MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
TIMES OF CONFESSIONS
Saturdays in Our Lady of Ransom 11.30 to 12.30am and 5.15pm to 5.45.pm and at St Agnes confession will be offered each Saturday after the 4pm Mass, and at call.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Deut.4:1-2, 6-8) (James 1:17-18, 21-22.27)*

Saturday 29	4pm	St Agnes	Deceased members of McElliott Family RIP *(Witham)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Peter Ash RIP *(Ash)*
Sunday 30	9:15 am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	CWL Intention *(CWL Eastbourne)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	Joan Tunwell RIP *(Crunden)*
	4pm	St Agnes (*Ordinariate Mass)*	All Holy Souls RIP *(Cassidy)*
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Vera Work RIP *(Durrant Family)*

12 noon Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Joshua & Jake O'Hara

Monday 31	**10am**	Our Lady of Ransom	Chacko Joseph *(Prince)*
Tuesday 1	9am	St Gregory's	*Morning Prayer and Exposition*
	10am	St Gregory's	Ana Gouveja RIP
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Sheila Jennings RIP *(CWL)*
Wednesday 2	9am	St Agnes	*Morning Prayer and Exposition*
	10am	St Agnes	Kazimierz Zoybal RIP *(Zoybal)*
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Deceased clergy of the Diocese RIP
Thursday 3	7.30am	St Gregory's	Holy Souls RIP
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Fr Joe Ware RIP
		Followed by Exposition for Vocations	
Friday 4	9am	St Agnes	*Morning Prayer and Exposition*
	10am	St Agnes	Christina Nesbitt RIP *(Sheppard)*
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Patricia Wolstenholme RIP
	Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 4pm		
	3pm	Hospital Mass DGH	
Saturday 5	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Celeste Fusciardi 80th birthday *(Fusciardi)*

11.30 am confession as usual but no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1pm Our Lady of Ransom Wedding of Susie Hunt and Christopher Phillips

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Isaiah 35:4-7) (James 2:1-5)*

Saturday 5	4pm	St Agnes	Bernard & Rita Davies RIP *(Bell)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Kathleen Perera *(Shaw)*
Sunday 6	9:15 am	St Gregory's	Fred Cole RIP *(King) Parish intention*
	Bishop's intention: For the community of St Gregory's in thanksgiving for 50 years.		
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Christine Hanmer RIP *(Healy)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	4pm	St Agnes (*Ordinariate Mass)*	David Scoble RIP
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Margaret Walsh RIP *(Holman)*

12 noon Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Alejandro Massana

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 29th/30th, 2015**

This week's gospel seems to obsessed with cleanliness— and the question of whether it should be external or internal. The scribes and Pharisees are shocked at what they consider to be a complete lack of good form and good manners by the disciples. Eating with unclean hands, not ridding themselves of the dust of the market place when they return home, not doing the washing up properly. Actually we can have sympathy with them for being horrified at this lack of cleanliness, we wouldn't like it ourselves.

But it is the reasoning behind their dislike of the disciples' behaviour which is actually the point in question here. They don't do all this washing and purifying because they are concerned about hygiene. They are doing it because they are continuing the practice of their ancestors and, by implication, to appear to be a cut above everyone else because of their observance of tradition.

However, Jesus is very critical of their stance. External cleanliness, while praiseworthy, is not what makes a person good. We can wash and scrub all we like but if our hearts are not engaged in the search for honesty and truth, faithfulness and love, then we are not clean. A scruffy, unkempt exterior only does harm to the wearer—and maybe is unpleasant for those in close proximity—but so much evil can emanate from unclean hearts. Malice comes from within, and it not only affects the person generating it, but it spreads like a disease to everyone around.

So yes, let us all obey the laws of external cleanliness—but let us also be scrupulous in our observance of the internal cleanliness which comes to us from God through prayer and through faith and needs our constant vigilance.

THIS WEEKEND ***Congratulations*** to Tish Godley who is being received into the Church at the 5.30pm Mass. Our prayers are with her as she starts this new chapter.

Bank Holiday Monday. **The Catholic Women's League Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.** This will be in aid of St Gregory's Roof fund. Tombola, Cakes and Jams and Bric-a-Brac for sale and refreshments. Any items donated for this will be gratefully received.

NEXT WEEKEND ***September 5th/6th*** **there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for a farewell gift for Fr David**

COMING WEEK

Wednesday 2nd **The next meeting of The Kairos Group.** From then on this group will meet once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in St Agnes all.

