

OUR LADY OF RANSOM IS OPEN FROM 8AM-6PM

SATURDAY 25 SEP

OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Jose Manuel De Jesus RIP
OLR	11am	Adoration and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Marian Lyons

SUNDAY 26 26th ORD **Readings:** **1. Numbers: 11:25-29 [Psalm 18] 2. St James 5:1-6 3. Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish
St Gregory's	9.30am	Bryan Barrow RIP (Liz Mason & Gill Garner) Baptism: Joseph Byrne
St Agnes	11.15am	Jonathan Oliver RIP
OLR	11.30am	Marco da Costa RIP (Sara da Silva); First Holy Communion : Frankie Shurda
OLR	5.30pm	Fr Tristan (birthday) (anon)

MON 27 OLR 11am Len Brownsell RIP (Ann-Marie Brownsell)

TUES 28 OLR 7.30am Mass (Extraordinary Form) Wiktorina (Ingrid)
 St Agnes 1pm **Requiem Mass :** Doreen Marsden RIP
 St Gregory's 10.30am The Rosary

WED 29 OLR 11am Gordon de Waal RIP (John de Waal)

THURS 30 OLR 11am Intentions of Rafferty family (Pat Calvert)

FRI 1 OCT OLR 11am Health in mind body & Spirit of Antonio Ramon Faronico III (Ramsey)
 OLR 12 noon **Wedding:** James Wilby & Kirsty Bacon

SAT 2 OLR 10am Mass: Theresa Bondcliffe RIP
 OLR 11am Adoration and Confessions
 OLR 5pm Confessions
 OLR 6pm Bernard Sanderson RIP (Bernadette and Fred Byrne)

SUN 3 27th ORD **Readings:** **1. Genesis 2:18-24 [Psalm 127] 2. Hebrews 2:9-11 3. Mark 10:2-16**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish
St Gregory's	9.30am	In thanksgiving (Melanie Edwards)
St Agnes	11.15am	Mary Chaytor Grubb RIP (Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Repose of soul of Doreen Wardale (Brenda Hilliam)
OLR	5.30pm	Baptism: Dylan Bareham & Hugo Ruffle Sinclair Maria Olga Ferreira RIP (M. Fatima)

25th/26th September 2021

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The texts of this week's Mass are clear, and challenging. They warn us that in no way should the life of our bodies outweigh our consideration for our souls, particularly when we subjugate others in order to get rich or live more comfortably. It is better to cut off a hand, than to sin with it and go to hell, He says. Meanwhile St James concurs that by amassing wealth, which corrodes, our bodies will be corroded in the same way. These strong words remind us of the frequent image in the Bible defining sin as a kind of slavery, since it results from the mentality that we can take matters into our own hands to "create" happiness for ourselves, in this life: even though death is unavoidable. Being enslaved to this mentality in fact destroys the possibility of happiness, because we will be locked into a life desperately searching for fulfilment, which we simply won't find in pleasures, that quickly pass away. Rather, Jesus proposes a life of service to God and neighbour, which frees us by opening us to receive His love, love that survives even death, in the kingdom of Heaven.

In light of the feast of Our Lady of Ransom, which we celebrated on Friday, Jesus' words this week have particular resonance for us. Medieval Europe was in a state of intermit-tent warfare between the Christian kingdoms of southern Europe and the Muslim states of North Africa, Southern France, Sicily and portions of Spain. Many Christians on the Mediterranean coast found themselves captured in raids and carries off to Africa as slaves. In August 1218, St Peter Nolasco experienced a vision of the Virgin Mary, asking him to found a religious order dedicated to rescuing them. Today, we pray to Our Lady to ask her Son, who ransomed us by the Cross, to free us from the slavery of sin, and to strive for a life lived in humble service of the Church. We also pray for all the innocent, who even in this age are ensnared by traffickers, and taken against their will: this time, from Africa, to the European coast.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: Please note that from next weekend (first weekend of October) our Parish Newsletter will be issued **fortnightly** rather than weekly. This works well in other parishes and saves on paper (environment), plus helps to keep communication more focused. Keep this in mind if you wish something to be included in the newsletter. On the alternate Sundays, when a newsletter is not issued, there will be a small number of spare copies available in the porch for those who missed the previous weekend.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - Friday 1st October: Through this Family Fast Day you can support people around the world who are dedicating their lives to protecting God's creation. Please take an envelope per family from the back of church in which you can make a donation to Cafod, and bring back and include next Sunday in the collection buckets.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES - UPDATE: To clarify the notice from last week. The intention is to offer **one Mass per day** live streamed, so on Sunday we will continue to live stream the 9.15 Mass but not the other Sunday Masses. youtube.com/ourladyofransom).

