

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

SATURDAY 17 JULY

OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form)
OLR		NO Adoration and Confessions
	12 noon	Wedding Mass (Joseph Middleton & Monica Podariu)
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Patrick Joe Neville (Mrs M. McLaughlin)

**SUNDAY 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 [Live streamed]
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)

MON 19 11am Delia Markham (Ana Ramsay)

TUES 20 OLR 7.30am Mass (Extraordinary Form) Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving (R. Neves)
St Gregory's 10.30am The Rosary

WED 21 OLR 11am Carlos Alves RIP

THURS 22
OLR 11am For healing (O'Brien family)

FRI 23
OLR 11am Elizabeth Roncone RIP

SAT 24 10am Mass (Extraordinary Form)
 11am Adoration and confessions
OLR
OLR 5pm Confessions
OLR 6pm Father Paul Baker, Margaret Corrigan, Marie Conlin RIP (Barrow family). Baptism Emmeline Banner

**SUN 25
17th ORD TIME** **Readings: 1. Kings 4:42-44 [Psalm 144] 2. Ephesians 4:1-6
3. John 6:1-15**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Melanie Edwards (Jean Lloyd)
St Agnes	11.15am	Peter Sheppard RIP (Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Anne & David Lynch RIP (Delia Markham)
OLR	5.30pm	Carmen Pumar RIP (Pumar family)

17th/18th JULY 2021 16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

Sin is the greatest barrier. Speaking to the Ephesians, St Paul reminds them that they, as a pagan people, were once separated from the Jews, by both their lack of faith in the one true God and by their failure to share in the same moral code, in the ritual, and in the many commandments that the people of Israel had had placed upon them in the Law. In turn, the Jews themselves were separated from the nations by that same Law, which was a burden given to them by a loving God because of their sin: a difficult yet necessary means to train them to return to justice and love, and to allow them to make offerings in reparation for all the evil that man had done.

Only God-made-man could fully make this offering, and break down the reason for the barrier. Only Christ on the Cross could fulfil the Law, and render its commandments no longer necessary. Through His death and Resurrection, he gave the Church access to the Holy Spirit, who destroys sin – the motive for the Old Law – and replaces it with divine Charity, the very substance of the New. The New Law of Love simultaneously binds and frees. It binds us in the bonds of kinship: making us children of the Father, and brother and sisters of Christ, and thus also of one another. It frees us from the bonds of slavery, making our every action a free and creative response to the gift of salvation, attuned to the divine plan.

Jesus, then, looked on the crowds and saw them still scattered and listless, longing for reconciliation with the Father. I think often he looks on the Christian like this too, as he, through his own waywardness, seeks to throw off the sweet yoke of the Gospel, preferring to inhabit a selfish world. The Good Shepherd, He waits for us in the sacrament of Confession to give us the very Holy Spirit that will re-unite us with Him, and who will mend our quarrels. St Augustine, conscious of Jesus as the only cause of unity, warns us: “No-one can claim to be at peace with Christ, if he is at odds with another Christian”. God has put no barriers to my being reconciled with Him. But are there barriers that I have thrown up?

Fr Tristan

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom

CATHOLIC FAITH IN REAL LIFE TODAY:

Next session July 22nd at 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom Church. [Livestreamed]. This week the topic will be forgiveness. Open to all those interested in becoming Catholic or in deepening their faith. Please bring your questions!

FATHER STEPHEN O'BRIEN. We thank Fr Stephen for celebrating a lovely Mass and offering his first Blessing as a new priest to everyone. It was good to see so many of you come on the 12th July and it was truly a heartfelt celebratory Mass.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS: As of Monday 19th there is no social distancing and masks do not need to be worn, we would still encourage people to sanitise their hands and to be sensitive to informal distancing. You will still be able to scan in via the NHS QR code if you wish to do so. The queue for Holy Communion will continue to take place in the same way as before for the time being.

Stewards are no longer required at the Masses. We want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank to our stewards who have enabled us to keep the church open throughout the pandemic. We are also grateful to Rob Dixon, Jane Canelle and Nick Price for co-ordinating these efforts. In place of Stewards we would now like to invite

volunteers to act as welcomers for Sunday Masses. Please do get in touch with the parish office if interested.

FR RAGLAN: Farewell Mass: Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at 11am. **A Second Collection** is being made this weekend at all Masses for Fr Raglan's leaving present. Cash donations can be made in the second collection bucket or basket. Donations can also be made over the next month by cash or cheque (payable to Our Lady of Ransom) and posted through the Presbytery letterbox in an envelope CLEARLY marked "Fr Raglan leaving present". These donations cannot be gift aided.

DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE – 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 4 SEPTEMBER 2021 - ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL - We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends, and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. e-mail ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

FUNDRAISING: 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.

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.

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.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Barbara Packham RIP and Bryan Barrow RIP (Requiem 29th July at 11am OLR). Doreen Wardale RIP; Sheila Cook RIP (funeral elsewhere on 19th July). Patrick Lawlor RIP (funeral elsewhere 6th August). Carlos Alves RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

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.

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.