Thursday 3rd after 12 noon Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for our priests and for Vocations.

7.30pm to 9pm, at St Martha Church, Cooden Sea Road, Bexhill TN39 4SL. **Talk organised by the Newman Association** *Who, What and Why is Newman Today?* The speaker will be Fr Nicholas Schofield.

Weekend of 5th/6th Next **SVP Foodbank** collection. Chocolate in bars and boxes and biscuits are needed.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST GREGORY'S: If you are at all connected with St Gregory's then please do join us at 9.15am Mass to celebrate. Bacon butties will be served after Mass with coffee. Donations for cake sale welcome. Please note the car park will be closed that day so allow a little extra time to find a space to park.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday September 9th: The Grandparents Group are organising a trip to Chichester Cathedral, leaving Eastbourne at 9.30am, returning at 5pm. Cost £12. If interested please contact Judith 07753613040.

Wednesday September 9th/Wednesday September 16th: the next **Baptism Preparation Course.** Registration forms are available from the back of the Church. Parents are required to attend both sessions.

Thursday September 10th: at 12.30pm **Next St Agnes Lunch.**

Friday September 11th: Fr David's Farewell Party. 7-9pm in the Parish Centre. If you wish to say goodbye to Fr David then please come along, all welcome. Some light bites and refreshments will be provided. Fr David will also be here for September 12th/13th so you will also have the opportunity of saying goodbye at the Masses that weekend.

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS Everyone is welcome to join them

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: Meeting every second Monday from 4pm to 5.30pm in the Committee room in the Parish Centre. Contact Susan 732725 or Elizabeth 472363

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.

ST AGNES MONDAY EVENING GROUP: 7-8.30pm in St Agnes Hall. Not Bank Holidays.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP OUR LADY OF RANSOM: 7:30pm Parish Centre

ST GREGORY'S: every Thursday at 10.00am Rosary

Saturday September 12th: Scripture Saturday in the Parish Centre following the 10am Mass. Charles Whitehead will speak on *"Holiness: a biblical perspective*. Talk begins at 11am and ends at 3pm. Suggested donation £10. Don't forget your Bible and a packed lunch.

Saturday September 19th: 10am-3pm MUSIC DAY at St Agnes lead by the Diocesan music leader, Catherine Christmas.. All welcome.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kay McCarthy whose Requiem is Wednesday September 9th, Katie Cain whose Requiem is on Thursday September 10th, and Sylvia Teale whose Requiem is on Thursday September 17th, all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Kay's body will received into the Church on Tuesday September 8th at 4pm. Please also remember Patrick O'Donovan, Dermot Neilan and Denis Naughter who have died. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

FR GERARD NEEDS A DRIVER!! Could one or two car drivers from St Agnes and St Gregory's volunteer to pick him up for Masses from the weekend of September 12th/13th for the first fortnight he is here. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

ASSISTED DYING BILL: an important debate is taking place in the House of Commons on September 11th. The Bishops' Conference has supplied postcards for us to send to our MP Caroline Ansell to show our opposition to this proposed bill. Please take one from the back of the church.

THE CHOIR AT 10.30AM MASS would welcome tenor and bass singers. If interested please ring Maura on 430532

The **REDSHIRTS** are planning on producing a Christmas card as part of their fundraising this year. If anybody has a photo of OLR church in the snow and would be willing to allow it to be used, please leave it in the office with your name and phone number so it can be returned to you. Thank you.

Date for your Diary: **next Redshirt quiz Saturday October 17th**.

The Repository at Our Lady of Ransom urgently needs extra volunteers to keep it open on Saturday evenings.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL, especially Anna Mogford, Mary Eager, Hannah Hardo, Zygmunt Kostrzanowski, Patricia Flippance, Mark Malak, Bernard Downey, and for our parishioners who are suffering at this time. Please also pray for their carers.

Do please inform the priests via the Parish Office if you know of a relative or loved one going into hospital who needs a visit.

There is a retiring collection next weekend for Fr David

COLLECTIONS:

OUR LADY OF RANSOM & ST GREGORY'S: £2604.87 CAFOD £17.62

ST AGNES £496.63 Comboi Missionaries £420.32

GIFT AID DONORS: Thank you for your support. We still need more taxpayer donors—please contact Kevan (649861) or Richard (722183)

Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.