

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
everyday 10am-5pm **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)**

Saturday 20	Dawn Day 11am 5pm 6pm	Jean Onion RIP (Fusciardi family) Armanda De Caires Gouveia RIP (Claudine O'Farrell) Adoration & Confessions Confessions Betty Johnny RIP (Zarian-Oakes)
SUN 21 1st Sunday of Lent	Readings: OLR 9.15am St Gregory's: 9.30am St. Agnes 11.15am OLR 11.30am OLR 5.30pm	1. Genesis 9:8-15 [Psalm 24] 2. Peter 3:18-22 3. Mark 1:12-15 People of the Parish [Live streamed] Jim Needham RIP (Jean Lloyd) John & Freda Deadman (Peter Deadman) David Grantham RIP (Sonia McGinnes & family) Jean Francois Pinot RIP (Wendy & Philip Goodman)
MON 22 FEB	Dawn Day Dusk	Fr Tom Heneghan RIP (Jane Mathers) Priest's intention For those killed in air raids in Eastbourne 1939-1945 (Joan Kennedy)
TUES 23	Dawn Day	Priest's intention Rest of the soul of Sally Cunningham (Ann Bennell)
WED 24 OLR	Dawn 11am	Priest's intention Requiem Clare Greene RIP [Live streamed] Limited to 30
THURS 25 St. Agnes	OLR 11am 11am Dusk	Elizabeth Hughes RIP (Clare & Monica Sloane) Requiem Irene Moir RIP (Nos limited to 30). For those killed in air raids in Eastbourne 1939-1945
FRI 26	Dawn 11am Dusk	For those killed in air raids in Eastbourne 1939-1945 Marie Neville RIP (Mary Sheppard) Followed by Stations of the Cross Jean Onion RIP (Fusciardi family)
SAT 27	Dawn Day 11am 12 noon 5pm 6pm	Priest's Intention Reggie O'Sullivan (speedy recovery) (T. Murphy) Adoration & Confessions Solemn reading of The Passion according to Matthew Confessions Paul Gunston RIP (Knowles)
SUN 28 2nd Sunday of Lent	Readings: OLR 9.15am St Gregory's: 9.30am St. Agnes 11.15am OLR 11.30am OLR 5.30pm	1. Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18 [Psalm 115] 2. Romans 8:31-34 3. Mark 9:2-10 Sheila Pike recovery [Live streamed] People of the Parish Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Heather McDonagh) Rest of the soul of Renata Sapieha RIP (M. Ramsay) David Grantham RIP (Sonias McGinness & family)

20th/21st February 2021 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
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Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

We are told in the Gospel that Jesus spent forty days in the desert preparing for his mission. In the symbolic language of that time, the number forty meant amongst other things, the time needed for the creation of something new. Forty weeks, nine months, is the usual span of pregnancy, the time taken for a new human being to be born. So some scripture scholars think the forty days refers to Jesus having spent a long period of preparation in a dedicated community in the desert, like that of John the Baptist. These groups used baptism to show their determination to be faithful to God and God's ways, and for some this may have included not marrying as was the case with Jesus. In Lent we too seek spiritual renewal, at the same time as nature is producing the new life of Spring. We 'step back in order to spring forwards'. And then we see Jesus come out of his contemplation to begin the very active life of his public ministry; just as in our prayer we go in to God to prepare ourselves to serve the world around us.

CAFOD FAST DAY (Friday 26th February)

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous region of Ethiopia – one of the hottest places on the surface of the planet. Refreshing water is a long way away. Abdella tells us: "The journey for water is so long we have to leave early from the village while it is still dark. I feel tired, I feel hungry. It is very boring. It is hard but I have no choice. I walk through the [dried out] riverbed, then climb into the mountains, then down into a valley, then climb another mountain to finally get to the water. I am wasting my life. I am a young man. I could be doing something else." Abdella's is forced to walk for ten hours across dangerous terrain, on an almost daily basis, just to collect two jerry cans of water. He has no time or energy left for anything else. Sadly, there are millions like him. One in three people globally do not have access to safe drinking water. But with your support this Lent we can reach out and make a powerful difference. By giving online or in the collection today, you can help people like Abdella. Through CAFOD, you can provide boreholes and solar powered water pumps to remote communities. Abdella is a resilient young man. He walks for water, risking his life, because he loves his family. Don't let him walk alone.

