

### TIMES OF CONFESSIONS

Saturdays in Our Lady of Ransom 11.30am to 12.30pm and 5.15pm to 5.45pm; at St Agnes confession is offered each Saturday after 4pm Mass and at call

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 63;16-17; 64.1.3-80) (1 Co 1:3-9)

<b>Saturday 2</b>	4pm	St Agnes	Bernard & Rita Davies RIP
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	John Reid RIP
<b>Sunday 3</b>	8am	Our Lady of Ransom	Joao Gouveia RIP
	9.15am	St Gregory's	Marlene Gamboa Lozada RIP
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Deceased family of Pat Avann
	11.15am	St Agnes	Loretta Minchella RIP ( <i>Forte</i> )
	3.00pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Rosary and Benediction
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Personal Intention ( <i>Scothem</i> )
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Thomas Raby
<b>Monday 4</b>	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Thanksgiving ( <i>Markham</i> )
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom (Ordinariate)	Lev-Anton
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	9am	St Gregory's	Morning Prayer and Exposition
	10am	St Gregory's	Iris Margaret Travis
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Anthony Lyons RIP ( <i>Lyons</i> )
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	9am	St Agnes	Morning Prayer and Exposition
	10am	St Agnes	Deceased Family Francois RIP ( <i>Bulliard</i> )
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Jessie McGeorge RIP
<b>Thursday 7</b>	7.30am	St Gregory's	Terry Conley ( <i>Barow Family</i> )
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Iris Margaret Travis RIP
<b>Friday 8</b>	<b>6.30am</b>	Our Lady of Ransom	Rorate Mass John Beyer RIP (de Waal)
	9am	St Agnes	Morning Prayer and Exposition
	10am	St Agnes	Derek Morgan RIP ( <i>Morgan</i> )
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Concetta Schembri RIP ( <i>Windibank</i> )
	3pm	DGH	Followed by Exposition until 7pm For patients, staff and friends
<b>Saturday 9</b>	9am	Lewes Prison	Please pray for the prisoners, Chaplaincy and prison staff
	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Manuel de Silva ( <i>de Silva</i> )

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Is 40:1-5.9-11) (2 P 3:8-14)

<b>Saturday 9</b>	4pm	St Agnes	Patrick & John Sygrove ( <i>Sygrove</i> )
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Achille & Pace Borza ( <i>Boza</i> )
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>8am</b>	Our Lady of Ransom	Latin Mass
	9.15am	St Gregory's	Elaina & John Slattery & Family ( <i>Barrow</i> )
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Raymond & Barbara Rand RIP ( <i>Rand</i> )
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	3.00pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Rosary and Benediction
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Bulliard Family ( <i>Bulliard</i> )
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	APF Box Holders & Promoters ( <i>Hilliard</i> )

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER  
2ND/3RD**

#### Our Lady of Ransom

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01323 723222

If no reply then for emergency  
calls only:

760048 (Christ the King)  
841504 (St Wilfrid's, Hailsham)

#### SCHOOLS

St Thomas a Becket Catholic  
Primary 737221  
Mrs Rachel Turner

St Richard's Catholic College  
(Secondary)

Bexhill 01424 731070  
Miss Doreen Cronin

**Gift Aid:** Taxpayers: please  
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brazierjb@gmail.com  
if you wish to join the scheme

Charity number 252878

### THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM St GREGORY AND St AGNES

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Gerard Hatton

Fr Neil Chatfield, Deacon Paul Scholey

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin Advent, our time of waiting for the 'coming' of the Lord. The readings for the coming weeks remind us that this happens on more than one level. Christ, they say, has come to us in history, in that birth at Bethlehem, the very first Christmas. Then, in every generation since, Christ has come to each person in mystery: in the sacraments, and in the 'sacrament of the present moment.'

But a key part of our faith, and one we may lose sight of, is his coming in glory. Like a film camera which starts off showing the wide lens overview of the whole picture, the scripture for the first Sunday of Advent focusses on God's plan for the destiny of the whole world. The prophets had spoken of a 'Day of the Lord' at the end of time. It would be, above all, an act of God, rather than just a human project. But we could play our part by "turning towards" (which is the origin of the word 'repent') this reality that is coming. So this Day, which often arouses fear, would become something to look forward to with joy and hope.

This give us a whole attitude of prayer and discipline. St Francis used to pray, "Lord, give me a spirit of joyful penance and keep me single-minded in your service".

**THIS WEEKEND** SVP Foodbank collection.

An area by the side door onto Meads Road has been created for wheelchair users in line with fire and safety rules.

