

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Times of Confessions: Saturdays at Our Lady of Ransom 11.30am to 12.30pm and 5.15pm to 5.45pm; at St Agnes Confession is offered each Saturday after 4pm Mass and at call.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 S 3:3-10.19) (1 C 6:13-15. 17-20)

Saturday 13	4pm	St Agnes	Barbara Wheatley (<i>Simon</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Private Intention (<i>Sommers</i>)
Sunday 14	9.15am	St Gregory's	Don Withey RIP (<i>Mason</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Chris Condon RIP (<i>Conden</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	Deidra Faulkner (<i>Fusciardi Family</i>)
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Alan Cuchet RIP (<i>Scothern</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Patrick & Lily Flanagan (<i>Flanagan</i>)

Monday 15	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Michael & Cathy Kelly (<i>Leatherland</i>)
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	(Ordinariate) Dorothy & Joseph Walsh RIP (<i>Walsh</i>)

Tuesday 16	10am	St Gregory's	Sheila Lavery (<i>McAteer</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Theresa Bondolfi RIP (<i>Bergin</i>)

Wednesday 17	10am	St Agnes	Josi, Frank & Thomas McGennity (<i>Flanagan</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Co-Workers Intention

Thursday 18	7.30am	St Gregory's	Angela Clarke (<i>Sandra</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Margaret Donovan (<i>Donovan</i>)

Friday 19	10am	St Agnes	Mr & Mrs Rolfe & Family (<i>Langhorn</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Desmond Allen RIP (<i>Leatherland</i>)
	Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm 3pm DGH For patients, staff and friends		

Saturday 20	9am	Lewes Prison	Please pray for the prisoners, Chaplaincy and prison staff
	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Maria & Alfonso Demarco RIP (<i>Caira</i>)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jon 3:1-5.10) (1 Cor 7:29-31)

Saturday 20	4pm	St Agnes	The Murphy Family RIP (<i>Byrne</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Langhorn Family (<i>Langhorn</i>)
Sunday 21	9.15am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Martin Briggs RIP (<i>Briggs</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	Concepcion da Silva & Husband, Maria Adelaide da Silva & husband (<i>da Silva</i>)
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Helen Taylor (<i>Drake</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Mary O'Driscoll RIP (<i>Brown</i>)

12.30pm Baptism at St Agnes of Jessa Llorera

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY
13th/14th 2018

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

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Gerard Hatton

Fr Neil Chatfield, Deacon Paul Scholey

This Sunday is kept as *Peace Sunday* in England and Wales, when we are invited to reflect on the message of Pope Francis for the *World Day of Prayer for Peace*. Pope Francis' message this year is particularly striking; '*The Migrant and the Refugee*' are '*Seekers after Peace*' he says. Certainly, fleeing violence is often the 'push-factor' which makes them risk everything to leave their homeland. Yet the media rarely view them as anything but trouble. They are spoken of as threats, a danger to both our national identity and our security. The assumption in the popular imagination is, all too often, that they are by definition 'extremists'. In a few cases that will sadly be the case (though most are merely seeking to survive). However, whatever religious or political views they may hold, there can be little doubt about the extremity of their need once they are on the road. The Christian starting point is to acknowledge that these are our brothers and sisters. Once we do that things change markedly. We are set free to recognise that their needs and desires are not so very far from our own. Then we might grasp that they could be more gift than threat, potential partners in the search for peace in our broken world. There are two prayers '*Here I am since you called me*' and '*Speak Lord, our servant is listening*' which help us to do this. '*What do you want?*' asks Jesus (*Jn 1.35-42*). The two disciples clearly want to belong; want to have something to believe in, someone to place their trust in. '*Where do you live?*' Jesus' invitation to us is precisely the invitation to dwell in his house—and to open the doors of that house so that others, including migrants and refugees, may also belong.

COMING WEEK

Wednesday 17th Next meeting for the Co-Workers of St M. Teresa after 12 noon Mass.

Thursday 18th The RCIA (Catholic Enquirers) Group will this week be looking at 'Why do we pray?' This question is not new. Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray. RCIA is open to anyone who would like to grow in faith. Also in this New Year if you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic or you need the Sacrament of Confirmation now is the time to come and find out more.

