

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

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SATURDAY 28 AUGUST

OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) George Harding RIP
OLR	11am	Adoration and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Gonny Naoum RIP (Guchman)

SUNDAY 29 22nd ORD

Readings:	1. Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-8 [Psalm 14]
	2. St.James 1:17-18,21-22,27
	3. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
OLR	9.15am People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's	9.30am Brian Barrow RIP (Jean Lloyd)
St Agnes	11.15am Agnes Phipps recovery from illness (Gina Moulding)
OLR	11.30am Terry Geaney RIP . Confirmation: William Buchanan & Elysia Hough
OLR	5.30pm Brian Phipps RIP

MON 30 OLR 11am Fr Raglan's farewell Mass [**Livestreamed**] *followed by a party in the parish centre*

TUES 31 OLR	7.30am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Celeste Fusciardi RIP (Fusciardi)
St Gregory's	10.30am	The Rosary

WED 1 Sep OLR 11am Brian Barrow RIP (Jane Mathers)

THURS 2 OLR	11am	Norman & Audrey Rogers Diamond Wedding Anniversary—Renewal of Vows
OLR	1.30pm	Requiem: Bernard Sanderson RIP (Livestreamed)

FRI 3 OLR 11am Dorothy Humby RIP (Barrow family)

SAT 4 OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Repose of Soul of Anne Simkins (Brigid & David Parkes)
OLR	11am	Adoration and Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	In thanksgiving (Teresa & Jack O'Brien)

SUN 5 23rd ORD

Readings:	1. Isaiah 35:4-7 [Psalm 145]
	2. St James 2:1-5
	3. Mark 7:31-37
OLR	9.15am People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's	9.30am Chris and Ann Bennell—Golden Wedding Anniversary
St Agnes	11.15am Peter Flint RIP (Mary Sheppard)
OLR	11.30am Patrick Sloane RIP (Monica Sloane)First Holy Communion : Neuza and Soenia da Silva Pereira
OLR	5.30pm Pace & Achille Borza RIP (Fusciardi family)

28/29th September 2021

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This week we return to Mark's Gospel after readings from St. John for the last month. We began the 'year of Mark' in January with Jesus' baptism, the proclamation of the kingdom, and then immediately the call of the first disciples, "follow me". People are struck by his teaching "with authority not like the scribes", and he seals it with healings that draw crowds of amazed onlookers. This all happens in the breathless chapter 1 of Mark. Then Jesus insists on withdrawing to pray, and moving on to other districts, "because that is why I came" (Mk 1:38). We are told that all this happened "after John (the Baptist) had been arrested", and the alert reader will spot the warning sign here. In these two ways Jesus will school the disciples: sticking to his mission as God's Chosen One; yet acting in a way very different to their idea of a triumphant Messiah.

In this week's Gospel he shows he is at home with the Biblical tradition by quoting from Isaiah, but demands his hearers focus on the purpose of religious practices rather than following the letter of the law. The traditions of the past are there to bring forward God's vision for the future. In the same way we received our faith from parents or similar figures who came before us; but it is a faith that looks forward and calls us to serve God's kingdom that is coming into being. In a fortnight Jesus will warn the disciples that this means offering our lives to God, but that it will give us our true life (Mk 8: 27-35).

On a personal note this will be my last weekend in the parish as I move on to St. Paul's, Haywards Heath. At a much humbler level this is the next step the Lord has asked me to take, as part of the mission we were all given when - like him - we were baptised. Thank you for the all commitment, friendship and understanding I have experienced during twelve blessed years in this parish community.

Fr. Raglan

FR RAGLAN'S FAREWELL MASS
Bank holiday Monday: Car parking available in the **Town Hall** car park. Please do not park in the REGISTRAR'S spaces.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS: Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9th with Mass at 11.30. In order that we can be Covid compliant we do ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please use the following link Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass and Reception (09-Oct-2021) · ChurchSuite Events or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE : If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transition. I cordially extend an invitation to you and your child to attend an evening at **St Thomas a Becket Primary School on Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 6.30pm** when I, together with members of the Leadership and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven and SENCo shall be delighted to talk to you about St Richard's Catholic College. **Miss D Cronin, Principal.**

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

We are delighted to say that tea/coffee will resume weekly after 11.30am Mass in parish centre. On the third Sunday of every month we will have bacon butties for £1.50 in aid of "Dec the hall". As a special treat on Sept 19th there will be an Irish shop selling Barmbracks, Irish white pudding etc, plus other goodies brought over especially for our parishioners, from the Emerald Isle.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Dec 4th, seasonal celebration, priests, Desert Island Discs, good food and fun

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Sister Mary Rose Bracuti, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Martin Forte-Hyland, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Teresa Stogdon, John Lec, Peter Endean, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps, Doreen Marsden and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Bernard Sanderson RIP. Requiem Mass 2nd September at 1.30pm Our Lady of Ransom. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family.

AFGHAN CRISIS – HOW CAN WE HELP AS CATHOLICS?

It is easy to feel despair at the scenes of Afghan civilians trapped in the sewers surrounding Kabul Airport, those who could give humanitarian and military assistance finding it harder and harder to reach them as Taliban and IS-K forces strengthens their grip. Catholic media report that major Catholic charities such as Caritas International and the Jesuit Refugee Service have had to suspend activities in the country, and are now regrouping at the Pakistani border, their projects with the Afghan people in jeopardy. UK-based **CAFOD** is running an emergency appeal from its website, as is the American Bishops' Conference charity **Catholic Relief Services**, and of course, many other large organisations like the **British Red Cross**.

Maybe the best way for you and I to help is closer to home. The arrival of many refugees from the region in Europe is surely not a scenario that anyone would have wished for, least of all those who no longer have the choice to live fulfilling lives in their own land, faced with the prospect of a dictatorial regime. But as Christians, it is always our duty to help such people, and one concrete way of doing that is to provide assistance to those who have arrived on the continent, or here in the UK, and to provide solace in their grief. Most Afghan refugees arrive with nothing but a plastic bag containing their few possessions, and flip-flops on their feet.

There are many organisations to whom we can reach out. **Care4Calais** assists those in the camps on the French shore, along with **Secours Catholique**, which runs a day centre for refugees in Calais. Both provide bedding, clothing, footwear, washing facilities, telecommunication, and legal aid to refugees, with the former also working on the UK side of the border. Care4Calais also has drop-off points for donations of food and clothing in Brighton and Dymchurch.

Manchester is proving to be a major location for the arrival, processing and homing of the new refugees. **Caritas Salford** (caritassalford.org.uk) has launched an appeal in the Salford Diocese, including the raising of funds, setting up collection points for necessary items for childcare (nappies, toothpaste, toys etc) and care for the elderly and vulnerable in particular.

All the charities above have websites which can easily be found with a Google search. Even if we cannot provide much help, let us never forget the most important work of prayer for our brothers and sisters who suffer, heeding the words of St James that we hear in today's Mass: "*Pure, unspoilt religion...is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it...*" (Jas 1:27)

Fr Tristan