### COMING WEEK

#### **Tuesday 5th** GRAND CHRISTMAS TEA:

Come and meet Fr Christmas and his little helpers, drink Prosecco (and tea!) and enjoy some delicious Christmas goodies. And in the spirit of Christmas, why not chat to someone whom you don't already know or who is new and would appreciate a welcome? Please book your tickets from Pat (735138) or from the Parish Office (723222). Proceeds to Christmas Charity CAFOD 'Healthy Mum and Baby' **Tuesday 5th** BAPTISM COURSE: Second Session at 7.30pm. Registration forms are available from the back of the church.

**Thursday 7th** 8.00 – 9.00pm The RCIA Using scripture to look towards Christmas.

**Friday 8th 10.15am** CAROLS IN THE ARNDALE Join St Thomas' pupils raising money for St. Wilfrid's Hospice & then for Mass at Our Lady of Ransom and tea and cake in the hall afterwards

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Friday December 15th 7.30pm** TAIZE SERVICE at St Gregory's.

**Saturday December 16th:** *Renaissance Singers Christmas Carol Concert 3 to 5pm.* This is our annual start to Christmas. Come and sing the beautiful Christmas carols with the Renaissance Singers and listen to the Christmas Story. Followed by tea and mince pies in the parish centre. Retiring

collection for Embrace (for supporting children with special needs) and Rebourne (the Salvation Army Homeless Centre).

**Sunday December 17th** after 10.30am

Mass the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY.** All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please supply a wrapped and name tagged gift for your child, of no more than £5 for a visit from Santa. All food donations welcome due to limited funds. Please contact Sonia on 07801708121 by December 16th.

**Monday January 4th** EPIPHANY

**LUNCH** Bring in the New Year with friends at a lunch for Epiphany at the Hydro Hotel. Tickets £15.50p for ale next week from the parish office, after Mass, or from Una on 645673.

#### REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS

*Everyone is welcome to join them*  
**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

Every second Monday 4pm to 5.30pm  
Parish Centre.

Contact Susan 732725 / 07402 151 060

#### **MOTHERS PRAYERS**

First and third Tuesdays each month Parish Centre. Contact Teresa 733487 or Mary 732907

#### **PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.

#### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

7:30pm Parish Centre

#### **ST GREGORY'S**

Every Thursday at 10.00am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
in Our Lady of Ransom

**Every First Thursday** for 1 hour after 12 noon  
Mass to pray for our priests and for vocations.

**Every Friday** from 12.30 to 7pm.

### THE GIVING TREE AT OUR LADY OF

**RANSOM:** run by our SVP Group for the purpose of enabling parishioners to support local disadvantaged people. It will run for the first 3 Sundays of advent. Gift Tags are attached to it. Parishioners can choose a Gift Tag, then buy the Gift specified, wrap it and sellotape the tag to the wrapped gift. Please bring the Gift back to church on the following weekend Masses. We will make a lot of people happier at Christmas.

**TABLE TENNIS** in OLR Parish Centre every Wednesday 8 - 9 pm. Come and join us.

**ST AGNES' WELCOMERS** if you are interested in joining the welcoming team at St Agnes please contact Lynda Mills on 01323 412154

### WILL YOU BE ALONE AT CHRISTMAS?

Why not join the Rotary Club's Christmas Dinner in the Parish Centre and enjoy the company of people in a similar situation to yourself, plus a raffle and entertainment. Please contact Brian on 01323 439684 or 07481157464 if you would like to come.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Derek Morgan whose funeral will be at 1pm on Thursday 7th December 7th at Langney Crematorium, Marie Dobinson whose Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Ransom on Tuesday 12th December at 12 noon and Geoff Broome whose funeral is at Langney Crematorium at 2.30pm on Friday December 15th. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

**TEMPORARY PART-TIME TEACHER OF RE/ENGLISH** required by St Richard's Catholic College for the spring and summer terms 2018 to teach mainly KS3. Further details and an application form are available at [www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com).

**PANTO:** Please let Fr Gerard or the office know if you would like to join him at the Panto one evening.

**THE SACRED SPACE BOOKLETS** are available in the repositories price £4.

**NEW CATHOLIC FREE SCHOOLS:** The Secretary of State for Education may be about to reverse the decision to abolish the cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for Catholic Education' in your search engine for the form on which you can send an email to the Secretary of State registering your concern.

### LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR

**PRAYERS,** especially Helen Evans, Armanda Gouveia, Martha and John Byrne, Dave Fox-Dossett, Anita da Castro, Patricia Ryan, Eileen Burt, Elisabeth Cullen, Judith Morrison, Carole Tidy, Pamela Turner, Ron Wallace, Christine Loman, Alice Dellow, Mary Gibbons, Don Withey, Rose McKie and for all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers. Please let us know if someone is taken ill or into hospital and also when they return home.

#### COLLECTIONS

**There will be a retiring collection for flowers for Christmas this weekend which can be Gift Aided**

Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's: £2,227.45  
CAFOD £26.50  
St Agnes: £529.52

**: Thank you for your generosity**

Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches. Please do not insert any other literature into the leaflet dispenser in the narthex.