

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

everyday 10am-5pm

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Saturday 30	Dawn 6pm	Dante Canara (Maria Pinto) Health of Emerson Dayton, Premature baby (Mary Smillie)
SUN 31	Readings:	1. Deuteronomy 18:15-20 [Psalm 94] 2. Corinthians 7:32-35 3. Mark 1:21-28
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Martin Briggs RIP (Geraldine Briggs)
St.Agnes	11.15am	Jose Aveiro & Ana Paula Aveiro (R. Aveiro)
OLR	11.30am	Irene Ash RIP (Hellett)
OLR	5.30pm	Souls of Cindy & John Paul Jones (Jones)
MON 1 FEB	Dawn Day Dusk	For those administering Vaccines Return to health of Patricia Boddy (Goodman) Thanksgiving to parishioners who supported the Giving Tree. (SVP)
TUES 2	Dawn 11am	Rest of the soul of Irene Moir (Martha Byrne) Presentation of the Lord ('Candlemass') [Livestreamed] Luigi Marsella (Fusciardi family)
WED 3	Dawn 11am	For an end to the pandemic Requiem Mass: Mario Baiocchi RIP (Limited to 30 people)
THURS 4	Dawn 11am Dusk	Thanksgiving to Mother of Jesus (R. Neves) Rest of the soul of Jackie Reynolds (Ann Bennell) Parents and children home schooling
FRI 5	Dawn Day 11am Dusk	Rest of the soul of Ryan Stevenson Rest of the soul of Irene Moir (Martha Byrne) Adoration and Confessions Tony Lyons RIP (Delia Markham)
SAT 6	Dawn 6pm	Jose Canara (Maria Pinto) Rest of the soul of Maureen Sangster RIP
SUN 7	Readings:	1. Job 7:1-4.6-7 [Psalm 146] 2. Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23. 3. Mark 1:29-39
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Gerry Mason RIP (Liz Mason)
St Agnes	11.15am	John & Elaine Slattery (Barrow)
OLR	11.30am	Elizabeth Cullen (Christopher Cullen)
OLR	5.30pm	Rest of the soul of Barbara Gildersleeves RIP

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30th/31st JANUARY 2021

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Last April the political commentator Peter Hennessy suggested, in the Catholic weekly *The Tablet*, that in future we would talk about "BC" and "AC" - "before Covid" and "after Covid". Now it looks prophetic: we will not go back to life as it used to be, at least not in every way. Some things will have changed forever. There have been good things; like respecting the safety of anyone we pass by, whoever they are. We have been reminded that we are a community; that no one is safe until everyone is; and that this includes the other nations of the world

Every day that I have said Mass on my own, I've included some bidding prayers, including one:

*That we in the Church offer prayer and consolation for those affected;
and that the Holy Spirit gives us the imagination to see practical ways we can help a little.*

What we have to offer is the combination of those two things. As the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius Loyola, put it: "we pray as though everything depended on God; we act as though everything depends on us".

Prayer reminds us that this is not something we do in our own strength. We may be dismayed at the serious situation we are still in, weary of the restrictions, and above all feel powerless to help. And a dark January doesn't even offer an escape into the back yard or garden! Could it be that God is not deaf to our prayers, but knows we need a length of time to prepare us for what we've asked?

This was true of so many new spiritual movements and individuals in the past, some took years before they found what God was asking of them. But the time came when they saw an opportunity to make a difference, and then they needed to act with courage and faith.

I do not believe God sends misfortune to punish us. But, having free will, God does let us take responsibility for our lifestyle, including the harm we can do. The damage we do to nature and other animals is part of the Covid scenario.

And God meets us in these situations, just as Jesus in the Gospel brings healing to a person, as he did to so many, who if they had not been afflicted they would never have met him. In our time of uncertainty perhaps we too can pray, with St Francis, that God makes us "instruments of his peace".

Fr. Raglan

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE: Please note that you can now find our channel much more easily by entering www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom

**THIS WEEK:-
CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL
REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY**

ONLINE: Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading with prayers and an art activity suggestion.

Follow the link:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=md4ZiJFJbQg&feature=youtu.be>

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE
WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL
AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Madeleine O'Brien, Carmen Pumar, Pauline Bosley, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette and Michael Butters, Valerie Downey, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

**RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Mario Baiocchi RIP (Requiem 3rd February 11am). Johanna Eady RIP, Patricia Smits RIP (Funeral elsewhere 17th February) Marie Neville RIP (Requiem 18th February at 11am). Irene Moir RIP (Requiem 25th February at 11am St. Agnes). Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Requiem 4th March at 11am St Agnes). Renata Sapieha RIP. Molly Hannaford RIP, Patrick Smith-Taylor RIP and Fr Martin Jakubas RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

150 years on after the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pius IX, Pope Francis has been motivated to commend this year as a special time of prayer to that extraordinary Saint. The Holy Father has felt this particularly appropriate given the current crisis of the pandemic where we are in such great need of Joseph's intercession and example. Pope Francis writes:-

"People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history.... How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer.... Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble".

Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." St Joseph, pray for us. (Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2020)

**TODAY 31ST JAN., IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY WITH THE THEME
A TIME TO ACT**

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice says in his message: "It's not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of Pope Francis: 'God asks us to dare to create something new.'"

Ethnic minorities have suffered disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating a systemic problem with racial injustice in our society. This was dramatically brought home with the brutal killing of George Floyd and the reaction it provoked. As Pope Francis reflects: "*instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think.*"

Dismantle structures of injustice

These shameful reminders of racism demand meaningful action to confront and dismantle sinful structures of injustice. Our brother Bishops in the USA remind us that: "*all of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur.*"

Racism is a sin and a violation of human dignity in which we are all complicit. As Catholics we need to acknowledge and confront our own failings, as individuals and as a Church.

Every single one of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission.

We need to address the lack of visible diversity at every level, so that people can see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life. We need to engage suppliers and businesses from all parts of the community, seeking out those which promote diversity and inclusivity.

Most importantly we need to actively invite people from different ethnic communities to share their experiences and genuinely listen to their voices, however challenging this may be.

Further statements including videos from Black Catholics about the events of the past year, how we can build a better society and the important role that our Church can play: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>