

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10AM—5PM

SATURDAY 3 JULY

OLR	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form)
OLR	11.30am	Wedding Mass Joshua Getty & Grace Castronovo
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Cosmo Alchin RIP ((Alchin)

SUNDAY 4 14th ORD TIME **Readings: 1 Ezekiel 2:2-5 [Psalm 122] 2. Corinthians 12:7-10 3. Mark 6:1-6**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Paul Baker RIP, Margaret Corrigan RIP, Marie Conlin RIP (Barrow family)
St Agnes	11.15am	Ayesha & Tommy (Bernadette and Tom Shell)
OLR	11.30am	Elizabeth Cullen (Christopher Cullen) Confirmation: Vanz Labitad and Alex Simpson
OLR	5.30pm	Forte family intentions (Forte)

MON 5 11am Holy Souls

TUES 6 OLR	7.30am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Graciana Fernandes RIP (Severina Julius)
St Gregory's	10.30am	Pray The Rosary

WED 7 OLR 11am June Wallace RIP (SVP)

THURS 8

OLR	11am	Michaeline Winterbottom RIP (Pauline Crunden)
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FRI 9 OLR	11am	For an end to the pandemic
OLR	1pm	Requiem: Ralph Suggett RIP

SAT 10	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form)
	11.00am	Adoration and confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Jean Macari (Borza family)

SUN 11 15th ORD TIME **Readings: 1. Amos 7:12-15 [Psalm 84] 2. Ephesians 1:3-10 3. Mark 6:7-13**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Joseph & Dorothy Humby (Barrow family)
St Agnes	11.15am	Robert Bedwell RP (Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Intentions of Stephen O'Brien (Pauline Crunden)
OLR	5.30pm	Enzo Fusciardi (Fusciardi family)

3/4th JULY 2021 14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Tristan Cranfield & Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priests).

Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

On Tuesday of this past week we had the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - Peter the Apostle to the Israelites and Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles. They stand as two 'giants' of the early Church. In today's second reading though Paul reveals a 'thorn in the flesh' that harasses and brings him down. A thorn might be a little thing but like in Androcles and the lion it can cripple even the greatest. Paul then says that three times he has pleaded with the Lord for this thorn to leave him. He does not reveal exactly what this thorn is and still we do not know for sure. St John Chrysostom reads it as meaning the trials and constant persecution that Paul endured. St Augustine thinks that it means some chronic and debilitating physical illness. St Gregory the Great interprets it as meaning temptations of concupiscence. Whatever this thorn may be the most important thing is the answer the Lord gives Paul after he pleads to be rid of it. The Lord's answer is, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.'

Paul had been given many graces and even 'visions' which could have led to pride and an exclusive reliance on himself and his own capabilities. Pride though cuts us off from grace. It prevents God's work being done through and in us. It also hinders any authentic relationship with others. Paul in fact then comes to see this thorn as a gift, making him turn to the Lord for grace and strength, 'So I shall be very happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, ... For it is when I am weak that I am strong.' This truth has remained a great consolation for us Christians through the ages. We may struggle with 'thorns' - our lives may be far from picture perfect, we may be acutely aware of our limitations - but in all this we do not rely on ourselves but on Christ and his grace. In this weakness he is able to work and strengthen us so that as Paul would later say, 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.' That is the important thing, Christ and his grace in our lives. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom



FR CHRISTOPHER SPENDER

We sincerely thank those parishioners for their generosity in ensuring that Fr Spender's grave in Ocklynge Cemetery was repaired and reinstated to its correct position.

GOING WITHIN: Centering Prayer Immersion Weekend. Friday, 9 July - Sunday, 11 July Led by Jill Benet. This weekend offers the opportunity to spend time in silence with a small group and deepen the experience of Centering Prayer. Arrive in time for supper at 7pm on Friday and leave by 4pm on Sunday. Cost:£180.

FR RAGLAN:

Farewell Mass: Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at 11am. Do save the date. We are hoping to have a party afterwards (for which volunteers will be needed). The exact format will depend on restrictions, watch this space.

ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC NURSERY SCHOOL has a vacancy on their board of Trustees for a Treasurer. No experience necessary however would require an interest & some knowledge in finance, looking at the budget with the Nursery Lead & Admin and setting a working budget annually. Attendance at termly Trustees meetings required. For further information: clarejrh@outlook.com

MEMORIAL PLAQUES. We are very pleased to inform you that the memorial plaques are in the process of being re installed. If you would like to purchase a plaque for a deceased loved one there is information on the website and on the notice board in the Narthex.

FUNDRAISING :

A new parish monthly draw will be starting in September. More information to follow soon.

You will have noticed our big fundraising "Dec the Hall" poster in the Narthex. There is info on the notice board with more details to follow soon

A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER is needed at the 6pm (Sat) Mass. One or two volunteers would considerably lighten the load on the Eucharistic Minister who is currently doing this every week.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Teresa Stogdon, Teresa O'Brien, John Lec, Peter Endean, Joyann Green, Gonny Naoum and all our parishioners who are suffering.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Ralph Suggett RIP (Requiem 9th July at 11am OLR), Sheila Sumner RIP (funeral 9th July elsewhere), Norman Olohan RIP (funeral elsewhere on 14 July), Barbara Packham RIP and Brian Barrow RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

PARISH GROUPS: MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION—BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT. We are looking for volunteers to visit and support recently bereaved people. For further details please contact the parish during office hours and leave your details.

CATHOLIC FAITH IN REAL LIFE TODAY: Next session July 8th at 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom Church. **[Livestreamed]**

These sessions will look not only on what we believe, but how we live it. This week we will discuss day to day spirituality. How do we maintain a prayer life in the modern world? Open to all those interested in becoming Catholic or in deepening their faith. Please bring your questions!

NICK HARDEN AND STEPHEN O'BRIEN

Nick was with us on placement from Womersley Seminary for the academic year 2019-20 and recently back for another 3 weeks. He is ordained Deacon at the Seminary on Saturday (3rd July). Stephen was on placement with us 2018-19 and will be ordained priest at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday (4th July). Our congratulations to them both and we ask your prayers for them.

BAPTISING YOUR CHILD A preparation course for all parents seeking baptisms will take place on Zoom, for three Mondays starting on July 19th. Please contact the office and you will be sent the dates and sign up link.