

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

everyday 10am-5pm. **SUNDAY** 11am-5pm

Saturday 16	Dawn Day 6pm	Fr. 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. 3. John 1:35-42
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	Don Hinchin RIP (Catenian Circle)
OLR	5.30pm	Therese Collins RIP
MON 18	Dawn Day Dusk	Ryan Stevenson RIP (Anniversary) Geraldine, Danny Daly & family (Delia Markham) Thanksgiving Mother of Jesus (R. Neves)
TUES 19	Dawn Dusk	Priest's intentions Michael & Raquel Bergin (Doreen Bergin)
WED 20	Dawn 11am	Priest's intentions Requiem: Abina Boniface RIP.
THURS 21	Dawn 1pm Dusk	Priest's intentions Requiem: Margaret Clarke RIP [Live streamed] For all who have prayed for G. Stretton
FRI 22	Dawn 11am Dusk	Repose of the soul of Terence Howlett (Doreen Bergin) Requiem: Margaret Sanders RIP [Live streamed] (No adoration or confessions. Ann Leatherland (Delia Markham)
SAT 23	Dawn Day 6pm	Lucia Boyle (Boyle) Joan Garbet Stephen Bergin (Doreen Bergin)
SUN 24	Readings:	1. Jonah 3:1-5.10 [Psalm 24:4-9] 2. Corinthians 7:29-31 3. Mark 1:14-20
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Marshall Bartram RIP (Jean Lloyd)
Feast of St. Agnes: Transf. from 21. Jan.	11.15am	Helen Deadman RIP (Peter Deadman)
OLR	11.30am	Maria & Alfonso De Marco RIP (P. Caira)
OLR	5.30pm	Kay Leonartt & family (Delia Markham)

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16/17th January 2021

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We have become aware in the last year of how much we depend on a thing called 'social capital', as well as all the material blessings of shelter, food and communications. That is, the kindness and caring of neighbours for one another; and respect for the many services provided by people in different professions or roles. Fundamental to Catholic social teaching is the understanding that we depend on bonds of trust and regard, for without them all the resources we now possess, can turn into division and even violence.

It was something highlighted by Pope Francis in his encyclical Fratelli Tutti, 'Brothers and Sisters to All' which was issued in the autumn. For the new year, the Pope's Message for the World Day of Peace took as its title, 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. Pax Christi is the international Catholic peace movement reminding us that nations, like society, depend on the values of reconciliation and neighbourliness on a world level.

"How many resources," Pope Francis says, "are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care." Pope Francis calls on us to "strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another." Archbishop Malcolm McMahon as President of Pax Christi said: "This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times." The Pax Christi website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/Pax> Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

BISHOP RICHARD wrote to us on Wednesday (13th Jan.) with an update on the place of Churches in the current situation. They were not closed under the latest the regulations, because they are judged to have proved themselves safe. Well done and thank you to everyone for the efforts that you made towards this.

This applies even to the latest variant of Covid – the same measures of social distancing have been shown to counter the threat. But a number of Churches have closed because they judge their local situation to be serious; and the Bishop says we need to be open to making such local judgements. Here in Eastbourne we are hearing that hospital staff are dealing with five times the number of Covid patients compared to the peak in April last year. We ask your prayers that we are guided by God's Spirit of wisdom in these coming days. We understand too that everyone has to decide for themselves about shielding, and withdrawing for now from roles at Church. Meanwhile the Bishop reminds us to maintain those measures: wearing masks, keeping a 2-metre distance from anyone not in our household, sanitising hands and leaving the building without engaging in conversation with others (a nod or a wave is fine however!).

There is an increased sense of keeping Masses short: if music accompanies worship, it should not make it any longer; priests will keep homilies brief, (promise!) and might mention some prayer intentions but we do not have the Prayers of the Faithful.

THIS WEEK:-
CHILDRENS' LITURGY,
GOSPEL REFLECTION AND
ACTIVITY ONLINE: Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading with prayers and an art activity suggestion. Follow the link:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YEAFVNqxTK8&feature=youtu.be>

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!

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

LUMEN CHRISTI. Years 9-10 Zoom every other Sunday from 7.30-8.30pm. To sign u up, contact :-
nickwoodall@hotmail.co.uk

OLR CLUB
Jan Winners.
£100 David Beglan
£50 Mrs S Hichisson
£25 Mr J O'Brien
Feb Winners
£100 Miss T Stogden
£50 Mr A Hodgson
£25 Miss U Carter
£25 Miss J Ferguson
March Winners
£100 Mary Pizey
£50 Dennis Walsh
£25 David Mothersole
£25 Isabella Forte-Hyland

IMPORTANT:-
Please pay your cheques in ASAP as the account closes mid-February.

FUTURE DATES:- Coming soon – Invited. God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

ARE YOU A CONFIRMATION CATECHIST? Would you like to talk to other Catechists and the Diocesan Youth Ministry Adviser about all things Confirmation? If so, please sign up to join your Deanery Confirmation Network. These networks were launched towards the end of last year and the conversations were really helpful, particularly in this time of change and adaptation. If you have not already joined your network please contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk who will make sure that you are involved with the next round of conversations that she is holding at the end of January.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR. The Governing Body of St Thomas a Becket has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. The holder of this post must be a practising Catholic who wants to support the school's Catholic ethos and is appointed by Bishop Richard. As Governors we all bring different skills and viewpoints and we take a particular interest in a certain aspect of school life, e.g. a subject, finance, health and safety. Being a school governor is a thoroughly fulfilling experience and a true service to the Catholic community. If you are interested, please contact : clerk@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk.

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.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Abina Boniface RIP Requiem 20th January 11am. Margaret Clarke RIP Requiem 21st January RIP 1pm. Margaret Sanders RIP Requiem 22nd January 11am. Maureen Gillett RIP Requiem 27th January at 11am. Mario Baiocchi RIP Requiem 3rd February 11am. Johanna Eady RIP, Maria Manfredi RIP Requiem 12th February at 11am. Marie Neville RIP, Requiem 17th February at 11am and Donald Keown RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

CARE FOR ANYONE WHO IS TAKEN INTO HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL UNIT. Please let us know of anyone you know who needs attendance by the Priest. 01323 723222.