

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

**SUNDAY** 11am-5pm

**ST AGNES** every Saturday 10am-11am

<b>Saturday 5</b>	10am Day 6pm	<b>Mass and Reconciliation Service</b> [Private Intention] Susan Carson RIP (Barbara Bernard) Bernard & Rita Davies RIP (Nikki Bell)
<b>SUN 6 2nd Advent</b>	<b>Readings:</b>	<b>1. Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11 [Psalm 84] 2. St Peter 3:8-14 3. Mark 1:1-8</b>
OLR	9.15am	Barbara & Raymond Rand (David & Peter Rand) ( <b>Live Streamed</b> )
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Margaret Mary Smillie RIP (Mary Smillie)
St Agnes:	11.15am	Jean O'Rourke RIP (Joan Kennedy)
OLR:	11.30am	People of the Parish. [First Holy Communion : Oscar Rudko; Pia Trujillo; Emily Vieria de Jesus; Francesca Barros Camacho]
OLR	5.30pm	Therese Collins RIP (Mick Lees)
<b>MON 7</b>	Day Dusk 6.30pm	Mr Connie Healey RIP (Neville & McLaughlin families) Repose of the soul of Tom McNeill RIP (Arnold) Cecilia Mafe RIP (Moulding)
<b>TUES 8 The Immaculate Conception</b>	Dawn 11am Dusk	Stanislawa Witkowska RIP (Bromley) Intentions of Joan Garbet [ <b>Live Streamed</b> ] Gaetario Cirillo RIP (Basile)
<b>WED 9</b>	Dawn 11am	Patricia Murray RIP (Ross) Betty Johnny RIP (Zarian Oakes)
<b>THURS 10</b>	Dawn 11am Dusk	Brendan Haughey RIP (Ann Bennell) Sylvestre Rabitte RIP (Fusciardi family) Glynn Clements RIP (Nick & Frances Price)
<b>FRI 11</b>	6.30am  11am Day Dusk	<b>Rorate</b> -Intentions of McCormack family (McCormack) <b>[Live streamed]</b> Adoration and Confessions Colette Cullen RIP (David Hiley) Janet Hamilton RIP (Douch)
<b>SAT 12</b>	Dawn Day 6pm	Nicky Carroll RIP (Crunden) Thanksgiving Mother of Jesus (Neves) Margaret Kennedy RIP (Joan Kennedy)
<b>SUN 13 3rd Advent</b>	<b>Readings:</b>	<b>1. Isaiah 61: 1-2. 10-11 [Psalm Luke 1:46-50. 53-54] 2. 1. Thessalonians 5:16-24 3. John 1:6-8. 19-28</b>
OLR	9.15am	Therese Collins RIP (Maguire) [ <b>Live Streamed</b> ]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	People of the Parish
St Agnes:	11.15am	Irena Zablocki RIP (Mary Sheppard)
OLR	11.30am	Cosmo Alchin RIP Anniversary (Alchin)
OLR	5.30pm	Elizabeth Dudley (Recovery) (Jenny Rigamonti)

**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5th/6th DECEMBER 2020**

**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)**

Advent does not mean 'expectation' as some may think. It is a translation of the Greek word '*parousia*' which means presence ... . Advent then means a presence has begun, the presence being that of God' [Benedict XVI]. These words remind us of something important, that God is not a distant God who is far away and then sometimes comes close. Rather he is always close. In fact, nothing could exist if he were not holding it in being. However, we cannot see him. The mystery of our Catholic faith is that God has revealed himself to us that we might see him and know where to find him. At Christmas we are filled with awe for the time God first shows himself - in Jesus, born of the Blessed Virgin. Today, to see him we come to Mass and adore him in the Blessed Sacrament where he is no less present.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND.** On **Tuesday 15 December at 7pm**, Peter Rand, FHL's Vice Chairman is running a session on Zoom. He has visited the Holy Land on around 25 occasions in the last 10 years and is in regular contact with the FHL Bethlehem office, the local FHL Committee and other partners. He would like to share with you and take questions on the reality of life with COVID for our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, as we approach Christmas – a very different experience to ours in the UK. Please email Peter at [peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) who will send you the link to attend.

**THE WEEK AHEAD:-**

**SATURDAY 5th Dec. 10am MASS**  
Our Lady of Ransom followed by Reconciliation Service for Advent with confessions.

**SUNDAY: CHILDREN'S LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY ONLINE:** Sister Mary Rose reflects on an illustrated reading of the Gospel for the second Sunday of Advent with prayers and an Art Activity (making a Jesse tree for Children). Link: <https://youtu.be/LL54pinhRRg>

**MASS** will continue to be streamed live every Sunday at 9.15am. Click on The 'Live Streaming' heading or on the simple button on our website [ourladyofransom.org.uk](http://www.ourladyofransom.org.uk) to watch live or at any time to watch previous Masses. You can also use this link- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL54pinhRRg>

**TUESDAY 8th Dec: 7.45pm-9pm ALPHA ONLINE!** Why and How Should I Read the Bible? After this week we will break for Christmas and will resume on 12th January.

