

Sunday Mass will be live streamed from OLR at 9:15am; see the parish website for the link, page 2. Those without Internet access are invited to pray at the same time, using the separate sheet "When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly", so we can all be united spiritually.

On Sundays at 7pm you are invited to light a candle in your window, as a sign of prayer and Christian solidarity.

Despite the lockdown, Mass will continued to be offered twice daily for your intentions, which are still gratefully received via e-mail and bank transfer. You may also use your own envelopes and post offerings through the Presbytery letterbox. Please see inside for how to do this correctly.

Second 'Low' Sunday (Divine Mercy)

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| Sunday 19 | 9:15 Dusk | People of the Parish (Live Streamed online) Sandra Zilioli (<i>Crunden</i>) |
| Monday 20 | Dawn Dusk | Zelia Barros (<i>da Silva</i>) Maureen Besley (<i>Monday Eve Prayer Group</i>) |
| Tuesday 21 | Dawn Dusk | Jimmy Farrell RIP (<i>Sheppard Family</i>) Lisa & Liam Weatherall (<i>Markham</i>) |
| Wednesday 22 | Dawn Dusk | Elvio, Inacio, Manuela & Judite Vieira (<i>Vieira</i>) Patricia Munn (<i>Jacobie</i>) |
| Solemnity of St George | | |
| Thursday 23 | Dawn Dusk | David Bosley (<i>Pauline Bosley</i>) Joseph Peter O'Brien RIP (Funeral Day) |
| Friday 24 | Dawn Dusk | Fr Christopher Spender RIP Jose Vieira RIP |
| Saturday 25 | Dawn Dusk | Cosmo Alchin RIP (<i>Alchin</i>) Jimmy Farrell RIP (<i>Moulding</i>) |
| Third Sunday of Easter | | |
| Sunday 26 | 9:15 Dusk | People of the Parish (Live Streamed online) Eddie Ware RIP (<i>Bergin</i>) |

**SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 28th/29th 2020**

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM
St GREGORY AND St AGNES**

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Fr Tristan Cranfield, Assistant Priest
Deacon Paul Scholey (Retired)

The Easter Sunday readings give us an immense feeling of relief. We have followed the story of Jesus and his disciples as they listened to his teaching, questioning him, sometimes being puzzled by him, often not quite understanding what he meant, especially his parables; we sympathized. But on Easter Sunday, as we picture Peter and John in the tomb, handling the cloths in which Jesus had been bound, we can feel their relief—they have finally understood. Christ will rise from the dead. Indeed, he has risen. We can also feel for them when we are told they were together in a locked room, fearful of what the Jews would do to them after the scenes they had witnessed. What joy they must have felt when Jesus stood amongst them with those words we repeat every Sunday "Peace be with you". No wonder they rejoiced. But also it is not surprising that Thomas found it difficult to believe this story when it was told to him. He had not been at the tomb, he had not been in the locked room, he needed physical proof. He must have felt abandoned, excluded from events which the others had witnessed. In a way we can share his feelings while we are excluded from something which is central to our being, our attendance at Mass, our partaking of the Sacraments. Thomas was lucky, in a matter of days he had the reassurance he needed. Perhaps we need such reassurance at this time, that we are not forsaken. In this passage Christ gives us that consolation. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed". With those words he is speaking directly to us, centuries later. We believe and we will be together again to worship him with joy and relief.

Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Road, BN21 4EU
St Agnes Church, 10 Whitley Road, BN22 8NJ
St Gregory's Church 247 Victoria Drive, BN20 8QY

From information received from parishioners—albeit at two metres distance—we would like to send a **A BIG THANK YOU to Fr Raglan and Fr Tristan and Nick** for organising the technology so that we were able to participate in the Easter Triduum Services from Our Lady of Ransom. It was greatly appreciated.

Fr Raglan, Fr Tristan and Nick would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and offerings you have kindly given for Easter, particularly as it is not easy to purchase and deliver things at this time. Their prayers continue for the whole parish on this Divine Mercy Sunday.