Donate online at cafod.org.uk or by using an envelopes at the back of the church.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON
YOUTUBE: [www.youtube.com/
OurLadyofRansom](http://www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom).

THIS WEEK
**CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL
REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY**
ONLINE Sister Mary Rose reflects on
the Gospel Reading with prayers and an
art activity suggestion. [https://
m.youtube.com/watch?
v=p0kGgJCGqe0&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=p0kGgJCGqe0&feature=youtu.be)

FUTURE DATES

**OPEN CLOISTER AT WORTH
ABBEY**
**The Lent Journey: (online weekend
retreat) 26th-28th February**
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB
Places can be booked online at [https://
worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

**IF YOU COULD ASK ANY
QUESTION ABOUT THE
PRIESTHOOD, WHAT WOULD
IT BE?** Fr Tristan is helping to
organise a new series of online talks
on this subject to take place later in
the year from Weybridge, Surrey.
We're asking everyone around the
diocese to submit questions they
would like to ask a panel of priests
about their vocation, the Church's
teaching on priesthood, the life of
parish ministry - anything! Please e-
mail your burning questions to
tristan.cranfield@abdiocese.org.uk
and the best one will be picked to be
answered in the talks. Please keep
vocations in your prayers, too: we
need more priests!

**ST PATRICK'S DAY PARISH
ONLINE QUIZ.** Would you like to
partake in our fun quiz (free) on March
17th @ 19.30? If so, please email
Maura at Maura_phipps@sky.com.

YOU ARE 'INVITED' DIOCESAN LENT MISSION

There is still time to join this online
Lent pilgrimage.....

MONDAYS beginning 22nd Feb.
An episode of *Invited* will be
premiered on the diocesan website
and across our social media
channels. This episode will contain
teaching and testimony on a
particular aspect of that week's
theme, with time for prayer and
reflection.

THURSDAYS beginning 25th Feb.
7.30pm to 8.45pm join a Zoom
conference to discuss what we have
heard, in groups.

There will be special groups for
young adults, 18-35. **Facilitators are
needed to lead groups and
volunteers will be offered a session
to prepare them in advance.** To
sign up/offer to be a facilitator, go to
the Diocesan website
abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS

FRIDAYS STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place after the 11am Mass.
SATURDAYS beginning 27th Feb. A **SOLEMN READING OF THE PASSION**
will take place at 12 noon, **livestreamed from OLR**, A different Gospel account
will be read each week. Reflecting the account of the Lord's suffering, death and
burial in the gospels is a wonderful way to prepare us for Holy Week. It is also
envisaged as a way for those who are not physically attending church to enter into
the Way of the Cross.

CONFESSIONS continue to offered on Saturdays at 11am-12 noon during
Adoration, and again at 5.00-6.00pm before the Vigil Mass.

RCIA. The weekly RCIA newsletter can be found on the parish website. This is
available for all - not just those normally attending RCIA sessions. Up until
Easter we are exploring Prayer. The readings and passages should be of great
interest to all. Please do join us on-line on the parish website.

ALPHA ONLINE

The course which began in November has just completed, and it proved that the
Holy Spirit can get around any obstacles including a pandemic lockdown and our
technical limitations! In these weeks we have been reminded that the God of Jesus
can and does do things we might not believe possible: healing and transforming
lives. Our sessions ended with a focus on the 'Church': with all its challenges, this
remains the essence of Christianity, the people of God rather than a book of rules or
practices. Many of the group are continuing their journey with a Life in the Spirit
seminar that will take them through Lent and ready to celebrate the great feast of
Easter.

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK
FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob
Cadwallender, Madeleine O'Brien, 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 Clare Greene
RIP (Requiem 24th February at 11am OLR). Irene Moir RIP (Requiem 25th
February at 11am St.Agnes). Jeanne Smith RIP (funeral elsewhere 1st March).
Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Requiem 4th March at 11am St Agnes). Carmen Pumar
RIP (Requiem 5th March at 11am OLR) Patricia Edwards RIP (funeral
elsewhere on 9th March) Patrick Smith-Taylor RIP (Requiem 10th March at
11am OLR). Armanda De Caires Gouveia RIP (Requiem 11th March at 11am
OLR). Julian Letschka RIP (funeral elsewhere 16th March). Michael Butters
RIP (Requiem 17th March at 11am St Agnes). Luigia Abro RIP (Requiem 24th
March at 11am OLR). Peter Kelly RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their
families.