

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

everyday 10am-5pm

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Saturday 6	Dawn 6pm	Private intention Marie Neville RIP (Brenda Hilliam)
SUN 7 5th Sunday of year	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
MON 8 FEB	Dawn Day Dusk	Irene Ash RIP (Brenda Hilliam) Thanksgiving to parishioners who supported the Giving Tree (SVP) Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUES 9	Dawn Day	Joan Eady RIP (Funeral day) Renata Sapieha RIP (Brenda Hilliam)
WED 10	Dawn 11am	Ida Borza/Pace & Achille Borza (Borza family) Rest of the Soul of Irene Moir (Martha Byrne)
THURS 11 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes	Dawn 11am Dusk	Sean Mooney RIP Thanksgiving Mother of Jesus (R. Neves) Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI 12	Dawn 11am Dusk	Prayers in thanksgiving (Ann Bennell) Don and Pam Withey (Ann Buchanan) Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT 13	Dawn Day 11am 5pm 6pm	Private Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory Adoration & Confessions Confessions Jack O'Brien 90th Birthday
SUN 14 6th Sunday Ord. time	Readings:	1. Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 [Psalm 31] 2. Corinthians 10:31-11:1 3. Mark 1:40-45
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	John Griffin RIP (Samantha Keane)
St Agnes	11.15am	Katie McDonagh RIP (Gina Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Teresa McFadden RIP (Catenian Circle)
OLR	5.30pm	James, Eileen, Noel & Timothy Lahiff RIP (Toft)

6th/7th February 2021

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Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)

This Thursday, 11 February, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was on this February day in 1858 that Our Lady first appeared to a little 14-year-old girl called Bernadette in Lourdes, France. At the beginning Bernadette simply called her 'the Lady' because she did not know who she was but a few weeks later, on the Feast of the Annunciation, this Lady revealed her identity with the words, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. That small village of Lourdes, in the foothills of the Pyrenees, soon grew to be the largest place of pilgrimage in Europe. It is a place dear to many of us and has a deep effect on many who go there. It is a place of healing and miracles yet the greatest gift many receive there is the gift of peace, faith and renewed devotion to Our Lady.

After the apparitions, when Bernadette was asked again what happened, she said something that I've often remembered. She said that when the beautiful Lady looked at her, "She looked at me as if I was a person." Bernadette said that no one else had ever looked at her that way. To others she was just a girl from an insignificant family and well behind in her schooling. No-one had ever really looked at her. However, Mary looked at her and saw someone, a person. Bernadette never forgot the way Mary looked at her. To Our Lady she was someone.

Today, living with all these new restrictions – being told to stay home, isolate, wear masks, keep our distance, etc... - and maybe more aware than ever of our inner poverty - we may wonder, 'Who am I? Does anyone really see and know me?' The world might not see us but Mary sees us. To her we matter. As our mother she knows us, sees us, and loves us. Her sight reflects the eyes, heart and mind of her only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. To him each one of us is wanted, loved, and necessary.

Soon we will begin Lent again, a time of stripping away the non-essential. May we return again to two essentials for us as Christians – prayer and penance. Our Lady told Bernadette to do penance and pray the Rosary. I pray we may all learn to love this simple, profound and lifesaving prayer. *God Bless you this week*
Fr Bruno.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOU TUBE: www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom

Also, Mass will now be on Fridays at 11am, open to the public. (Confessions will be on Saturdays at 11am (with adoration) and at 5pm.

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=Z9v8Z7uw2FQ&feature=youtu.be>

FUTURE DATES: INVITED—THE DIOCESSAN LENT MISSION.

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided through a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like minded people and discuss what you have learnt.

Lent starts on Wednesday 17th February.

Each Monday (beginning 22nd) an episode of *Invited* will be premiered on the diocesan website and across our social media channels. This episode will contain teaching and testimony on a particular aspect of that week's theme, with time for prayer and reflection.

