

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER everyday 10am-5pm

Saturday 27	Dawn	Priest's Intention
	Day	Reggie O'Sullivan (speedy recovery) (T. Murphy)
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	12 noon	Solemn reading of The Passion according to Matthew [Livestreamed]
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Paul Gunston RIP (Knowles)
SUN 28 2nd Sunday of Lent	Readings:	1. Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18 [Psalm 115]
		2. Romans 8:31-34 3. Mark 9:2-10
OLR	9.15am	Sheila Pike recovery [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	People of the Parish
St. Agnes	11.15am	Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Heather McDonagh)
OLR	11.30am	Rest of the soul of Renata Sapieha RIP (M. Ramsay)
OLR	5.30pm	David Grantham RIP (Sonia McGinness & family)
MON 1st March	Dawn	Jeanne Smith RIP (Funeral day)
	Day	Priest's intention
	Dusk	Rest of the soul of Bobbie Gausden RIP (E & D Walsh)
TUES 2	Dawn	Priest's intention
	Day	Priest's intention
WED 3	Dawn	Priest's intention
OLR	11am	Betty Johnny RIP
THURS 4 St Agnes	11am	Requiem Elizabeth Roncone RIP [Limited numbers]
OLR	11am	Fr Peter Stevenson RIP (Zarian Oakes)
	Dusk	Priest's Intention
FRI 5	Dawn	Priest's intention
OLR	11am	Requiem Carmen Pumar RIP [Livestreamed] (Regret, family invitees only)
		Followed by Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
	Dusk	Priest's intention
SAT 6	Dawn	Priests Intention
	Day	For our Clergy (Mary Smillie)
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	12 noon	Solemn reading of The Passion according to Mark [Livestreamed]
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Douglas Ramsay RIP (Margaret Ramsay)
SUN 7 3rd Sunday of Lent	Readings:	1. Exodus 20:1-17 [Psalm 18] 2. 1. Corinthians 1:22-25
		3. John 2:13-25
OLR	9.15am	People of the parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Patricia Smits RIP (Eileen & Dorothy Walsh)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Marie Neville RIP (Gina Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Alan Cullen RIP (Cullen)
OLR	5.30pm	Anthony Peter Wood (Loretta Wood)

27th/28th FEBRUARY 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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In today's gospel we hear of Jesus taking Peter, James, and John with him up a high mountain and 'there in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light'. It was not a light shining upon Jesus but rather light which came forth from his very being. In this moment he becomes visibly what he is and remains – God the Son, who is the light of the world – the light that scatters all darkness from this world. Peter responds with inadequate but still beautiful words saying how 'wonderful it is' to be there. He wants to stay there for ever. Nothing else matters. He is willing to leave everything else just to stay with Jesus. Here Peter shows us how he and each human person are made for God. He is the fulfilment of all our desires and to be with him both now and after we die ought to be the goal of all that we do.

Pope Benedict XVI made an important addition to this when preaching about this episode in the Gospel. He said, 'When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration: a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. No one, however, is permitted to live "on Tabor" while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing ... And so, this is the gift and duty for each of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the messages of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, for whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love'. Let us continue to pray for one another, especially for all the various crosses we carry, and God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON
YOU TUBE:** [www.youtube.com/
OurLadyofRansom](http://www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom).

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

ONLINE Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading with prayers and an art activity suggestion:

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PlioJ-
W-wfA&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PlioJ-W-wfA&feature=youtu.be)

FUTURE DATES

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARISH

ONLINE QUIZ. Would you like to partake in our fun quiz (free) on March 17th @ 19.30? If so, please email Maura at Maura_phipps@sky.com

**YOU ARE 'INVITED'
DIOCESAN LENT MISSION**

There is still time to join this online Lent pilgrimage. Link:- abdiocese.org.uk/invited

MONDAYS

An episode of *Invited* will be premiered on the diocesan website and across our social media channels. This episode will contain teaching and testimony on a particular aspect of that week's theme, with time for prayer and reflection.

THURSDAYS

7.30pm to 8.45pm join a Zoom conference to discuss what we have heard, in groups.

RCIA. The weekly RCIA newsletter can be found on the parish website. This is available for all - not just those normally attending RCIA sessions. Up until Easter we are exploring Prayer. The readings and passages should be of great interest to all. Please do join us on-line on the parish website.

EASTER RETREAT: Join the Wellspring Community, Monks of Worth Abbey, and young people from across the country in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks there is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have created the timetable in such a way that you should be able to attend the liturgies in your local church and if this is not possible we will offer guidance in how to create a prayerful liturgy at home. Should one of the sessions clash with your local liturgy you will have access later so you can catch up. Plenty of space will be given to allow for deep reflection and personal journeying with God." <http://www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk/the-virtual-easter-retreat/>. Here is the facebook link for the retreat: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3623733677740460/>

THE OPEN CLOISTER AT WORTH

ABBEY led by Michael Woodward (member of the Lay Community of St Benedict) 12th-14th March: Romero and the Salvadorian Martyrs with St Romero, we will look at his friend Rutilio Grande, the four US Churchwomen, the UCA Jesuits & the hundreds of lesser known Salvadorans who died from 1977-1992. 26th-28th March (Palm Sunday weekend) The Holy Shroud: Gospel beyond Words - What the Shroud Tells Us. Book at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: A TENDER FATHER

St Joseph, as father figure to Jesus, surely reflected, in a human way, the tender love of His true Father, Almighty God. We might associate tenderness more with mothers, but God's Word reveals it as central to His fatherhood too: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him." (Ps 103:13) Tenderness, according to Pope Francis, is important because it accepts frailty. He writes: "The Evil One makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love...Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf Rev 12:10) That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Patris Corde*, c. 2) May St Joseph, tender model of fatherhood, inspire dads to show compassion to their wives and children, and not be shy to admit their own frailty and receive healing. May his example teach us all the power of mercy, and not be afraid to seek it out humbly this Lent in the miracle of Confession.

PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS

FRIDAYS STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place after the 11am Mass. **SATURDAYS 12 noon OLR [READING OF THE PASSION].** A different Gospel account will be read each week. Reflecting the account of the Lord's suffering, death and burial in the gospels is a wonderful way to prepare us for Holy Week. It is also envisaged as a way for those who are not physically attending church to enter into the Way of the Cross.

CONFESSIONS continue to be offered on Saturdays at 11am-12 noon during Adoration, and again at 5.00-6.00pm before the Vigil Mass.

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

Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Madeleine O'Brien, 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 Jeanne Smith RIP (funeral elsewhere 1st March). Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Requiem 4th March at 11am St Agnes). Carmen Pumar RIP (Requiem 5th March at 11am OLR) Patricia Edwards RIP (funeral elsewhere on 9th March) Patrick Smith-Taylor RIP (Requiem 10th March at 11am OLR). Armanda De Caires Gouveia RIP (Requiem 11th March at 11am OLR). Marie Potts RIP (funeral elsewhere 11th March). Julian Letschka RIP (funeral elsewhere 16th March). Michael Butters RIP (Requiem 17th March at 11am St Agnes). Luigia Abro RIP (Requiem 24th March at 11am OLR). Bobbie Gausden RIP (Requiem 26th March at 11am OLR). Peter Kelly RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.