

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Confession 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

Third Sunday of Lent (Ex 17:3-7) (Rm 5:1-2. 5-8)			
Saturday 14	4pm	St Agnes	James, Eileen, Noel & Timothy <i>Latiff (Toft)</i>
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Maria y Domingos da Silva RIP (da Silva)
Sunday 15	9.15am	St Gregory's	Maura & Paddy Canty (<i>Carter</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Deceased members of OLR choir RIP (<i>OLR Club</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	Clair Coope RIP(<i>Coope</i>)
	4pm	St Agnes	(Ordinariate)
	4.15	<i>Our Lady of Ransom</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	The Alpha programme
	12.30pm	Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom	of Tobias Fisher-Muoz
Monday 16	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	William & Amaris Potter; Leonard & Maureen Wellington (<i>Potter</i>)
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	(Ordinariate) Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 17	10am	St Agnes	Paddy Murphy (<i>Byrne</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Francis & Helen Knowles RIP (<i>Ashford</i>)
Wednesday 18	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa (<i>Co-Workers</i>)
Thursday 19	10am	St. Gregory's	The Duggan & Broughton Families (<i>Duggan</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Beatrice Joseph RIP (<i>Jose</i>)
Friday 20	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Requiem: Betty Johnny RIP <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm</i>
	Cancelled 3.00pm	DGH	For patients, staff and relatives
Saturday 21	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Tony Lyons (<i>Markham</i>)
Fourth Sunday of Lent (1 S 16:1.6-7.10-13) (Ep 5:8-14)			
Saturday 21	4pm	St Agnes	Sandra Zilioli RIP(<i>arnes</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Ellie Law RIP
Sunday 22	9.15am	St Gregory's	Don & Pam Withey (<i>Buchnan</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Teresa Barros & Maria Jose da Silva (<i>da Silva</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	Clair Coope RIP(<i>Moulding</i>)
	4pm	St Agnes	(Ordinariate)
	4.15	<i>Our Lady of Ransom</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	People of the Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14th/15th

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

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The description of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is a rarity because of its length and its detail. There are not many face-to-face, one-to-one meetings that Jesus had with the people he countered which are described so vividly. Often we are told about what Jesus is preaching but this time, there he is, tired and, one feels, perhaps a little low spirited, engaging in conversation with the Samaritan woman. This in itself would be unusual, a Jew asking a Samaritan for a drink, but then, Jesus was unusual, as the woman was about to find out.

It is also a very visual meeting. We can picture the trodden path to the well, the blue sky, the heat and that special well donated by Jacob, filled with clear water, the water which is the spiritual analogy. Jesus wants a drink from the well but he also is the source of another type of water: "Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again." The living water to which Jesus refers is the whole of our spiritual inner life which allows us to become true worshippers of the Father, to be the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

When they talk about worship in a somewhat mystical way the woman seems to understand him. She certainly know what he means by worshipping in spirit and in truth. It seems that from the moment of their meeting the unnamed woman is immediately involved in what Jesus has to say. She questions him eagerly— and believes him. She knows that the Messiah is coming, and when Jesus declares "I am he" she has no doubt. Indeed she gives testimony to all her townspeople. Let us pray that we too will receive that water of eternal life, that essential gift which we cannot live without.

Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Road, BN21 4EU
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St Gregory's Church 247 Victoria Drive, BN20 8QY

**Parish Office open Monday-Friday
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If no reply then for emergency calls
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CORONAVIRUS: The Bishops have moved us to stage 2 of coronavirus preventative measures. Please check the large notices displayed in the churches.

Please note the following items:

the **Lenten Lunches at St Agnes have been cancelled.** If you still wish to give a donation to this year's charity, the Redshirts, please put it in clearly marked envelope and hand it in to St Agnes or Our Lady of Ransom.

St Patrick's Evening on Saturday 14th Cancelled.

There will not be tea/coffee after any of the Masses.

There will be no catering at all for users of Parish halls.

The Offertory Collection at all Masses will be taken as a retiring collection with several volunteers holding baskets. This removes the need to hand round the baskets at the offertory collection.

There will be no Offertory procession or Sign of Peace.