Each Thursday 7.30pm to 8.45pm we will explore the content from Monday's episode during a virtual meeting, while reflecting on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Not only will this give people a chance to prepare more prayerfully for Mass, but it will give us an opportunity to link the diocesan-wide mission to everyday parish life.

Getting involved and signing up: Thursday's meetings will be held on Zoom, attendees can register at abdiocese.org.uk/invited for these sessions. Scripts for the episodes and the reflection questions will be available to print for anyone who is not able to join us online. To find out more contact our Formation team; invited@abdiocese.org.uk.

GO TO JOSEPH!

Ite ad Joseph is a little Latin phrase meaning "Go to Joseph!" It is taken from Genesis 41: the story of Jacob's son Joseph who was sold into slavery, but ended up becoming viceroy of Egypt. When famine struck the land, the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for help, and he told them: "Go to Joseph and do whatever he tells you".

As Pope Francis points out, the phrase has, in Catholic tradition, become a sort of prayer referring to Jesus's foster father of the same name. "*Ite ad Joseph!*" we can say to ourselves whenever we hit a snag in the course of our day. It is like a quick glance, looking to our father for assurance. St Joseph is a practical man and a provider: he helps us to combat everyday difficulties and fix us minds on what is necessary to live a life dedicated to Christ. St Theresa of Avila would always "go to Joseph". She writes in her autobiography: "I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints, the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all..." In all things, *ite ad Joseph!*

PRAYING FOR AN END TO MODERN SLAVERY WITH ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



St. Josephine Bakhita, whose feast is on **8th February** was taken into slavery as a girl in Africa in the 19th Century and is the patron of all those who suffer the same in their lives. We pray for an end of modern day slavery - exploitation, trafficking and servitude of every distorted and wicked kind. Our diocesan steering group continues to work towards being able to launch a programme of raising awareness and seeks to bring like-minded people together in a network collaborating with other organisations. Anti-Slavery Day: This important event was created as a result of the Anti-Slavery Day Act, a Private Members Bill introduced Anthony Steen CBE, now Chair of the Human Trafficking Foundation. Modern slavery is a crime that often hides in plain sight. Anti-Slavery Day provides us with an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, encouraging the government, local authorities, companies, charities and individuals to do what they can to confront the problem. Sunday 18th October Arundel and Brighton Diocese is providing supervised, temporary accommodation for victims of trafficking or exploitation, giving those affected by this terrible crime a place of sanctuary when it is needed most. This important initiative is the result of many month's work with Sussex and Surrey Police, with the accommodation provided by the Diocese intended as a safe haven pending a decision to enter the National Referral Mechanism. It is extremely difficult for people being trafficked or held as modern day slaves to escape the individuals and groups that control them. Providing a place of safety for victims of slavery and trafficking offers survivors the opportunity to re-build their lives in safety. The Diocese is involved with both Sussex and Surrey's Modern Slavery Networks, working with the police, local authorities, National Health Service (NHS) and other first category responders. For more information contact: modernslaveryhelpline.org To sign up for the newsletter through the diocesan website on the Modern Slavery page (<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/formation/combating-modern-slavery>). Their latest newsletter is here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4qqr7ph>

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, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Renata Sapiha RIP (funeral Monday 8th February at 2.30pm Sacred Heart Hove) and can be watched on livestream: www.sacredheartrove.org.uk. Patricia Smits RIP (Funeral elsewhere 17th February) Marie Neville RIP (Requiem 18th February at 11am). Stephen Cantwell RIP (service elsewhere on 19th February). Irene Moir RIP (Requiem 25th February at 11am St. Agnes). Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Requiem 4th March at 11am St Agnes). Molly Hannaford RIP, Jeanne Smith RIP (funeral elsewhere 1st March) Patrick Smith-Taylor RIP (Requiem 10th March at 11am) Armanda De Caires Gouveia RIP (Requiem 11th March at 11am St Agnes) Michael Butters RIP (Requiem 17th March at 10.30am St Agnes). Mary Bird RIP. Salvatore Marsiglia RIP. Marie Potts RIP and Fr Martin Jakubas RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.