

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER everyday 10am-5pm

Saturday 20	Dawn	Priest's Intention
	Day	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	12 noon	Solemn reading of The Passion according to John [Livestreamed]
OLR	5pm	Confessions
OLR	6pm	Marguerita Manfredi RIP (Bridget Towers)
SUN 21 5th Sunday of Lent	Readings:	1. Jeremiah 31:31-34 [Psalm 50] 2. Hebrews 5:7-9
		3 John 12:20-33
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Hilda Price RIP (Smith family)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Jimmy Farrell RIP (Gina Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	Clare Greene RIP (Margaret Ramsay)
OLR	5.30pm	Fr Tom Heneghan RIP (Jane Mathers)
MON 22	Dawn	Priest's intention
	Dusk	Jesus of Prague (R. Neves)
TUES 23	Dawn	Jean Lloyd (Barrow family)
	Day	Repose of the soul of Clare Greene RIP (Brenda Hilliam)
WED 24	Dawn	Repose of the soul of Pauline McCauley RIP (S. McCauley)
OLR	11am	Requiem: Luigia Abro RIP (Limited numbers)
THURS 25 Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord	Dawn	Jose Vieira
	11am	Mary Barber RIP (Clare & Ron Brazier) [Livestreamed]
	Dusk	Priest's Intention
FRI 26	Dawn	Priest's intention
OLR	11am	Requiem: Bobbie Gausden RIP [Livestreamed] (Limited numbers) <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass)</i>
	Dusk	Michael Butters RIP (Jane Mather)
SAT 27	Dawn	Priest's intention
	Day	Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
Mass of Palm Sun.	6pm	Ray Kenward RIP (Ann Bennell)
SUN 28	Readings:	1. Isaiah 50: 4-7 [ps. 21] 2. Philippians 2:6-11
		3. Mark 14:1-15:47
		PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD WITH THE BLESSING OF PALMS AT ALL MASSES.
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Don & Pam Withey RIP (Anne Buchanan)
St. Agnes	11.15am	Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Mary Mitchell)
OLR	11.30am	Marie Neville RIP (Knights of St Columba)
OLR	5.30pm	Clare Greene RIP (Eileen & Dorothy Walsh)

20th/21st MARCH 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM

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When Jesus wanted to teach us things he often resorted to parables and chose to use things we see in the natural world to teach us about God and ourselves. We can think of lessons he taught us using for instance; the birds of the air, the flowers in the field, clouds and rain, a mustard seed, the hairs on our head, shepherds and their sheep, etc... He was telling us that God also speaks to us through the things he has made, that is, the world around us reveals to us realities greater than themselves. We could say nature itself is a parable. St John Henry Newman speaks of his thrill in discovering this truth in the writings of the early Church Fathers as it confirmed an intuition he had had within him since being a child.

In today's Gospel – as we enter Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent, and on the threshold of Holy Week – Jesus uses the image of a grain of wheat: 'Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit' (Jn 12:24). He is referring to himself. Now is no longer the time for words; rather we are at the 'hour' for which he came into the world, for that moment when he will be 'glorified' and fulfil the Father's will to the end. And what is the Father's will? It is this, to give eternal life to those who have lost it. The death of Jesus on the Cross is the condition for his resurrection to new life and for our 're-birth' too. 'Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the World'.

As we prepare to enter Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's year, I pray you will have time to follow the Church's liturgies. This may be in Church, or online, or in the quiet of your homes with a missal on your lap. Stay close to the Lord this week. What he does he does for us. We have Palm Sunday, then the Sacred *Triduum* (three days) of the Last Supper, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. On Easter Sunday we wake up to greet the living Lord, who now risen dies no more and is with us always. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON

YOU TUBE: [www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom)

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THIS WEEK

CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY

ONLINE Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent with ideas of 40 ways to pray during Lent and Easter.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Tuesday 23rd March

To mark the anniversary of the beginning of lockdown in the UK, the Prime Minister has called for a day of reflection. As Catholics, we have been asked by our Bishops to use this day to add our prayers for all affected by the pandemic and we reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life. We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive. We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion. We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our

lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS.

Saturday 27th March—11am-12 noon

As this will be the last opportunity before Easter there will be 3 Priests available for The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

FUTURE DATES:

ONLINE RETREATS FROM WORTH ABBEY led by Michael Woodward (member of the Lay Community of St Benedict)

26th-28th March: "The Holy Shroud: Gospel beyond Words - What the Shroud Tells Us".

1st-4th April:

Join with the monks of Worth Abbey, in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. Book at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

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, Michaeline Winterbottom, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, Colin Hoslett, Chantal Witchalls.

RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of:

Luigia Abro RIP (Requiem 24th March at 11am OLR). Bobbie Gausden RIP (Requiem 26th March at 11am OLR). Angela Watts (funeral elsewhere 31st March). Molly Hannaford RIP (Requiem 11am OLR 8th April). Tony Houry RIP (Funeral elsewhere 14th April) Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

BOOKING FOR SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK AND ON EASTER SUNDAY

This year places still have to be booked. Service times are:-

Maundy Thursday 1st April
Our Lady of Ransom 9pm Mass of The Lord's Supper (**Livestreamed**)

Good Friday 2nd April
Our Lady of Ransom 3pm Solemn Passion (**Livestreamed**)
St Agnes 3pm Solemn Passion
St Gregory 3pm Solemn Passion

Holy Saturday 3rd April
Our Lady of Ransom 9pm Easter Vigil in The Holy Night (**Livestreamed**)

Easter Sunday 4th April
Our Lady of Ransom 9.15am Mass (**Livestreamed**)
11.30am Mass
5.30pm Mass
St Agnes 8am Mass (Extraordinary Form)
11.15am Mass
St Gregory 9.30am Mass

TO BOOK FROM MONDAY 22nd MARCH

OLR or ST AGNES
CALL 01323 723222 Monday and Wednesday afternoons, 2pm - 4pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am - 12 noon or e-mail: easterolr@gmail.com.

ST GREGORY'S
CALL Nick Price , 07711243419 or e-mail: nickprice8@hotmail.com

EVERYONE who wants a place needs to book; including stewards, readers, Eucharistic ministers, choir members AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

Should people be unable to fulfil booking would they let Maureen (OLR) or Nick (St Gregory's) know ASAP so that the place/s may be allocated to others.