**THURSDAY 10th Dec RCIA Advent Service of Light** at Our Lady of Ransom, 7.30pm.

**RORATE MASSES:** Sung candlelight masses at Dawn for Advent; 6.30am **FRIDAY 11th & 18th Dec** at OLR

**FRIDAY 11th Dec.** Consultation on the way at Government engages with faith communities. This is the last day. Link to the online submission is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-reviewcall-for-evidence>.

**BISHOP'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT:** Bishop Richard will be offering livestreamed talks at the Cathedral on the Fridays preceding the Sundays of Advent. These will begin at 7pm, at <https://abdiocese.org.uk/news/advent-with-bishop-richard>.

Themes:-

**11th December: Gaudete - Rejoice.**  
**18th December: Mary - Openness.**

After each week's talk ends, the Priests will be online to lead a short discussion of what the Bishop has said, and *lectio divina* (30 mins max); to join in, use the Zoom-link: <https://zoom.us/j/98075902816> (Meeting ID: 980 7590 2816)

**FUTURE DATES:-  
SCHOOL SIGNING:**

**MONDAY 14th Dec. 4.30-6.00pm**  
Meet in the parish centre, distanced.  
**THURSDAY 17th Dec. 5.00-6.30pm**  
Meet in the parish centre, distanced.  
If a parent/carer attended Mass prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended regularly since that time.

**WED 23 Dec. 6pm. Crib service for children.** We're hoping to gather in the church car park for carols together around an open air crib. Children are invited to dress up for the crib scene. Ensure to wrap up warm! (Service in church if raining.)  
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**The Lay Community of St Benedict** requires a digital Evangelist. Salary: £18,900 (pro rata). See details on the parish website or contact [maryestocker@gmail.com](mailto:maryestocker@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Thursday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve**  
OLR 6pm 9pm Midnight  
St Agnes 6pm 8pm  
St Gregory 6pm

**Friday 25th Dec. Christmas Day**  
OLR 9.15am 11.30am  
St Agnes 8am\* 11.15am  
St Gregory 9.30am 11.00am  
\* Mass in extraordinary form

**OUR LADY OF RANSOM BOOKING: Available Masses left are:- OLR: 6pm [hall only] 9pm (Christmas Eve) 9.15am Christmas Day.** Booking times are:- Mondays 2pm – 5pm; Wednesday 2pm – 5pm and Saturdays 10am – 2pm. Bookings during those times can be made with Maureen by email or phone—01323 723222 or [christmasolr@gmail.com](mailto:christmasolr@gmail.com) If you have booked but later find you are unable to come, please let Maureen know ASAP so that the booking can be allocated to someone else. A reserve list will be kept once all Masses have been booked.

**ST AGNES BOOKING:** Cheryl Wood: [c-wood8@sky.com](mailto:c-wood8@sky.com) or mob.07976972010  
**St Agnes: places still available for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Book now to avoid disappointment.**

**ST GREGORY'S BOOKING:** Nick Price: [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com) 07711243419  
St Gregory's—Christmas Eve full. Spaces still available for 11am Christmas day.

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**SVP GIVING TREE 2020** in all 3 churches; It's time to spread some happiness to four local charities this Christmas. The way in which the Giving Tree will operate this year due to Covid19 restrictions is to make a donation to one of the following charities place it in an envelope either in the weekly collection bucket at Mass or put through the Presbytery door marked SVP. Please do not make cheques payable to the SVP. If you would like to donate to more than one charity please use a separate envelope.  
The sick: cheques to St Wilfrid's Hospice;  
Disadvantaged children: cheques to The Southfield Trust.  
The homeless: cheques to The Matthew 25 Mission.  
Refugees: cheques to Kings Church, (write The Sanctuary Café on back)  
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**RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Colin Waters RIP; Tom McNeil RIP; Barbara Kelly RIP and Colette Cullen RIP whose Requiem is on 18th December at 12 noon OLR. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

**LET US FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Madeleine O'Brien, Carmen Pumar, Pauline Bosley, Abina Boniface, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Lynnette and Michael Butters, Valerie Downey, Elizabeth Dudley, Irene Ash, Irene Moir, Donald Keown and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

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**OLR CLUB: REMINDER** - The club will finish in March 2021.