

**OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10AM—5PM**

**SATURDAY 24th APRIL**

OLR	Dawn	Priest's intention
	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	Day	Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Rest of soul of Rev Christopher Spender RIP

**SUNDAY 25th 4th of Easter**      **Readings: 1. Acts 4:8-12 [Psalm 117;1] 2. John 3:1-2 3. John 10:11-18**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish <b>[Live streamed]</b>
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Stephen Collis RIP (Oakshott and Swift families)
St Agnes	11.15am	Carmen Pumar RIP (Mary Sheppard)
OLR	11.30am	Reg Markham RIP (Delia Markham)
OLR	5.30pm	Marian & Arthur Douch RIP (Cora Douch)

<b>MON 26</b>	Dawn	Private intention
	Dusk	Priest's intention

<b>TUES 27</b>	Dawn	For the Souls in Purgatory
	Dusk	Priest's intention

<b>WED 28</b>	Dawn	Rest of soul of Mary Schulte (Robbie Schulte)
OLR	11am	Phyllis Gilroy RIP (Jack & Teresa O'Brien)

<b>THURS 29</b>	Dawn	Private intention
OLR	11am	<b>Requiem:</b> Amilcar Freire Dos Reis RIP <b>[Live streamed] (very limited numbers)</b>
	Dusk	Mother of Jesus. Our Lady of Fatima in thanksgiving.

<b>FRI 30</b>	Dawn	Alan Evans RIP (funeral elsewhere)
OLR	11am	Molly Hannaford RIP
	Dusk	Intentions of Priests of the Parish

<b>SAT 1 MAY</b>	Dawn	Priest's intention
	11am	Adoration and confessions
	Day	Rest of Soul of Fr Brian Taylor (Doreen Bergin)
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Donald George Ashford RIP (Marie Ashford)

**SUN 2 5th of Easter**      **Readings: 1. Acts 9:26-31 [Psalm 21] 2. John 3:18-24 3. John 15:1-8**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish <b>[Live streamed]</b>
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Miss E.V. Laskey RIP (Mary Smillie)
St Agnes	11.15am	John Zilioli & family (Barrow family)
OLR	11.30am	Claire Burke RIP (Burke)
OLR	5.30pm	Renata Sapieha RIP (Pat Morgan)

**24th/25th APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM**

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**Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Parish Priest**

**Fr Tristan Cranfield, Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priests)**

**Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)**

The priesthood is no ordinary job: it is a call from the Lord to be a shepherd after His own heart. In a special way, priests continue Jesus's presence – not just because they are the means by which He provides the Eucharist, but because, in doing so, they truly represent His person. At the Last Supper, it was not enough for the Lord to give His Body and Blood, but He also initiated the ministry of ordinary men who could identify with His people, and gladly carry on His work to bring souls to Himself in the Body of the Church.

Priests are not special. We are flawed. We sin. We do not have nearly enough talent to accomplish well the enormous number of different tasks that each day are set before us. But that's fine, because our main responsibility is not to be clever, or know the right things to say; not to be either pious-looking, or fun to be with, or down to earth; not gifted with admin, or good with the young, or with the struggling. Our main task was given to us by the bishop on the day of ordination who asked us: "*Are you resolved to consecrate your life to God for the salvation of his people, and to unite yourself more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a perfect sacrifice?*" And we each replied: "I am, with the help of God."

Jesus is the Good Shepherd not just because He leads us, but because he *lays down His life for the sheep*. The priests of the Old Testament offered God sacrifices of animals and inanimate things. But the Good Shepherd offers Himself on the Cross. He is both the Priest *and* the Victim. Every day, our mission is to be victims, offering ourselves body and soul; through our private prayer and sacrifices, our public worship, our celibacy, our separation from worldly values, we hope to die, so that Jesus can live. Jesus can always work with our bad material; but only when we, in freedom, make ourselves *empty*, can He really fill us His priesthood, and fill the world through us with His extraordinary grace.

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE:** All the Holy Week services at Our Lady of Ransom are still available on live-stream for those who were unable to attend in person [www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom](http://www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom).

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

Sister Mary Rose reflects on the fourth Sunday of Easter with Prayers, Art and Music. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjMJyaPmDH8>

**CAPTAIN TOM 100 CHALLENGE MAY 3RD.** Maura playing 100 hymns. If you would like to request a special hymn, sung by Marylou, and dedicated to a loved one, please see info in narthex or on OLR website.

There will be a special sung performance by the Priests. If you would like to sponsor them please put your donation through the Presbytery door marked 'Priests sponsorship'. Come and drop in for tea/cake and fun anytime between 12.30 and 15.00 in the car park (weather permitting).

Charities benefitting are Lourdes Redshirts/ Emma fund, Memory Lane, Care for the young carers, Kingdom Way Trust, Linking lives Eastbourne.

**FUTURE DATES: DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE**

This year, this falls on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, **4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. Resources to support this day will be distributed in due course.

**WORTH ABBEY ONLINE RETREATS**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers:**  
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May: C S Lewis: a Prophet for our Time**  
Led by Robert Elliot

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream'**  
Led by Austin Ivereigh

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June: The Wisdom of St Benedict**  
Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>-Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June: The Motif of Feast in the Bible**  
Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward.

For further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

**BISHOP RICHARD** has enjoyed sharing **Evenings of Reflection** with Confirmation groups across the Diocese. During these evenings he has guided the young people through a type of prayer known as Lectio Divina. Bishop Richard is still keen to be able to offer his thoughts to the young people who are preparing for the sacrament, so he has prepared a short video. You can find Bishop Richard's video on the Diocesan Vimeo Page <https://vimeo.com/527720063>.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2020.** Apologies that some charities were delayed by Covid and are only now cashing the cheques so you may see the money going out of your account soon.

**10-16<sup>TH</sup> MAY IS MARRIAGE WEEK**, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." *Pope Francis, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015*. Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage.

**A CELEBRATION MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES IN ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 7.30PM.** To book your place e mail: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**SHIELDING PARISHIONERS AND STEWARDS' ROTA**

We raised the question with Bishops House whether those who were in the shielding group and have now had both doses of the Covid vaccine, could now be admitted as stewards (as a few have kindly offered). Unfortunately the reply has been that we need to maintain the present restrictions, and wait until June 21<sup>st</sup> when it is hoped there will be a major relaxation of them.

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, 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: Amilcar Freire Dos Reis (Requiem 11am OLR 29th April). Alan Evans RIP (funeral elsewhere 30th April) Diana Privett RIP (funeral elsewhere on 7th May). Richard Gates RIP (Requiem Mass 11am OLR 12th May). Patrick Hegarty (funeral elsewhere 12th May). Mary Brennan RIP (Memorial Mass 11am OLR 14th May) Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

**NEWSLETTER POSTING:** As the cost of postage is so high, can you please inform the Parish Office if you are attending Mass or a member of your family can deliver to you, and you no longer need the newsletter posted.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** for 2021/2 Please remember to pick up your envelopes at the back of the church. If you wish to make future donations by standing order please contact Nick Price at [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com) or 07711243419.