

Sunday Mass will be live streamed from OLR at 9:15am;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZlr.H5bZw>

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 continue 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.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26

9:15 People of the Parish (**Live Streamed online**)
Dusk Eddie Ware RIP (*Bergin*)

Monday 27

Dawn Angela Hendry RIP (*Moulding*)
Dusk Kathleen Morgan RIP (*Morgan*)

Tuesday 28

Dawn Liam Wood RIP (**Funeral Day**)
Dusk Rosaline Egan RIP (*Bennell*)

Wednesday 29

Dawn Maria Janejkova
Dusk Maurice Moles (*Braitman*)

Thursday 30

Dawn Patricia Smith
Dusk Tom Cusak (*Hinchin*)

Friday 1

Dawn Annie McCann RIP (*McCabe*)
Dusk Maureen Beesley (*Moulding*)

Saturday 2

Dawn David Barnard RIP (*Barnard*)
Dusk Kirkness Family (*Douch*)

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3

9:15 People of the Parish (**Live Streamed online**)
Dusk Claire Burke RIP (*Burke*)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25th/26th, 2020

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

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Of all the episodes that we know about of the Risen Christ presenting himself to his disciples, the story of the encounter on the road to Emmaus is probably the most touching.

We can visualise the two friends trudging along the seven miles, deep in discussion about the happenings in Jerusalem which they had seen. They are on their way home, but not in a happy way, because they felt so dismayed at the disaster of Jesus' trial and crucifixion.

When the stranger joined them, the stranger whom they did not recognize, and asked them about the happenings in Jerusalem, they described Jesus the Nazarene as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people'. He was indeed the man they thought would redeem Israel but the chief priests and rulers handed him over to the authorities to be sentenced to death and to be crucified.

As they describe all of this we can hear the despair in their voices as their hopes for the future seemed to have come to nothing.

The only glimmer of light that they could see was when they told the stranger that the women had gone to the tomb and found it empty, and that they had a vision of angels. But they didn't really know what that meant.

How hurtful then for the stranger to tell them how foolish they were! But it did lead to a lesson in scripture. However, the most touching moment of all is when they watch the stranger breaking bread and the scales fall from their eyes. In these days when we are missing the Sacraments, missing our Mass, missing that moment when the Celebrant breaks the host in two, the scales have fallen from our eyes as we realise how much we yearn, once again, to encounter the Risen Christ.

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St Agnes Church, 10 Whitley Road, BN22 8NJ

St Gregory's Church 247 Victoria Drive, BN20 8QY

FIRST COMMUNION: Instead of sessions in church we are sending the materials out to the families. If you don't receive these, please let Mary the secretary know.

MASS will continue to be streamed live every Sunday at 9.15M. Click on to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHVfGdkDpZlr.H5bZw> to watch live at Mass times or at any time to watch previous Masses.

THIS WEEK let us remember in our prayers especially our Catholic teachers who are still in school with children of key workers, and teaching students under lockdown via the Internet:

"Lord Jesus Christ, grant to teachers the gifts of patience, understanding and clarity to educate and inspire in these difficult times. Not just by their words, but by the holy manner of their life, allow young minds to know both the wonders of the world you have made, and the truth of your Gospel, and so come to love You, Source of all things and Saviour of the world, who lives and reigns with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen. *Fr Tristan*

BISHOP RICHARD has a podcast every Saturday at <https://www.dabnet.org/> follow the link under "Latest News".

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

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.

OUR 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.

OUR BISHOPS will be celebrating Mass in their Cathedrals for the sick, their families, NHS frontline workers and Social Care workers every Thursday evening at 7pm. Bishop Richard's turn will be on Thursday April 30th at Arundel Cathedral and all the Masses will be live-streamed. The link is on the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference webpage (cbcew.org.uk)

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

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>

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Tess McFadden, John Collie, Joseph O'Brien, Desmond Rayner, Liam Wood and Patricia Smith. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

WHAT ON EARTH ARE THE PRIESTS DOING?

Some friends are saying to me "your life must be rather quiet right now". Others say: "You must be busy working without staff and with many outside agencies closed". So which is it? On one hand, we've all enjoyed the way things are quieter, the streets are delightfully peaceful. All the usual parish and Diocesan meetings are suspended. Our schools are still operating for certain families and we keep in touch but do not go in. There is space to do those little things we never get around to. One of those is tackling the leak in the roof at Our Lady of Ransom (thank you Michael), stripping the blistered south wall and preparing to repaint.

As soon as the lockdown began, all office staff had to work from home, or they were put on 'furlough' (which I always thought was an American soldier going on leave). Instead of meetings we receive more emails and letters; now increasingly 'Conferencing' by Zoom or WhatsApp has rescheduled those meetings. The telephone particularly keeps us in touch with those who are isolating or have been poorly—thank you to those who let us know about these cases. Fr Tristan and Nick have extended themselves preparing spiritual resources during this restricted period. I have found myself on more 'nuts-and-bolts' issues like finance (thank you Jenny and Nick), and co-ordinating the hospital calls not only for Eastbourne but for the whole St Leonard's Deanery (all the way to Rye) in order to have a clear channel of communication if a Catholic priest is required. We are classed as 'key workers' allowed to go into healthcare units but using precautions (mask, gloves, gown) to protect others from infection as much as ourselves.

I have a lot more to tell you—and no more space this week! There will be a second instalment! God bless you all *Fr Raglan*

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

Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY The 4th Sunday of Easter, May 3rd is Good Shepherd Sunday and the 57th Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a challenging time for each of us. Just as schools and universities are closed, so too are seminaries. Seminarians continue to work on assignments and courses, either in parishes or at home. Pope Francis said last year, "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a 'cage' or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking." The challenge of working within parishes is adapting to this 'great undertaking' in new and innovative ways. Apart from praying, I now find myself working as sacristan, phoning parishioners and working on resources for the website (*inter alia*). Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. *Nick Harden*