

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

everyday 10am-5pm

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Saturday 23	Dawn Day 6pm	Lucia Boyle (Boyle) Joan Garbet Stephen Bergin (Doreen Bergin)
SUN 24	Readings:	1. Jonah 3:1-5.10 [Psalm 24:4-9] 2. Corinthians 7:29-31 3. Mark 1:14-20
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Marshall Bartram RIP (Jean Lloyd)
of St. Agnes: Feast	11.15am	Helen Deadman RIP (Peter Deadman)
OLR	11.30am	Maria & Alfonso De Marco RIP (P. Caira)
OLR	5.30pm	Kay Leonartt & family (Delia Markham)
MON 25	Dawn Dusk	Holy Souls (Delia Markham) Richard & Sheila O'Grady RIP (Deborah O'Grady)
TUES 26	Dawn Dusk	Donald Keown RIP (funeral day -elsewhere) Thanksgiving for stewards, choirs and helpers. (Jean Lloyd)
WED 27	Dawn 11am	For an end to the pandemic Requiem: Maureen Gillett RIP
THURS 28	Dawn 11am Dusk	Priest's intentions Brenda Harding & family (Barrow) Intentions of Giovanna Stretton
FRI 29	Dawn 11am Dusk	Priests Intentions Adoration and confessions David & Brigid Parker & family (Doreen Bergin)
SAT 30	Dawn 6pm	Dante Carrara (Maria Pinto) Health of Emerson Dayton, Premature baby (Mary Smillie)
SUN 31	Readings:	1. Deuteronomy 18:15-20 [Psalm 94] 2. Corinthians 7:32-35 3. Mark 1:21-28
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Martin Briggs RIP (Geraldine Briggs)
St Agnes	11.15am	Jose Aveiro & Ana Paula Aveiro (R. Aveiro)
OLR	11.30am	Irene Ash RIP (Hellett)
OLR	5.30pm	Souls of Cindy & John Paul Jones (Jones)

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23rd/24th January 2021

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I once had an insignificant, but memorable experience. It was Yom Kippur, on the Mount of the Beatitudes – I was there with the rest of the seminary, and we were asked to spend the day in silence. I remember the beautiful and lush garden at the top, green palm fronds and coloured flowers spilling down onto the bare yellow rock, and plunging towards the impossible blue of the Sea of Galilee, whose wide expanse was checked by towering ochre cliffs on the far shore. Not much has changed since Jesus's day, when He went fishing with the disciples in that lake, and yes, even walked on its surface.

I ought to have felt a deep sense of connection to God. But I didn't. Actually, I felt nothing but bored and fed up – and on top of that, annoyed at myself for having those feelings. Looking around at my brother seminarians walking in the garden, praying here and there, I imagined that they were all having all kinds of amazing religious experiences, and I felt stupid and jealous. Not for the last time!

For want of anything better to do, I opened my Bible at the beginning of Mark's Gospel. Still bored, I read a little, and then stopped. The very first words Jesus utters are: "The time has come, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Good News." It was just then that I realised. Jesus had not brought me to this special place to have some kind of wonderful feeling. He wanted me to be sorry for my sins, and turn to Him. With calmness, I breathed out, and went to Confession.

I said at the start that I was going to tell you about an 'insignificant' one, and I hope that you can see how true that was – they're never going to make a film about it! But it was not insignificant for me. No word received from Christ to a sinful heart ever could be so. It took me from a state of sin, to a state of grace – a journey I have had to make so many times since. It was a great reminder to me that in the Christian life, most of the time we do not experience anything spectacular, but that does not mean that the Word does not constantly speak. Jesus's words are useless unless they are heard! It is very same passage that I read from the start of Mark that the Church invites us to hear in the liturgy this Sunday, which Pope Francis has designated the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Put down your nets, pick up the Word, and let it speak to you this week too: 'Repent, and believe in the Good News.'

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOU TUBE:

Please note that you can now find our channel much more easily by entering www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom

NEWLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Fr Raglan, Fr Tristan and Fr Bruno would like to say a big thank you to Nick and Frances, Chris and Cheryl and our new recruit, Alan, for delivery of the newsletter. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and we are now managing to save a noticeable amount on stamps. If anyone else would like to volunteer in this way, please get in touch.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Sanctuary Café, Hazel Court School and The Matthew 25 Mission have sent heartfelt thanks to parishioners for their generosity and compassion. Some of the ways in which you have helped is to enable these charities to buy warm hats, gloves and scarves; supplies for staff etc. One of the charities write that the congregation of Our Lady of Ransom is a key driver in their determination to assist the most needy and marginalised in our community.

THIS WEEK:- CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY

ONLINE: Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading with prayers and an art activity suggestion. Follow the link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=h-cvbPNmT3Q&feature=youtu.be>

RCIA: the weekly newsletter is available on the parish website.

LUMEN CHRISTI. Years 9-10 Zoom every other Sunday from 7.30-8.30pm. To sign up contact :nickwoodall@hotmail.co.uk

FUTURE EVENTS:

DEEPENING PRAYER IN OUR ORDINARY LIFE : Led by David Clayton and Michael Woodward, this is an Worth Abbey online weekend to explore how we can pray more Contemplatively at home. January 29th – 31st. Smart phone, Tablet or computer and Zoom account needed. More information from Michael Woodward: shotwithspirit@gmail.com

A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

For those who wish to donate on-line to the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal Collection, the following information shows how this can be done using the A&B Diocesan website address <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Click on the DONATE button on the right-hand side of the screen. Please then click on the DONATE button in the middle of the page and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, by email lourdes.office@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01403 740110

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!

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR. The Governing Body of St Thomas a Becket has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. The holder of this post must be a practising Catholic who wants to support the school's Catholic ethos and is appointed by Bishop Richard. As Governors we all bring different skills and viewpoints and we take a particular interest in a certain aspect of school life, e.g. a subject, finance, health and safety. Being a school governor is a thoroughly fulfilling experience and a true service to the Catholic community. If you are interested, please contact : clerk@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk

LET US FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Madeleine O'Brien, Carmen Pumar, Pauline Bosley, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Lynnette and Michael Butters, Valerie Downey, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Maureen Gillett RIP-Requiem 27th January at 11am. Mario Baiocchi RIP-Requiem 3rd February 11am. Johanna Eady RIP, Marie Neville RIP-Requiem 18th February at 11am. Elizabeth Roncone RIP. Irene Moir RIP, Renata Sapieha RIP. Molly Hannaford RIP and Donald Keown RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

CARE FOR ANYONE WHO IS TAKEN INTO HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL UNIT. Please let us know of anyone you know who needs attendance by the Priest. 01323 723222.