

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

Saturday 6	Dawn	Priest's Intention
	Day	For our Clergy, with thanks, (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)
MON 8	Dawn	Priest's intention
	Day	Priest's intention
	Dusk	Holy Souls in Purgatory (G. Goncalves)
TUES 9	Dawn	Patricia Edwards RIP (Funeral day elsewhere)
	Day	Priest's intention
WED 10	Dawn	Priest's intention
OLR	11am	Requiem: Patrick Smith-Taylor RIP (Limited numbers)
THURS 11	11am	Marie Potts RIP (Funeral day elsewhere)
St Agnes	11am	Requiem: Armanda de Caires Gouveia RIP (Closed to the public)
	Dusk	Priest's Intention
FRI 12	Dawn	Priest's intention
OLR	11am	Betty Johnny RIP (Zarian Oakes) Followed by Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
	Dusk	Priest's intention
SAT 13	Dawn	Priests intention
	Day	Enrico Mendon RIP (Fusciardi)
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	12 noon	Solemn reading of The Passion according to Luke [Livestreamed]
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Family & friends of J.F. Pinot (Goodman)
SUN 14 4th Sunday of Lent	Readings:	1. Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23 [Psalm 136]
		3. Ephesians 2:4-10. 3 John: 14-21
OLR	9.15am	People of the parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Jer Canty RIP (Una Carter)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Irene Moir RIP (Mary Sheppard)
OLR	11.30am	Teresa Barros RIP, Maria Jose da Silva (McGinnes)
OLR	5.30pm	Mararita Manfredi/Macan (Borza family)

6th/7th MARCH 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus drives out the sellers and money-changers from God's Holy Temple, and after giving his account, John muses: "*He never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.*" (Jn 2:23-25)

Jesus knows that deep down, what is in us is a thirst for God. With our God-given intelligence, we can know there is one God, who brought us into being, and loves us, as well as understanding that our fellow men are to be cherished, protected, and honoured. We know deep down that good is always to be done, and evil to be avoided. These basic laws are written into the human person, in our very nature.

But Jesus also knows that we can depart from those laws; we can make our own good the be all and end all. In effect, we can start to think that our own works are greater than God. This is why God gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments as a sign of His special bond with them. These commandments were nothing "new" – they just re-stated the natural law – but they needed spelling out again, to guide people back to the dignity for which they were created. Yet before Moses had even returned from Mount Sinai, the Israelites thumbed their nose at God who had saved them from Egypt, built a calf out of gold, and worshipped it instead. In his anger, Moses smashed the tablets of God's law, now a dead letter, against the side of the mountain.

How easily we forget God! Over a thousand years after Moses, Jesus's anger burns out too, when He sees how little respected God's place still is among His people. But He does not destroy the Temple. Instead, He becomes it. His body was destroyed, consumed on the Cross out of desire for us. He did this because He knows what is truly in the human heart, and He wants at last to set it free. May the sheer ardour of Christ's love, as we meditate on His Death and Resurrection, engrave His law of Love in fiery letters on our hearts. This Lent, may Confession and the Eucharist free us from sin. May prayer, fasting and almsgiving cast out our idols, and make us, little by little, temples where God's Word shines. As I consume Jesus, may I pray: "Have mercy Lord; search me and know me. Jesus, make your home here and fill me with your peace."

Fr Tristan

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

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**THE BALANCED LIFE
SYMPOSIUM FOR YOUNG
ADULTS** 20th March 2021

This symposium will introduce themes emerging from the experience of young adults in the Covid crisis. Kate Banks, a distinguished young teacher, will present a study based on the experience of the 36 young adult essay writers who dared to share their vulnerability in beautifully written words.

Fr Timothy Radcliffe, world renowned speaker and writer, and former Master of the Dominicans, will talk about dialogue - the need to touch and engage with people who think differently, and the decisions which emerge from this. For details www.laybenedictines.org/balanced-life-project

NEWSLETTER POSTING: If you are back at Mass and no longer need the newsletter posted, please let the office know. Thank you!

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.

TWO ONLINE RETREATS FROM WORTH ABBEY led by Michael Woodward (member of the Lay Community of St Benedict)

12th-14th March: Romero and the Salvadorian Martyrs with St Oscar. 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: "The Holy Shroud: Gospel beyond Words - What the Shroud Tells Us".

Book at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

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.

STEWARDS AND INCREASING NUMBERS AT MASS

It is good to see that more of us have the confidence to come to Mass. Please may we continue vigilant about safety measures including hand sanitising, wearing masks and maintaining social distance? We are also approaching the limit for safe numbers at all three churches, meaning that we will have to close the doors when that limit is reached. (Last week we had to ask 10 people at St Agnes to sit in the Hall and listen via the speaker system there). You may want to ensure arriving in good time to avoid that happening.

Another option would be to re-open the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Ransom, but for this we need to ask for more stewards there, or those who have served in previous months to consider starting up again. You do not have to carry out any cleaning now that we are using a machine for this.

Please Contact Rob Dixon via email to olrauxilium@gmail.com

MASSES IN HOLY WEEK AND AT EASTER

We will have a booking system similar to that at Christmas, to ensure the safety of everyone. Details of how to book will follow in due course.

RECEIVING COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE

Now that more people are at Mass, may we ask those who wish to receive on the tongue, to come forward after the rest of the congregation have taken Communion?

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, Colin Hoslett and all our parishioners who are suffering.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL 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). Angela Watts (funeral elsewhere 31st March). Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.