if we accept that in a healthy way these can help us to learn and grow spiritually.

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

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.

LOURDES VIRTUAL TOUR

Each year, we journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, however, due to Covid-19, this year we will have to travel in spirit and mind and not body.

We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for a virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage from the 25th to the 30th July. Including virtual events for families and for Redshirts (those ins years 10&11). Find out more at www.ablourdes2020.org

CONTACT ADDRESSES

Please remember, if you have moved house or changed your email/telephone number to let us know. It would of course be in line with Data Protection rules.

This is vital for communication at a time when we do not meet as often as we used to.

HMP Lewes

Please pray for all the staff and inmates at the prison, which we have not been able to visit for Mass since March. We continue to send a message in place of the homily each week, and one of God's 'surprises' is that these sheets are being handed around, so that sometimes more people are reading them than used to come to Mass! But conditions in prisons are extreme, and low staff numbers have been worsened with Covid-19. Sometimes there is only one hour of the day a person is able to be out of their cell, so that they have to choose between a shower and a telephone call home.

DBS Certificates and Renewals.

The Brighton Safeguarding Office is up and running! If you are newly in a role that requires DBS clearance, or your certificate is 3 years old or more, please contact Wendy Goodman to arrange a check.

goodman.wp@gmail.com or 07973 186098

OLR STEWARDS

We still need more Stewards to enable more Masses to resume. We especially need people who can cover August as many existing stewards are away. If you can help, please e-mail the parish office as soon as you can.

STEWARD APPEAL FOR ST AGNES AND ST GREGORY

Until we have enough volunteers to make up teams, Masses cannot yet resume whilst we still have restrictions in place. 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.

MEMORIAL BENCH PLAQUES

Unfortunately we are going to have to remove the memorial plaques for the time being. This is because they are being sprayed with disinfectant daily and we don't want any harm to come to them. We assure you that they will be kept safely and put back in the same places as soon as things return to more normal.

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 overleaf.....

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.