

TIMES OF CONFESSIONS

Saturdays in Our Lady of Ransom 11.30am to 12.30pm and 5.15pm to 5.45pm; at St Agnes confession is offered each Saturday after 4pm Mass and at call

Fourth Sunday in Lent (1S 16:1. 6-7.10-13) (Ep 5:8-14)

Saturday 25 4pm St Agnes Angelo Divito RIP (*Fusciardi Family*)
5pm St Agnes Service of Reconciliation and Confessions

Sunday 26 6pm Our Lady of Ransom Sheila Dray RIP (*Bergin*)
9.15am St Gregory's Holy Souls RIP (*Barrow*)
10.30am Our Lady of Ransom Teresa Barrow RIP (*Da Silva*)
11.15am St Agnes Special Intention (*Byrne*)
3pm Our Lady of Ransom Rosary, Sermon & Benediction
4pm St Agnes (Ordinariate) Mgr Keith Newton (*McCormack*)
5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom People of the Parish

12 noon Baptisms at Our Lady of Ransom of Evie Thomson and Jack Allen

12.30pm Baptism at St Agnes of Victoria Nalepa

1pm Baptisms at Our Lady of Ransom of Florence Jeffreys and Jenny Santos

Monday 27 12noon Our Lady of Ransom Patrick Warwick RIP (*Kennedy*)
7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom (Ordinariate) Fr Peter Kelly (*McCormack*)

Tuesday 28 6am Our Lady of Ransom Mother of Jesus (*Neves*)
9am St Gregory's Jose Vieira RIP **NB Please note earlier time**
12noon Our Lady of Ransom Angelo Divito RIP (*Fusciardi*)

Wednesday 29 9am St Agnes Morning Prayer and Exposition
10am St Agnes Speedy Recovery (*Byrne*)
12noon Our Lady of Ransom Jose Brown (*Wood*)

Thursday 30 7.30am St Gregory's Celebrant's Intention
12 noon Our Lady of Ransom Paul Brace RIP (*Shannon*)

Friday 31 9am St Agnes Morning Prayer and Exposition
10am St Agnes Requiem: Patricia Lenihan RIP
12noon Our Lady of Ransom Angelo Divito RIP (*Vlente Family*)
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm
3pm DGH For patients and staff
7.30pm Our Lady of Ransom Stations of the Cross

Saturday 1 10am Our Lady of Ransom Renee Blakemore RIP (*Kennedy*)

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Ezk 37:12-14) (Rm 8:8-11)

Saturday 1 4pm St Agnes People of the Parish
6pm Our Lady of Ransom Anthony Peter Wood RIP (*Wood*)
Sunday 2 9.15am St Gregory's Fr Paul Baker & Margaret & Marie RIP (*Barrow*)
10.30am Our Lady of Ransom Laurence Rigamonti RIP (*Rigamonti*)
11.15am St Agnes Annette Green RIP
3pm Our Lady of Ransom Rosary, Sermon & Benediction
4pm St Agnes (Ordinariate) Fr Peter Carr (*McCormack*)
5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom People of the Parish

4th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 25th/26th 2017

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

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Gerard Hatton

Fr Neil Chatfield, Deacon Paul Scholey

It is impossible not to feel sorry for the blind man whose sight was restored by Jesus. How happy he must have been to be able to see again, to rejoice that through this miracle he had almost been given a new life. We can hope that no longer did he have to beg, but he could start fending for himself and not rely on charity.

Instead of being allowed a time of euphoria, however, he is hauled before the bigwigs, the Pharisees, and asked to explain himself. He is accused of having been a sinner all his life—presumably their belief was that since he was afflicted with blindness from birth he must have done something very wicked to deserve such punishment! Not much logic there, but prejudice and reason never go hand in hand. So the poor man is driven away.

What is so striking about this story, and about the story last week of the encounter Jesus had with the woman at the well, is the simplicity of the response both the blind man and the Samaritan woman have to the presence of Jesus. They don't require lengthy discussions, and great persuasion. They just seem to know that they are in the presence of someone very special. Jesus is equally simple, and it has to be said, very gentle in the reassurance he gives them. Last week he said 'I am he', in this story he said 'you are looking at him'. The lesson is clear: faith can be so simple, so uncomplicated. Let us pray that we that we can learn from this, and just believe.

THIS WEEKEND after 10.30am Mass, bacon buttie morning and cake sale to help send the Phipps teenagers to Lourdes as helpers. £1.50 bacon buttie, tea/coffee. Any donations of cakes much appreciated.

There is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop this weekend.

