MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS Confessions: Saturdays Our Lady of Ransom 10.30am to 11.30am and 5.15 to 5.45pm; at St Agnes Confession is offered each Saturday after 4pm Mass also at call. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 62:1-5) (1Co 12:4-11) Benedict Mabel Wesley Tewey RIP Saturdav 19 St Agnes 4pm (Perera) Our Lady of Ransom People of the Parish 6pm Martin Briggs RIP (Briggs) Sunday 20 9.15am St Gregory's 10.30am Our Lady of Ransom Rose McKie RIP (Kennedy) Minchella Family RIP (Forte) 11.15am St Agnes St Agnes (Ordinariate) Celebrant's Intention 4pm 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom Maria Marsella RIP (Fusciardi) Monday 21 12noon Our Lady of Ransom Thanksgiviging (*Eoin & Family*) 7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom (Ordinariate) Celebrant's Intention **Tuesday 22** St Agnes Requiem: Peggy Ryan RIP 10am 12noon Our Lady of Ransom Michael Frackieviez RIP (de Waal) Wednesday 23 12noon Our Lady of Ransom Deceased members of OLR choir (OLR choir) Thursday 24 St Gregory's Cath Smith RIP (Carter) 10am 12noon Our Lady of Ransom Edward Doyle RIP (Morrissey Family) Friday 25 12noon Our Lady of Ransom Rose McKie RIP (Hilliam) For patients, staff and relatives 3pm DGH Saturday 26 10am Our Lady of Ransom David Barnard RIP (Barnard) No Confessions due to First Confessions at St Gregory's Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ne 8:2-6.8-10) (1 Co 12:12-30) Saturday 26 People of the Parish 4pm St Agnes Our Lady of Ransom Rose McKie RIP (Rigamonti) 6pm Sunday 27 9.15am St Gregory's Cath Smith RIP (Barrow Family) 10.30am Our Lady of Ransom Therese Protin (De la Torre) 11.15am St Agnes Da Silve Family-Maria Concepcion, Domingos & Maria Adelaida & Jose Abreu (Da Silva) St Agnes (Ordinariate) Celebrant's Intention 4pm 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom Rose McKie RIP (Hiley) 12.30pm Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Logan Waweru



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

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Tristan Cranfield,

Deacon Paul Scholey

There is a wonderful glimpse of Mary behaving like a typical mother at the beginning of today's reading. She points out to her son that the wine has run out. He puts her off, saying that his time has not yet come. Totally undeterred by this she take matters into her own hands and instructs the servants to 'do whatever he tells you'. It is homely touch of the interaction between mother and son.

In fact the whole picture is familiar to all of us; a wedding, like any other wedding, with all the guest mingling. It is interesting that at this stage, even though Jesus had not begun his ministry, he is still described as having his disciples with him, the word 'friends' is not used.

Then Jesus decides that the moment has now come and the first little miracle occurs. The servants, mindful of the words of Mary, did exactly as he asked although it must have seemed a very strange request. The bridegroom, totally in the dark, as was the steward, must have been bemused when told he had save the best 'til last. The last sentence of this Gospel passage emphasises the contrast between this homely scene and the world changing events which were about to unfold. It was in this setting that Jesus 'let his glory be seen' and perhaps it was in that moment that his friends became truly his disciples. THIS WEEKEND This weekend falls within the Octave of prayer for Christian Unity which began in 1908. The dates are still from January 18th (a Protestant feast of the Confession of Peter) to the Conversion of St Paul on January 25th. Please add your prayers to those of all Christians, especially here in Eastbourne as we try to pray and plan for the next chapter of "Hope for Eastbourne" to follow the first decade of prayer and action together from 2008 to 2018. Congratulations also to St Agnes who are celebrating their Patronal Feast this weekend, which actually falls on Monday and is therefore always within the Week for Christian Unity.

