

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

SATURDAY 17th APRIL

OLR	Dawn	Priest's intention
	Day	Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Luigia Abro RIP (Grimshaw)

SUNDAY 18th 3rd of Easter **Readings: 1. Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 [Psalm 4:2] 2. John 2:1-5 3. Luke 24:35-48**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Elaine & John Slattery & family (Barrow family) (First Holy Communion Lucy Barrow)
St Agnes	11.15am	Irene Moir RIP (Pauline Crunden)
OLR	11.30am	Alberto Parmigiano RIP (Miha Cuesca)
OLR	5.30pm	Clare Greene RIP (Hiley)

MON 19	Dawn	Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving (R.Neves)
	Dusk	Repose of the soul of OLR Parishioners who died last year (Doreen Bergin)

TUES 20	Dawn	For the Souls in Purgatory
	Dusk	Private intention

WED 21	Dawn	Armanda Caries Gammlia
OLR	11am	Phyllis Gilroy deceased (Joan Kennedy)

THURS 22	Dawn	Private intention
	11am	Molly Hannaford RIP (SVP)
	Dusk	Priest's Intention

FRI 23	Dawn	Holy Spirits who are afflicted
OLR	11am	Repose of soul of Ron Cooper
	Dusk	For the sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese (D. Bergin)

SAT 24	Dawn	Priest's intention
	11am	Adoration and confessions
	Day	Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese
OLR	5pm	Confessions
	6pm	Repose of soul of Rev Christopher Spender RIP

SUN 25 4th of Easter **Readings: 1. Acts 4:8-12 [Psalm 117;1] 2. John 3:1-2 3. John 10:11-18**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Stephen Collis (Oakshott and Swift families)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Carmen Pumar RIP (Mary Sheppard)
OLR	11.30am	Reg Markham RIP (Delia Markham)
OLR	5.30pm	Marian & Arthur Douch RIP (Cora Douch)

17th/18th APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fr Tristan Cranfield, Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priests)

Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

When the first Christians emerged as a distinct faith, they had a definite message about our human destiny. From their experiences of Jesus after his resurrection, it was confirmed that we too have an immortal spirit: like it or not, there is a life after this one. But the Church insisted at the same time on “the resurrection of the body”, which we proclaim in the Apostles’ Creed that is used frequently in Eastertide. It doesn’t mean that the exact particles of our nails and hair will go unchanged into the next life. They will be transformed, as the risen Jesus himself is both the same but different: in many of his resurrection appearances the disciples do not recognize him at first, but then they do.

What the Gospel wanted to confirm was that the resurrection was not something simply ‘in the mind’, perhaps the result of wishful thinking by those who were close to him. Something objective happened that those followers could not have imagined or hoped for, having been so completely cast down by the death of Jesus only a few days earlier, and with it the whole movement he had founded. Jesus is clearly not exactly as he was before his death – he can walk through walls – but he appears with the marks of the crucifixion (“Look at my hands and feet....”) and even eats. What happens to us in this life affects us both in body and spirit, and shapes our character forever.

We are bodies united to spirits, and our bodies are important, so that we cannot simply do what we like with them either to damage or indulge them. Another realisation that would come particularly in the writings of St Paul after *his* conversion, was that *we* are the “body of Christ” (eg. 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14). By gathering together the disciples began to realize Christ who had been incarnate but after the resurrection and then the ascension withdrew in a physical sense, was instead living and working through them: Body and Spirit united. In the very next line of Luke’s Gospel after today’s passage, Jesus tells them: “And see, I am sending upon you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city, then, until you have been clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24: 48) That is what we do in prayer: we too are waiting on God for the Spirit who comes at Pentecost.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOU TUBE: All the Holy Week services at Our Lady of Ransom are still available on live-stream for those who were unable to attend in person www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom.

**THIS WEEK
CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY**

Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter an illustrated Gospel refection, prayers music and art
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=j8prwOaVIwY&feature=youtu.be>

CAFOD – Climate Change Petition:
This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680.

A ring has been found at St Agnes last Sunday 11th April. If you think this may be yours, please contact Mary Sheppard on 01323 735475.

**FR CHRISTOPHER SPENDER RIP
Parish Priest Our Lady of Ransom
1973-1983.**

We are having Fr Spender's grave and cross restored in Ocklynge cemetery after the passing of years has caused damage. Anyone who knew him would be welcome to contribute to the cost of this which will be in the region of £700.

**FUTURE DATES:
WORTH ABBEY ONLINE
RETREATS**

**Saturday 24th April: Finding Silence
3: the journey of meditation and
silent prayer**

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

**Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the
Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers:**
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

**Saturday 15th May: C S Lewis: a
Prophet for our Time**
Led by Robert Elliot

**Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid
World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us
Dream'**
Led by Austin Ivereigh

**Saturday 5th June: The Wisdom of St
Benedict**
Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB

**Fri 18th-Sun 20th June: The Motif of
Feast in the Bible**
Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict).

For further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

BISHOP RICHARD

On 25th April at 8pm Bishop Richard will be giving a talk about his Benedictine journey. Since Bishop Richard was a seminarian, he has been an oblate of Pluscarden Abbey. This talk is part of a series hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict which is celebrating 50 years since its foundation by the monks of Worth Abbey in 1971. You are welcome to join the livestream on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfRiPXjiTi5GGaI6gJ4UfYQ/>. If you want further information, please email icsb50.2021@gmail.com or you can visit www.laybenedictines.org.

MODERN SLAVERY AND THE CHURCH Tessa Ricketts, from the Diocesan Social Action Team, is appealing for members of parishes to become representatives (ambassadors) for this initiative in which the Church has become a major body countering slavery around the world.

Being an Ambassador is a flexible and voluntary commitment. We are looking to form a network of people throughout our churches who will be:

1. A point of contact, for the diocesan anti-slavery group, in partnership with other organisations with the same aims, such as the Clewer Initiative.
2. Able to receive some free training in anti-slavery, trafficking, and exploitation issues.
3. Trained to spot the signs of slavery and know where and how to report concerns.
4. Willing (with support) to run an occasional activity on anti-slavery in your church.
5. Be able to receive information and to cascade this via church newsletters, leaflets, posters to your church and community.
6. To champion Antislavery Day (October 18th)
Meet and campaign alongside like-minded people in your community

If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador please e mail:
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

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, Michaeline Winterbottom, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, and all our parishioners who are suffering.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of: Alan Edwards RIP (funeral elsewhere 30th April) Richard Gates RIP (Requiem Mass 11am OLR 12th May). Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.