GIFT AID: Please would you collect your Gift Aid boxes for the new tax year that are at the back of both Our Lady of Ransom and St Gregory's. Thank you for your continued commitment to this scheme.

COMING WEEK

Tuesday 28th Fourth Tuesday of the Finding God programme. 7.30pm talk and dinner.

Thursday 30th 12.30pm Lenten Lunches in St Agnes Hall. Proceeds to the refugee families being supported by Eastbourne Churches Together. See fliers or contact Pauline on 735937 for details.

Thursday 30th 8pm in the Parish Centre **Catholic Enquirers (RCIA) Course**, all welcome. This week: **The Easter Services of Holy Week explained.**

Saturday 1st Retreat Day at Worth Abbey. 10 spaces are available. Registration at 9.30am at Compass House, finishing at 5pm. Take food to share for a buffet lunch. Contact Anne on 843361. Jean 842824 or David 849909 for further information and to book.

Sunday 2nd 3pm WAY OF THE CROSS UP BEACHY HEAD to pray for all who despair of life. Starting from Bede's School Car Park.

FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY APRIL 4th: 3pm to 5pm.

Don't be an April Fool and miss out on a delicious tea; the usual culinary delights are on offer for £3. So phone Pat (735178) or the parish office (723222) by Friday March 31st to book. Don't worry no surprises in store—just treats! All warmly welcome.

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH: 8pm St Gregory's Lenten Taize Service.

APRIL 13th-16th: EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

celebrate the Easter Triduum with a retreat at Worth. You are also invited to take part in a "Cross Walk" from Arundel on April 9th arriving at Worth for the beginning of the retreat. Please contact fcarbhone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk for more information or a booking form.

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS

Everyone is welcome to join them

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Every second Monday 4pm to 5.30pm in the Committee room in the Parish Centre. Contact Susan 732725

MOTHERS PRAYERS

First and third Tuesdays each month in the committee room in the Parish Centre. Contact Teresa 733487 or Mary 732907

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

7:30pm Parish Centre

ST GREGORY'S

Every Thursday at 10.00am

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.

FRIDAY APRIL 7th: STATIONS OF THE CROSS All men are invited to join in this yearly journey starting at 10pm with registration at St Agnes Church and Mass at 11pm and finishing with brief Adoration around 6am and breakfast. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join it and come for the first time.

SUNDAY APRIL 30th A ploughmans lunch will be served in the Parish Centre. Ham/cheese roll, delicious homemade soup, tea/coffee, cake £5. All proceeds will go towards the recent unexpected work that has taken place in our churches. Tickets on sale in April.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS will be able to renew their commitment at the Masses on Maundy Thursday April 18th at 8pm or on the Feast of Corpus Christi June 17th/18th.

IN MEMORIAM: please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Lenihan whose Requiem is on Friday March 31st at 10am in St Agnes and Bill Gerlach whose Requiem is on Tuesday April 11th at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

St Wilfrid's Hospice are seeking to appoint a Spiritual Support Lead. For information contact Andrea Dechamps on 434240 andrea.dechamps@stwhospice.org

NEWS FROM NETWORKX who thank us for the help we have given in providing accommodation for an Algerian family who say that they have never known such kindness as they have found in England.

INDIAN PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER AND SERVICE OCTOBER 10TH-20TH 2017 Please let Fr Gerard know if you would like further information.

St Gregory's Easter Raffle: Tickets £1 per strip will be available after each Mass. The Draw will take place on Easter Sunday at St Gregory's. Great prizes to be won.

A great big thank you to everyone who supported the St Patrick's dinner and fun night. £795 profit was made, enough to send somebody to Lourdes.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS, especially Maureen Barnard, Rosanna de Souza, Helen Crowsley, Frederick Riddle, Kathy Malone, Marie Dobinson, Hermine Ball, Martin Forte Hyland, Theresa Kitchener, Rose McKie, Kathleen Morgan, and for our parishioners who are suffering at this time. Please also pray for their carers. Please let us know if someone is taken ill or into hospital and also when they return home.

Safeguarding is our Church's responsibility for people who might be at risk of abuse (children or adults). For any concerns please contact Helen James 01323 504313 barryjames143@btinternet.com; for DB applications contact Wendy Goodman 5017736 goodman.wp@gmail.com.

COLLECTIONS

There is a retiring collection next weekend for South Sudan (all major aid agencies are appealing)

Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £2377.96
CAFOD £122.12

St Agnes £468.75

Thank you for your generosity
Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.
Please do not insert any other literature into the leaflet dispenser in the narthex.