Saturday 20th FEAST OF ST AGNES

Come and join the celebrations for the Feast of St Agnes at the 4pm Mass at St Agnes church and stay afterwards for refreshments in the Hall. All welcome.

FUTURE EVENTS

Monday January 22nd 7pm for 7.30 to 9pm a talk, organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association, on "A retired Kenyan farmer revisits food growing today" given by John Fowler who worked with the Church Missionary Society on Rural Development work in his native Kenya and also Tanzania. It is at St Martha's Church Hall, Bexhill TN39 4SP. For further information contact Alex 07957632208 or Edward 01424 219788.

Wednesday January 24th TABLE

TENNIS IN THE PARISH CENTRE. This starts again with children aged 9 years and above playing from 6.30—7.30pm and adults most welcome to play between 8- 9pm. Do come and join in.

IN MEMORIAM: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Edward Witham whose funeral is on Friday January 26th at St Agnes at 11am; Ron Wallace whose funeral is also on January 26th at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom, Patricia Rose whose funeral is on Thursday February 1st at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom, Ron Dobinson whose funeral is on Wednesday February 7th at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom, Carlos Serrano whose funeral is on Friday February 16th in Our Lady of Ransom at 12 noon and Frances Rourke whose funeral is on Friday February 23rd also at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom; and Pauline Prudmone. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS

Everyone is welcome to join them
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Every second Monday 4pm to 5.30pm
Parish Centre.

Contact Susan 732725 /07402 151 060

MOTHERS PRAYERS

First and third Tuesdays each month Parish Centre. **RESUMING Jan 16th**

Contact Teresa 733487 or Mary 732907

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

7:30pm Parish Centre

ST GREGORY'S

Every Thursday at 10.00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
in Our Lady of Ransom

Every First Thursday for 1 hour after 12 noon Mass to pray for our priests and for vocations.

Every Friday from 12.30 to 7pm.

THE SVP GIVING TREE: What a wonderful, charitable Parish! Altogether we received a massive total of 235 gifts from Parishioners! Many large plastic sacks were needed to carry the gifts to the various organisations in the week before Christmas by the SVP team. Many thanks are due to the parishioners of Our Lady of Ransom for their kindness and generosity, but also thanks are given to Eastbourne SVP Team for enabling the giving to those in need at the special time of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. For a full report with photographs from the SVP Team please see the display at the back of the Church.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE: 1ST Session

Tuesday February 20th; 2nd session

Tuesday February 27th. 7.30pm-9pm in the

Parish Centre. Please complete a registration form from the back of the church and post it through the Presbytery Door, 2-4 Grange Road. As the evenings are different, please come to both sessions.

ST AGNES' WELCOMERS if you are interested in joining the welcoming team at St Agnes please contact Lynda Mills on 01323 412154

Joan Kennedy thanks most sincerely all who sent mass offerings, beautiful cards, good wishes, flowers and plants on her recent birthday. Too many to send individual thanks but all very much appreciated. Thank you.

REDSHIRTS: If you are in year 10 or 11 and interested in applying to go to Lourdes next July, we can help you financially. Please ring Maura 430532.

TOWARDS 2030—PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WITH BISHOP RICHARD

The questionnaires and consultation meetings carried out in November produced a considerable number of responses which have been summarised by a generous team of parish volunteers and our thanks go to them. Bishop Richard is returning to the deanery this Monday January 15th and will put the responses together with those of all the parishes of the Diocese. He will then work towards a plan for the opportunities and challenges we face in the next 12 years.

The **Co-Workers of St M Teresa** ask if you could please save used stamps which can be sold to help the poor. Thank you.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR

PRAYERS, especially Barbara Watson, Gerald Shakespeare, Tessa Wright, Armanda Gouveia, Martha and John Byrne, Anita da Castro, Patricia Ryan, Eileen Burt, Elisabeth Cullen, Judith Morrison, Pamela Turner, Alice Dellow, Mary Gibbons, Rose McKie and for all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers. Please let us know if someone is taken ill or into hospital and also when they return home.

COLLECTIONS

w/e 7/1 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's:
£2239.28 CAFOD 30.04 St Agnes £483.06

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