MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Confessions: Saturdays at 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 and at call.

Third Sunday of Advent (Zp 3:14-18) (Ph 4:4-7)

Saturday 15	4pm	St Agnes	Bernard & Rita Davies *(Bell)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Fr Philip Matthews RIP *(Dean)*
Sunday 16	9.15am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Joan Marolf RIP *(Marolf)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	Cyril Simon RIP
	2.30pm St Gregory's Adoration and Rosary for Advent		
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Gerry Mason RIP *(Duggan)*
Monday 17	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	**Requiem:** Roderick Dew RIP
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	(Ordinariate) Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 18	10am	St Agnes	Norah O'Keefe *(Cronin)*
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion (due to a Deanery meeting)
Wednesday 19	**11am**	Our Lady of Ransom	St Thomas a Becket Concert
		No Mass at 12 noon	
Thursday 20	10am	St Gregory's	Gerry Mason RIP *(Edwards)*
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	**Requiem:** Martyn Leek RIP
Friday 21	**6.30am**	**Our Lady of Ransom**	**Rorate Mass**
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	**Requiem:** John Kelly RIP
Saturday 22	9am	Lewes Prison	
	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Deceased Family & Friends Arnold & Carpenter

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Mi 5:1-4) (Heb 10:5-10)

Saturday 22	4pm	St Agnes	Fr Tom Heneghan RIP *(Mathers)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Volkmar
Sunday 23	9.15am	St Gregory's	Dorothy, Joseph & Tony Humby RIP *(Barrow Family)*
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	J Brazier *(Healy)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	The Murphy Family RIP *(Byrne)*
	2:30pm St Agnes Adoration and Rosary for Advent		
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Eileen Gilroy RIP *(Smith)*

Please note: if you want a specific date for a Mass please send in your notification three months in advance

THIRD 'GUADETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15th/16th 2018

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Gift Aid: Taxpayers: please contact Jennifer 763469 brazierjb@gmail.com if you wish to join the scheme

Charity number 252878

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 touching simplicity and honesty about John the Baptist which made him so effective in his mission to 'prepare the way for the Lord'.

It is obvious from the questions they asked him, that the people came to him not only for baptism but for advice. What must we do, was the recurring theme. The answers John gave were simple—share what you have with others, don't skim a bit off the top of the taxes you collect, and the soldiers are instructed that there must be no intimidation, no extortion. In fact he was giving them the complete recipe for loving your neighbour and living amicably in your community.

When we think of the intimidation and the bullying which occur today, both by one nation towards another and by individuals in society we can see how relevant John's words continue to be.

Another touching aspect of John's preaching is his clarity about his position in relation to the 'one who is coming'. Yes, he is doing good work with his baptisms and in drawing the crowds to him but he is also exuding a feeling of excitement, of anticipation. He baptises with water but one day we will all be baptised with the Holy Spirit and with fire. It is this feeling of anticipation which we carry with us throughout Advent, awaiting the arrival of the one who will save us.

THIS SUNDAY ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY PARTY: Sunday December 16th after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre.

THE GIVING TREES: please remember to bring your gift to place under the tree by this Sunday.

COMING WEEK

Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st
Simbang Gabi Masses at 9pm in Our Lady of Ransom. These "night masses" were celebrated in the Philippines as a Novena leading to Christmas. They were often moved to the early morning for farmers who began work in the early morning. They are like the Friday Rorate Masses in that there is both an Advent spirit of penitence, and yet joy as well, with lively singing and the Gloria which normally is not allowed! All welcome.

***Thursday 20th* THE FINAL ADVENT ROSARY** at St Wilfrid's Hospice at 10.45am. All welcome to this meditation. Broadwater Way, BN22 9PZ.

***Thursday 20th* 2pm** in St Agnes Church Hall. People urgently needed to help clean the church brass in readiness for Christmas.

***Friday 21st* 7.30pm St Gregory's Taize**
Everyone is welcome to a time of prayer and song in the darkness of Advent, asking for the light of Christ.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Tuesday Tea in January will be on **January 8th** at the usual time of 3pm. in the Parish Centre

SCHOOL SIGNING DATES for St Thomas a Becket: Tuesday January 8th at 9.30am in the Parish Centre and Thursday January 10th at 7.30pm.

OLR CLUB WINNERS for December: £100 D Perera; £50 Mr P Moulton; £25 each Mrs K Mills, Mrs A-M Brownsell.

REDSHIRTS: a big thank you to everyone who supported the Redshirts party last week, £1,217 was raised. Photos from the night are on the OLR website, also a caption competition—to be judged by Fr Raglan on Sunday 23rd. If you are interested in going to Lourdes next July as a Redshirt or a youth helper and would like some financial help, please contact Maura on 01323 430532. If you would like to learn more about being a Redshirt, please lot on to the A&B website and put in REDSHIRTS.

If you are coming to the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and your child would like to dress up and needs a costume, there will be some available in the front of the church at 1.45

Fr Tristan thanks everyone who prayed for him—his driving test was successful!!

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The **Parish Office** will be closed from 12 noon Monday December 24th and will re-open at 9.30am on Friday, January 4th 2019. Reception will be OPEN for enquiries Thursday 27th/Friday 28th December, Monday 31st, Wednesday January 2nd and Thursday January 3rd from 9.30am to 12 noon.

MEMORY LANE are starting a new singing group for people with dementia and their carers to come along together. It will run on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St Agnes Church Hall at 2pm, starting on December18th. There will be a professional singer who leads the group and will pause halfway through for refreshments. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. For further information call Carol on 07800874361.

SAFEGUARDING: The Diocesan Safeguarding Office will be holding a training day for those within our local parishes who have a DBS Certificate but have not yet received the **Initial** Training Certificate. The date is Monday January 14th 2019 at Our Lady of Ransom Parish Centre and usually goes from 7-9pm. Please put the date in your dairies. Rosemary, our Training Officer, will be contacting you directly—but please, if you feel that you have slipped through the net, do get in contact with us. It is really important that you attend an initial training session. Dates for refresher training will be posted next year. *Wendy Goodman*

THANK FOR ALL YOUR HELP: we have letters of thanks from CAFOD thanking us for our generosity, from the Eastbourne Silver Band thanking us for our support of the Concert of Remembrance and from Missio for the collection taken on World Mission Sunday.

The Winter Night Shelter are appealing for gent's large size shoes and socks. Can you help?

IN MEMORIAM: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Roderick Dew whose Requiem is on Monday December 17th, Martyn Leek whose Requiem is on Thursday December 20th, and John Kelly whose Requiem is on Friday December 21st , all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS, especially Paul Neale, Lira Mendes, Dorothy Barnett, Trudy Kelly, Jacqueline Desmond, Trish Ryan, Jim Needham, Shelia O'Grady, Mary Gibbons Phyllis Witham, John Byrne, Natasha Bevington, 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:
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COLLECTIONS
w/e 9/12 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's: £2621.98 CAFOD £24.09
St Agnes £406.31
Thank you for your generosity
This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund.
Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.