

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

SUNDAY 11am-5pm

ST AGNES every Saturday 10am-11am

Saturday 12	Dawn Day 6pm	Nicky Carroll RIP (Crunden) Thanksgiving Mother of Jesus (Neves) Margaret Kennedy RIP (Joan Kennedy)
SUN 13 3rd Advent GAUDETE	Readings:	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
OLR	9.15am	Therese Collins RIP [Live streamed]
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)
MON 14	Day Dusk 6.30pm	Patricia Murray RIP (Ross) Dino de Adamo RIP (Fusciardi family) Ann Smiley RIP (Eastbourne Catenians)
TUES 15	Dawn Dusk	Cecilia Mafe RIP (Ann Cawthorne) Christine Loman RIP (Hilliam)
WED 16	Dawn 11am	Mgr Barry Wymes RIP (Joan Kennedy) Co-workers of Mother Teresa (Co-workers)
THURS 17	Dawn 11am Dusk	Jacinto Neves RIP (Sonia McGinnes) Betty Hobbs RIP (Crunden) Family & friends of Therese Collins RIP
FRI 18	6.30am 11am-12pm 12 noon Dusk	Rorate -Intentions of McCormack family (McCormack) [Live streamed] Confessions in Church (No adoration today) Requiem Colette Cullen RIP [Closed to the public, Live Streamed] Annunziata Cirillo RIP (Basile)
SAT 19 OLR	Dawn Day 6pm	Fr Tony Shelley (Bergin) Ann Robertson RIP (Moulding) Fr Michael Perry (Bergin)
SUN 20 4th Advent	Readings:	1. 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-11.16 [Psalm 88] 2. Romans 16:25-27 3. Luke 1:26-38
OLR	9.15am	Christine Loman RIP (OLR Choir) [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Well being of Jo Lucas (Margaret Ramsay)
St Agnes:	11.15am	Intentions of Rev. Stephen O'Brien (Pauline Crunden)
OLR	11.30am	Fr Albert van der Most (Doreen Bergin)
OLR	5.30pm	People of the Parish

GIFT AID: Nick Price at 8 Greenfield Road, BN21 1JJ.

3rd 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/13th DECEMBER 2020

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Since Advent began we have started a different evangelist, Mark, for the Gospel each Sunday. Many scholars believe it was written down from St. Peter's memories by the 'John Mark' whom we first meet in the Acts of the Apostles (12:12) when Peter escapes from prison to a Christian house that belonged to Mark's mother, Mary. So Mark's account is terse, concerned to hand on the raw facts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and it is the shortest Gospel too. That is why during the coming year it will be filled out with passages from John's Gospel, especially in the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. So this week we go to John (the evangelist) to complete the picture of John the Baptist to whom we were introduced last Sunday. However, the same pattern is followed whichever year we are in (Matthew, Mark/John or Luke) during Advent. In the Second Sunday of Advent the Baptist appears with a call to repentance, a clear moral message that gives no favour whether his listeners are mighty or humble. That call gives us the pattern of reflection and preparation for our Advent too. Then, on the Third Sunday he is shown 'giving way' to One who is 'greater'. If John the Baptist sounded fierce and uncompromising, what would this more-powerful figure be like when he came? Jesus does immediately strike people with a "a new teaching, and with authority behind it" (Mark 1:27). It meant with fiery criticism for those who put themselves above God and other persons, but mercy and forgiveness for those who struggled. We are preparing to welcome at Christmas, One who begins his mission on earth as a vulnerable baby. It is an authority of a different kind, before which we are learning to say with John the Baptist, "He must grow greater, I must grow less" (John 3:30)

**THE WEEK AHEAD:-
SUNDAY:CHILDREN'S
LITURGY,GOSPEL**

**REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY
ONLINE:** Sister Mary Rose reflects on an illustrated reading of the Gospel for the third Sunday of Advent with prayers Link: <https://youtu.be/pHz7KNIMNCM>

TUESDAY 15th Dec. FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND. Peter Rand, FHL's Vice Chairman would like to share with you 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. Please email peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk for the link to attend on Zoom.

SCHOOL SIGNING

MONDAY 14th Dec. 4.30-6.00pm
THURSDAY 17th Dec. 5.00-6.30pm
Meet in the parish centre, socially distanced.

FRIDAY 18th Dec. RORATE MASS: Sung candlelight mass at Dawn for Advent; at 6.30am OLR.

FRIDAY 18th Dec. BISHOP'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT: 7pm at <https://abdiocese.org.uk/news/advent-with-bishop-richard>. Theme **Mary – Openness.** After the talk ends, Priests will be online to lead a short discussion of what the Bishop has said and *lectio divina* to join in, use the Zoom-link: <https://zoom.us/j/98075902816> (Meeting ID: 980 7590 2816)

SATURDAY 19th Dec. STEPHEN O'BRIEN, who was here for his year-long Pastoral Placement as a seminarian, will be ordained Deacon at St John's Seminary Womersley. Fr Tristan will be there to convey all our congratulations to him; please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to become a priest next year.

FUTURE DATES:-

WED 23 Dec. 6pm OLR. CRIB SERVICE for children. We are hoping to gather in the church car park for carols around an open air crib. Children are invited to dress up for the crib scene. Ensure to wrap up warm and bring your singing voices! (Service in the Church if raining.)

JANUARY 2021. Maura is looking to form a small choir for the 11.30 mass starting in January. Also as no congregational singing is allowed at the moment, we very much need 6 people who would be willing to sing in the choir loft on Christmas morning at 11.30am. Please contact her on 430532.

SATURDAY 16th January 2021 from 10am to 12.30pm. Justice & Peace Webinar: How Should this Diocese Respond to the Food Poverty Crisis? Join our free Justice & Peace Webinar to find out what parishes can do to help contact rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

**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 (four places left) (Christmas Eve) 9.15am Christmas Day. (seven places left). Bookings with Maureen by email only 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 re-allocated. **Please note that the only Masses live-streamed into people's homes will be the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:15am Mass Christmas Day.**

ST AGNES BOOKING: Cheryl Wood: c-wood8@sky.com or mob.07976972010
St Agnes: Christmas Eve 6pm full. Spaces available for the other three Masses.

ST GREGORY'S BOOKING: Nick Price: nickprice8@hotmail.com 07711243419
Christmas Eve full. Five spaces left for Christmas morning; plenty left spaces left at the 11am Mass

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. **DEADLINE 21st December.**

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)

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL Colette Cullen RIP Requiem 18th December at 12 noon OLR. Irene Ash RIP Requiem 30th December at 11am; Barbara Kelly RIP funeral 13th January. Maurice Rodericks RIP Requiem 14th January at 11am. 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 Moir, Donald Keown and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

OLR CLUB winners for December: £100 Mrs. B Smith, £50 Ann Ford; £25 Mrs D Smith, £25 Mrs D Bergin. **REMINDER** - The club will finish in March 2021.