CHANGES TO SCHEDULE From Saturday 2nd October, Mass at 10am every Saturday will be in English (Ordinary Form), while the Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) will be moving to Friday evenings at 6.30pm. However, because Frs Tristan and Bruno will be away, the Friday night Mass will not begin until 29th October, and some Tuesday morning Masses may also be cancelled - so do keep an eye on the Mass times as they are published.

PARISH OFFICE DEADLINE: If you require ANYTHING done by the office, please ensure it is requested by **THURSDAYS** at the latest.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH: Thanks to all who volunteer in the parish. In the weeks ahead we will be contacting people, and making periodic appeals, so we can relaunch much needed Sacramental Programmes for children and adults, as well as liturgical ministries (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music etc), and other important volunteering roles. In the meantime if you feel moved to offer assistance in any area please email the Parish Office and we will take note and be in touch. Thanks in anticipation for your generous response.

OLR MONTHLY MONEY DRAW CLUB. Forms are available in the Narthex - please return them to the Parish Office, with cheques or payment details. Write 'Club Draw' on backs of cheques or as references on Standing Orders or Bank Transfers. We'll inform you of your numbers on receipt of your funds which must reach the club by **1st October** to be included in the Oct Draw.

"DEC THE HALL" is a project being undertaken by the "Redshirt" team. Our passageway and toilet floors are in great need of replacing (please do and come have a look for yourselves) Also the curtains in the hall are literally disintegrating, so therefore need replacing also. The estimated cost for this work will be £7000. Through your very generous donations, we are delighted to have now raised £1000. However we have a long way to go. How can you help? Please join our monthly money draw, only £5 per number. Information and forms at back of all churches and also on website. Annual quiz on Oct 16th 18.45hrs for 19.15hrs start, teams of about 6 (or just turn up on night to join a team) £6 per head to include snacks and cash bar. Tickets from parish office 723222, Maura 430532 or Berni 647661. Date for your diary - Dec 4th, our seasonal celebration night which is always great fun. This year it will be a **"Priests Desert island discs night"**

ANNUAL QUIZ on Sat Oct 16th. All info on poster in narthex and on website. Tickets on sale from parish office or Maura 01323 430532.

SCHOOL REFERENCES: If you require a Priest reference for your child's school application please attend between 9am & 10.00am or 7pm-8pm on **Thursday 7th October**. Please bring your form with you and come to the parish centre, via the car park.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (CHILDREN); CONFIRMATION (TEENAGERS); RCIA (ADULTS COMING INTO THE CHURCH)

For those families who are resident in the Eastbourne Parish (Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes, St Gregory's, postcodes BN21 and BN22). We will be launching programmes in the autumn (November/ December) to prepare for reception of the Sacraments in the Spring. More information will follow in October but if you would like to register interest then **please email the Parish Office with your full name/s; your child's full names, your address and postcode and telephone number** Please just put 'registration' for whichever sacrament you are applying for. It is helpful if you state which Mass you go to. Please also keep an eye on the parish newsletter when you come to Mass for further information/updates etc.

BAPTISM: A new baptism course will be taking place starting on Thursday 21st October, for those wishing to have their children baptised and who are resident in the Eastbourne Parish (Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes, St Gregory's, postcodes BN21 and BN22). **Please email the office, with your full name/s; your child's full names, your address and postcode and telephone number** and the priests will contact you to meet with you to welcome you and begin the process. The sessions will repeated in December, February, May, and June.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Chantal Witchells, Philip Sommers, Sister Mary Rose Bracuti, Teresa Kitchener, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Martin Forte-Hyland, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleight, Teresa Stogdon, John Lec, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps, James Brownsell and Emily Jeffreys.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Doreen Marsden RIP, Requiem Mass 28th Sept at 1pm St Agnes; Sheila Gasson service elsewhere on 30th Sept at 2pm; Trish Ryan RIP: Requiem Mass 4th October at 11am OLR; Valerie Thrower service elsewhere 6th October at 12 noon; Eileen Skinner RIP: Requiem Mass 7th October at 11am OLR. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

GIFT AID: If you are a taxpayer could you consider Gift Aiding your donations to the parish? . Please see the poster in the Narthex and contact Nick Price on 07711243419