No hymn books to be used. Just one-use-only Mass sheets.

No Holy Communion from the chalice. Holy Communion should be received on the hand rather than on the tongue. Those receiving on the tongue should receive after those who receive on the hand. Holy water stoups emptied.

Churches open daily for private prayer should continue to remain open and care should be given to ensuring that surfaces of high contact, eg. light switches are regularly sanitised throughout the day.

COMING WEEK

Sunday 15th 3pm in the Parish Centre, a Talk by Fr Tristan on "**Anglia Dos Mariae: Why England Needs Mary**" about the spiritual meaning of the consecration. This is part of **ENGLAND: MARY'S DOWRY** rededication.

Stations of the Cross for Young Adults and Mature students: Our Lady of Ransom 7pm.

Wednesday 18th meeting of the **Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa** after 12 noon Mass.

Thursday 19th Catholic Enquirers (RCIA) 7.30-9pm Parish Centre.

Redemption & Atonement. Institution of the Eucharist (Lk 22:14-20)

Sunday March 22nd Toby and Orla Phipps' bacon buttie morning is **cancelled.**

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday March 24th The **ALPHA Course** due to begin on March 24th will be postponed until after precautionary measures have been lifted.

Wednesday March 25th The final day of the Consecration and Solemnity of the Annunciation. 12 noon Mass and Rosary at Our Lady of Ransom. At 6pm to 9pm an Evening with Mary including Mass at 7pm in the Extraordinary Form, public act of Consecration of the Parish to Mary, hymns and devotions. This is part of **ENGLAND: MARY'S DOWRY** rededication. A Plenary indulgence is available—see the Bishop's letter, copies at the back of the church.

OLR CLUB: Do please fill in the form to join in the fun for this coming year— there are forms available from the back of the churches. Return it straightaway to the Parish Office! Do please support the OLR Club.

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH 10.30am PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE Our Lady of Ransom. Please put in your diary! It's a help to the priests when we come together for Reconciliation, as so many people rightly want the Sacrament in Lent. It also recognises that many of our failings affect the whole community so the remedy is something we receive together.

Friday March 27th 7pm for a 7.30 start Quiz Night at St Richard's Catholic College. Tables up to 8; £3 per adult, £1 per child, bring your own refreshments. to book phone 01424 731070 or email PTFa@strichardscc.com

Friday March 27th 7.30pm BINGO NIGHT at St Thomas a Becket Primary School. KS1 Hall. Cash prizes, raffle. Pay on the night on £5 for 6 games! Bar, Mocktails and Snacks for sale.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: 7.30pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre Wednesday May 6th and Wednesday May 13th.

SOLEMN VIGIL OF PENTECOST: following last year's joyous Pentecost Vigil Mass, which included representation from many of our Parish Communities and languages, please put the date for this year's Mass in your diary Saturday May 30th at 5pm in Our Lady of Ransom. It will be the only Mass in the Parish that night. If you would like to be involved for music contact Marylou Cockshoot on 07833 641617 or marylou@joyofmusic.org.uk: to help with catering, reading or other participation contact Nick Woodall on 07801 058330 or nickwoodall@hotmail.co.uk.

REDSHIRTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG RAFFLE at St Thomas a Becket School. They would be very grateful if you could donate an egg, any size. The target is 70 eggs. Please leave them into the parish office or the school.

Please pray for Luigi Dipaolo doing voluntary work in the Amazon.

IN MEMORIAM: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Johnny whose Requiem is on Friday March 20th Rose Hunt whose Requiem is on Wednesday, April 1st both at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Also FOR Archbishop Peter Smith. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS especially 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, Trudy Kelly, Rosanna da Sousa, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers. **Admitted to Hospital?** If you or someone you know is taken into the hospital (or nursing unit) we will gladly visit and bring Communion but if you don't tell us **neither will the hospital!**

COLLECTIONS

w/e 8/3 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's
£2411.05 CAFOD £622.07

St Agnes £504.42 CAFOD £479.86

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Copies of the booklet 'Your Parish Guide to making a Will & Charity Legacies' are available from the back of the churches.