

<b>SAT 26 OLR</b> <b>St Stephen's Day</b>	<b>11am Mass</b> 6pm	Duggan family (Duggan) <b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SUN 27</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	
	<b>Readings: Genesis 15: 1-6. 21:1-3 [Ps.104]</b>	
	<b>2. Hewbrews 11:8 11-12 17-19 3. Luke 2:22-40</b>	
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live Streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Intentions of Giovanna Stretton
St Agnes:	11.15am	Kath Simpson RIP (Alchin) OLR
	11.30am	Christine Loman RIP (Catenians)
OLR	5.30pm	Susan Carson RIP (Barbara Barnard)
<b>MON 28</b>	Dawn	Intentions of McCormack family (McCormack)
	Day	In thanksgiving (Joan Kennedy)
	6.30pm	Lew Reines RIP (Duggan)
<b>TUES 29</b>	Dawn	Walberth Gutierrez (Sarah Larkin)
	Dusk	Colette Cullen RIP (Larke family)
<b>WED 30</b>	11am	<b>Requiem</b> Irene Ash RIP [Live Streamed] closed to public
	Dusk	Private Intention
<b>THURS 31</b>	Dawn	Private Intention
	11am	Fr Joe Ware RIP
	Dusk	Don Hinchin RIP (Larke family)
<b>FRI 1 Jan</b> <b>Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>Dawn</b> <b>11am</b>	Private Intention Douglas Ramsay RIP (Margaret Ramsay) No adoration, confessions available.
<b>SAT 2</b>	Dawn	Private Intention
	Day	Patrick McKenna & family (Jack & Teresa O'Brien)
	6pm	Walberth Gutierrez (Gerard & Ashlin Larkin)
<b>SUN 3</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Christmas</b>	<b>Readings:</b>	<b>1. Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12 [Ps. 147].</b>
		<b>2. Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 3. John 1:1-18</b>
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live Streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Brenda Harding & family (Bernadette & Tom Shell)
St Agnes:	11.15am	Tom Lawrence RIP (Gina Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Marie Kenward RIP (Ann Bennell)
OLR	5.30pm	Maria Carmelo Cirillo RIP (Basile)
<b>MON 4</b>	6.30pm	Rahul & Pauline Joshi & family (Doreen Bergin)
<b>TUES 5</b>	Dawn	Collette Cullen RIP (Needham) -
<b>WED 6 (OLR)</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	11am	Philip & Cynthia Bergin & family (Doreen Bergin)
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Sheila Brown RIP (Joan Kennedy)
<b>THURS 7</b>	11am	Intentions of McCormack family (McCormack)
<b>FRI 8</b>	11am	Adoration and Confessions

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMASTIDE**  
**Newsletter covering 19th/20th; 26th/27th December 2020**  
**and 2nd/3rd January 2021**

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**Assistant Priests: Fr Tristan Cranfield, Fr Bruno Witchalls**

**A CHRISTMAS HOMILY BY ST. LEO THE GREAT**

"Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life. In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind. And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: "Glory to God in the highest", and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvellous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men? Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom. Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

ALL Masses at Our Lady of Ransom Church are now fully booked. **This year we cannot just turn up on the day!** The Mass in Church will be live-streamed to the Hall. Please let Maureen know if you wish to reserve a place in the Hall for any Mass of your choice. Bookings e mail only [christmasolr@gmail.com](mailto:christmasolr@gmail.com) **Please note: bookings cannot be made via the office.**

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

**ST GREGORY'S BOOKING:** [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com)  
**St Gregory's: Christmas Eve full.**  
*Spaces left for Christmas morning only, the 11am Mass*  
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**THIS SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY ONLINE:** Sister Mary Rose reflects on an illustrated reading of the Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Advent with prayers Link: <https://youtu.be/FIVLzt3QpCC> Also, Sister Mary will be reflecting on the Gospel on the 25th December 27th December and the 3rd January please join her in prayer on those dates. She will also be sharing an art activity for the children to try if they wish. Here is the link to the videos.  
<https://youtube.com/user/gobledicook>

**THIS WEEKEND:** The Christmas Offertory collection is your personal gift to the clergy. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**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.) Please bring a torch to the Service.

### CHRISTMAS DAY CHOIR

Maura still needs 4 singers for 09.15am Christmas Day and 2 for 11.30am. Contact Maura 430532.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Lady of Ransom will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve to prepare for the evening Masses.

**The 6pm and Midnight Mass** will start 20 mins early with a short Carol service plus readings.

**STEWARDS:** Please check your inboxes and 'junk' folders to see Christmas instructions and information about the meeting on 21st December. If in doubt, e mail Rob, Jane or Nick.

### FUTURE DATES:-

**JANUARY 2021.** We will be starting up a new choir for the Sunday 11.30am mass. 6 people are needed. If you feel you can join in the singing, please contact Maura on 430532.

**JANUARY 2021 Justice & Peace Webinar:** The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid 19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. To find out what we can do to help on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021: 10 am to 12.30 pm.** To book a **free** place Zoomlink [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk)

## FR RAGLAN, FR TRISTAN, FR BRUNO and DEACON PAUL WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
<b>Saturday 19th</b>	Dawn Day 6pm	Fr Tony Shelley (Bergin) Ann Robertson RIP (Moulding) Fr Michael Perry (Bergin)
<b>SUN 20th 4th Advent</b>	<b>Readings:</b> 9.15am 9.30am 11.15am	<b>1. 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-11.16 [Psalm 88] 2. Romans 16:25-27 3. Luke 1:26-38</b> Christine Loman RIP (OLR Choir) [Live Streamed] Well being of Jo Lucas (Margaret Ramsay) Intentions of Rev. Stephen O'Brien (Pauline Crunden) First Holy Communion : Alston Rodrigues Fr Albert van der Most (Doreen Bergin) People of the Parish
OLR St Gregory's: St Agnes:	11.30am 5.30pm	
<b>MON 21</b>	6.30pm	Holy Souls in Affliction (Neves)
<b>TUES 22</b>	Dawn Dusk	Intentions of McCormack family (McCormack) Fr. Christopher Bergin (Doreen Bergin)
<b>WED 23</b>	Dawn 11am	Jean Onion (Fusciardi family) Marian & Arthur Douch RIP (Douch)
<b>THUR 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 6pm 6pm 6pm 8pm 9pm Midnight	Deceased Priests of the Diocese (Doreen Bergin) Abina Boniface RIP (Gina Moulding) Irene Ash RIP (Margaret Ramsay) People of the Parish Mgr Barry Wymes RIP (Joan Kennedy) Patrick Sloane RIP (Sloane) [Live Streamed]
OLR St Agnes St Gregory St Agnes OLR OLR		
<b>FRI 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day—The Nativity of The Lord</b> 8am 9.15am 9.30am 11am 11.15am 11.30am	Mass in Extraordinary form (Jacinto Neves) (McGinnes) People of the Parish [Live Streamed] Anne Swift RIP (Oakshott/Swift) Private Intention Irena Zablocki (Moulding) Deceased members of Neville & McLaughlin families
St Agnes OLR St Gregory St Gregory St Agnes: OLR		

**HAZEL COURT SCHOOL WRITE:** "We had an exciting delivery at the Secondary School this week of chocolate selection packs for each pupil for them to enjoy or share with their families. These have been sent in by parishioners of Our Lady of Ransom who support the Eastbourne SVP team. We would like to thank them and their Parish Priest, Father Raglan Hay-Will for this kind donation and wish them all a very Merry Christmas".