

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Times of Confessions: Saturdays at 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 Lent (Gn 9:8-15) (1 P 3:18-22)

Saturday 17	4pm	St Agnes	Ted Witham RIP (<i>Sheppard</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Frances Rourke RIP (<i>Hiley</i>)
Sunday 18	9.15am	St Gregory's	Don & Pam Withey RIP (<i>Catenians</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Claude & Genevieve RIP (<i>Collins</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	3pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Rosary & Benediction
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Reparation to the Sacred Heart (<i>Cassidy</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Ron Dobinson RIP (<i>Hunt</i>)

Monday 19	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Barbara Sloane RIP (<i>Carroll</i>)
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	(Ordinariate) Paul & Samantha: Wedding

Tuesday 20	10am	St Agnes	Don & Pam Withey RIP (<i>James</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Orlando Recchia RIP (<i>Fusciardi</i>)

Wednesday 21	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Requiem: Pam Withey RIP
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Thursday 22	10am	St Gregory's	Ron Wallace RIP (<i>James</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Jessie McGeorge RIP

Friday 23	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Requiem: Frances Rourke RIP
	<i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm</i>		
	3pm	DGH	<i>For patients, staff and friends</i>
	7.30	Our Lady of Ransom	Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24	9am	Lewes Prison	Please pray for the prisoners, Chaplaincy and prison staff
	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Betty Hill RIP (<i>Carroll</i>)
	<i>Followed by Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am</i>		

Second Sunday of Lent (Gn 2:1-2. 9-13. 15-18) (Rm 8:31-34)

Saturday 24	4pm	St Agnes	John & Freda Deadman RIP (<i>Deadman</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Desmond Clarke RIP (<i>Clarke</i>)
Sunday 25	9.15am	St Gregory's	Don & Pam Withey RIP (<i>Regan Family</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	People of the Parish
	11.15am	St Agnes	Albert Sayer RIP (<i>Barrow</i>)
	3pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Rosary & Benediction
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Fr Peter Kelly (McCormack)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Canon Patrick Pearson RIP
	<i>Baptism at 12noon in Our Lady of Ransom of Una Hutchinson</i>		

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**FEBRUARY
17th/18th 2018**

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

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Gerard Hatton

Deacon Paul Scholey

EXTRACT FROM THE LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

"I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: 'because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold' (24:12). These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many. Let us try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume. They can appear as 'snake charmers', who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others. How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! False prophets can also be 'charlatans' who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. We might ask ourselves how charity can turn cold within us. More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money. The rejection of God and his peace soon follows. Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Above all I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm.

THIS WEEKEND Sunday 18th 5pm Our turn to give the half-hour Sunday evening service. St Agnes are leading but all parishioners are welcome. Car parking vouchers provided. Meet at the hospital entrance at 4.30pm.

COMING WEEK

Please note the new Mass times on the back page.

Tuesday 20th BAPTISM COURSE 7.30pm -9pm in the Presbytery, first session.

Wednesday 21st Next meeting for Co-Workers of St M Teresa after the Requiem Mass. New members welcome. Bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 22nd Lenten lunches at St Agnes (Church Hall, 12.30pm). Please support a self help group of carers for children with physical and mental handicaps in San Clemente, Peru—a small village still recovering from the massive earthquake of 2007.

Thursday 22nd 8pm in the Parish Centre. **The RCIA (Catholic Enquirers) Group Confession** with Fr Raglan. RCIA is open to anyone who would like to grow in faith. Also if you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic or you need the Sacrament of Confirmation now is the time to come and find out more.

Friday 23rd The Holy Father has announced that this day is designated as a **Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the world**. It is also **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. Envelopes are available from the back of the churches for you to use for your donation.

FUTURE EVENTS

Friday March 2nd 2.15 at St Agnes
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

prepared by the Christian women of Suriname in South America. The theme is "All God's Creation Is Very Good". Climate change affects us all and we need to preserve our world for the future generations.

Saturday March 3rd 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. **H.C.P.T. QUIZ NIGHT** to raise money to take disabled and disadvantaged young people to Lourdes. You can make up teams of 6 if you wish. For tickets £5 phone Jackie 07976748141.

Friday March 16th ST PATRICK'S IRISH STEW night in the Parish Centre. Three course meal, cash bar, singalong with the Shenanigans, Irish table quiz, free spot prizes, raffle for Irish hamper. All for only £10. See posters at the back of the churches. Tickets from Parish Office or Maura 430532 or Berni 647661.

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.

GRANDPARENTS MEETING

2nd Wednesday of the month 10.45am
in St Agnes Hall.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

7:30pm Parish Centre

ST GREGORY'S

Every Thursday after 10.00am Mass

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.

OLR CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY: £100 Mrs T Collins; £50 Mrs G Rowan; £25 Miss L Cameron; £10 each Mr K Lucas, Mr J Bradshaw, Mrs C Green.

This is a most important fund raiser for the Parish. Please do join by completing the form enclosed with this newsletter and you too could be a winner!

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM AT OUR LADY OF RANSOM:

we desperately need more volunteers so please would you consider joining our team. We have changed the system—nor more teams on a rota—more flexibility. Have you an hour to spare on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am? Then leave your name and number with the Parish Office and Jean will contact you. We need you! The new plan starts February 26th.

HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS: When you are offered Holy Communion please do not walk away from the Minister distributing the Sacrament with the Sacred Host in your hand but consume the Sacred Host immediately. Thank you.

THE CHAPLAINCY AT THE DGH volunteers are needed to distribute Holy Communion to Catholic patients. In addition, the volunteers work as part of a team. They listen to, talk to and pray with patients and their relatives as appropriate. If time allows they also visit other patients. Volunteers should already be commissioned Eucharistic Ministers and any appointment would be subject to a separate DBS safeguarding check and references. Please contact Mick Lees on 654468 for further details.

Do you need help with domestic work? If you are looking for someone reliable and hardworking, please telephone Lupita on 01323 902047

IN MEMORIAM: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pam Withey whose funeral is on Wednesday February 21st, Frances Rourke whose funeral is on Friday February 23rd, Elizabeth Cullen whose Requiem is on Monday February 26th, John Markey whose Requiem is on Thursday March 8th, all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

St Thomas a Becket Nursery is located on the St Thomas a Becket School site, open from 8.30-3.00pm term-time weekdays, offering 15 & 30 hour funded places for 2-4 years olds. Non-funded sessions are also available. Please call 01323 725977 to book a visit. Places are limited. The Nursery is also recruiting new Trustees, so do please contact Clare on 07766721860 if interested in volunteering.

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

especially Melissa Munsch, Collette Cullen, Rosanna da Sousa, Jusung Lee, Philip and Helga Edwards, Barbara Watson, Gerald Shakespeare, Tessa Wright, Martha and John Byrne, Anita da Castro, Patricia Ryan, Eileen Burt, Judith Morrison, Pamela Turner, Rose McKie and 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

w/e 4/2 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's:
£2263.33 St Agnes £388.00

Farewell gift for Fr Neil £1302.48 & £293.80

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.