## **COMING WEEK**

### Thursday January 24th Holocaust

**Memorial Day.** There are two special events at the International Lawn Tennis Centre, College Road: first a talk by local author Dorit Oliver-Wolff on how she survived the Holocaust from 4:45pm— 6:25pm. The second event from 6.30pm will remember those who suffered in the Holocaust and in subsequent genocides. Details on the notice board. Booking for both events is essential. www.leweseastbourne.gov.uk/HMD

Thursday 24th 7.30pm Parish Centre

RCIA Topic: Vocation: Baptism and Confirmation with Stephen. Lectio Divina Topic: Prayer for the Spirit of Wisdom (Wisdom 9) Please note new 7.30pm start time for all sessions from now on. **Saturday 26th** There will be Mass at 10am at Our Lady of Ransom but no confessions at 10.30 as Fr Raglan will be taking First Confession at St Gregory's for their First Communion Group.

# FUTURE EVENTS

**Tuesday January 29th** Bishop Richard will be visiting the Hospital Chaplaincy at the DGH. He will be celebrating Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 3pm but please bear in mind that the chapel is small and cannot accommodate large numbers.

#### Wednesday February 13th next

Grandparents meeting in St Agnes Hall. All welcome. Contact Judith on 07753613040. Time to be announced.

**REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS** in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to join them CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Every second Monday 4pm to 5.30pm Contact Susan 732725 /07402 151 060 **MOTHERS PRAYERS** First and third Tuesdays each month Contact Teresa 733487 or Mary 732907 PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP 7:30pm **GRANDPARENTS MEETING** St Agnes Hall 2nd Wednesday of the month 11 am **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. in St Agnes every first Tuesday 9-10am

**Saturday February 23rd:** all women of all ages are warmly invited to meeting with Bishop Richard to share and explore ways of engaging with 'The Word Who is Life' 10am to 1pm at St Philip Howard Centre Crawley RH10 6RP. See notice board for details.

#### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY are asked to

attend one of these days at Our Lady of Ransom. Readers: March 9th or 30th and Eucharistic Ministers (both those who visit the sick and administer at Mass) March 16th or April 6th. All Saturdays at 10.30am until Commissioning at 12 noon.

**OLR CLUB WINNERS January**: £100 Miss J Kennedy; £50 Mr P Goodman; £25 each Miss T Stogdon, Miss M Reynolds

**IN MEMORIAM** please pray for the repose of the souls of Peggy Ryan whose Requiem is at St Agnes on Tuesday January 22nd at 10am, Erlinda Marquez whose Requiem is on Thursday January 31st, David Brazier whose Requiem in on Wednesday February 6th and Paul Neale whose Requiem is on Friday February 15th all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY: Workshops for those aged 15+: Alongside the Assembly on modern slavery, the Diocesan Ecological Conversion group will be running introductory workshops on the theme of Justice & Peace and the links between environmental degradation and the rise of modern slavery. See notice board at the back of the Church.

#### LOST PROPERTY AT OUR LADY OF

**RANSOM:** The box is now overflowing as is the abandoned spectacles box. Please claim any items which belong to you by the end of the month, at which time everything left will go to the charity shop.

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

**PRAYERS,** especially Jose Manuel da Silva, Orja Moon, Lira Mendes, Dorothy Barnett, Trudy Kelly, Jacqueline Desmond, Trish Ryan, Jim Needham, Shelia O'Grady, Mary Gibbons Phyllis Witham, John Byrne, Pat Twohey, Jean Bradshaw, Rosanna da Sousa, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers.

SAFEGUARDING: Our representatives to contact in case of concerns are: Our Lady of Ransom Wendy Goodman 07973 186098 goodman.wp@gmail.com James Hopkins: hoppystaxi@gmail.com St Agnes: Freda & Terry Swales 07709 988745 rosary12@btinternet.com St Gregory's: Alison Parsons 07732 714486 parsonsaj87@gmail.com Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Philip Wright 01273 241203 Philip.wright@dabnet.org

COLLECTIONS w/e 13/1 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £2093.88.15 CAFOD £113.33 St Agnes £477.26 Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.