MASS will continue to be streamed live every Sunday at 9.15M. Click on to <http://tinyurl.com/EastbourneCatholicChurches-YT> to watch live at Mass times or at any time to watch previous Masses.

THE PRIESTS AND PARISH OFFICE

Just to remind you, the Parish Office at Our Lady of Ransom is closed, with calls to the door only in emergency. Fr. Raglan and Fr. Tristan are available for guidance daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm by telephone 01323-723222.

Mary, the Parish Secretary, is working from home between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday on 0751 092 6806 or info@ransomagnes.org.

Please check the Parish website regularly. ourladyofransom.org.uk. We will be posting updates, prayers and reflections. There are links to live streamed Masses from churches around the Diocese and elsewhere.

Bishop Richard has a podcast every Saturday at <https://www.dabnet.org/> follow the link under “Latest News”.

ON FRIDAYS Bishop Richard has asked us to offer votive Masses “in time of pandemic”. This week we can also all pray for those in self-isolation: “O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side. Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease. Amen”.

ONLINE TALK AND DISCUSSION on the Resurrection and Pentecost each week with Fr Tristan. See the parish website for details.

2020 LOURDES DIOCESAN

PILGRIMAGE: It is with great regret that after discussions with Bishop Richard and the Core Team the 2020 Pilgrimage has been cancelled.

DONATIONS: you can now donate to the parish through the Diocese Virtual Offertory: justgiving.com/campaign/parish-offertory. Please be sure to specify the church and town for your donation in the ‘message of support’. Alternatively post your donations through the Parish Office door marked either for the Offertory, a Mass Intention (give clear details) or for the priests. To obtain a standing order form, please go to the Parish website.

GIFT AID The Gift Aid envelopes for the new financial year are currently locked in the church. If you wish to make a Gift Aided donation while there are no services, please post your envelope through the Parish office door **clearly marked** with your name and Gift Aid number on the envelope.

FUNERALS IN THIS EMERGENCY PERIOD

As part of the closure of churches, funerals are only taking place in cemeteries or crematoriums, and with a minimal number of people present. However, we will aim on the day to offer one of the two Masses that are continuing to be said, for that intention. We’re conscious that this still limits how much a family can properly mourn their loved one. For these cases, we can plan a fuller memorial service when the restrictions are over, and with a wider number of people. We will need to fit them in with the weekday Masses and the congregation that regularly attends those. A good compromise might be to let the family have a choice of the readings and music, and use the Parish Centre for photo tables, videos, and eulogies. *Fr. Raglan*

Do you know of anyone who is alone and without access to the internet? Just ring Mary on 0751 092 6806 and she will send them the newsletter.

CHURCH BUILDING HEALTH & SAFETY

CONTACTS:

Thank you to the following who have kindly agreed to process any fabric issues in our churches. If you spot something that looks unsafe please inform

Our Lady of Ransom Brian O’Neill

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St Agnes Bernadette Shell

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St Gregory’s David Beglan

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THE FOOD BANK in Grove Road is appealing on behalf of those in great need at home.

They are currently feeding 600 Eastbourne families. <http://eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk>

ONLINE ROSARY GROUP meeting regularly on Fridays at 4pm via Zoom—see the parish website for details.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Mary Barber, Tess McFadden, John Collie, Joseph O’Brien and Liam Wood. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS

Bob Cadwallender, Patricia Smith, Mike Stafford, Agnes Phipps, Martin Forte-Hyland, Madeleine O’Brien, Laurence Evans, Carmen Pumar, Sheila Brown, Pauline Bosley, Abina Boniface, Gilbert da Silva, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers.

END OF LIFE CARE: the priests still will attend the dying at home or in hospital to administer emergency baptism, Confession, Anointing of the Dying. The sacraments are precious: please do not wait for the very end to call OLR (01323 723222) and request.

During this time when it is difficult to receive the Sacraments you might like to continue with the Act of Perfect Contrition.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy”.

COMPUTER HELP REQUIRED: a lady is asking if another lady could help her with tuition on computers—by phone or online. Please contact Mary in the Parish Office