

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Ac 6:1-7) (1 P 2:4-9)

Saturday 13	4pm	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Judy Rowland RIP (<i>Sommers</i>)
Sunday 14	8am	Our Lady of Ransom	Latin Mass
	9.15am	St Gregory's	Irene Ash (<i>Catenians</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Margaret McCormack's Intentions
	11.15am	St Agnes	Lionel Taylor
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Freda & Peter Moon anniversary (<i>Moon</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Sandra McMeakin (<i>Turner</i>)
	<i>Baptism at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom of Sofia Flaherty</i>		
Monday 15	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	V C George RIP (<i>George</i>)
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	(Ordinariate) Conversion of Margaret
Tuesday 16	9am	St Gregory's	<i>Morning Prayer and Exposition</i>
	10am	St Gregory's	Bryan Barrow (<i>John & Sandra Zilioli</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 17	7.45am	Our Lady of Ransom	instead of 12 noon Mass
	9am	St Agnes	<i>Morning Prayer and Exposition</i>
	10am	St Agnes	Requiem: Gwendoline King RIP
Thursday 18	7.30am	St Gregory's	Dino Mazzoli RIP (<i>Needham</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Donald Ashford RIP (<i>Ashford</i>)
Friday 19	9am	St Agnes	<i>Morning Prayer and Exposition</i>
	10am	St Agnes	Joao Domingos Alfonso RIP (<i>Rodrigues</i>)
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Patricia Rouce (<i>Collins</i>)
	<i>Followed by Exposition until 7pm</i>		
	3pm	DGH	<i>Staff, patients and friends</i>
Saturday 20	10am	<i>Our Lady of Ransom</i>	<i>Baptism of Sienna McCabe</i>
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Healing Mass
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Ac 8:5-8,14-17) (1P 3:15-18)			
Saturday 20	4pm	St Agnes	Brian Frost (<i>Crunden</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Thanksgiving for Peter Wood (<i>Wood</i>)
Sunday 21	9.15am	St Gregory's	John Redfern RIP (<i>Okshott</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Salvo Xerri RIP (<i>Duggan</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Sheila & Bryan Hichisson anniversary (<i>Hichisson</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Eileen Canning RIP

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 13th/14th
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

Today's Gospel is one of reassurance. Christ is with the disciples at the Last Supper and he is preparing himself for what lies ahead. He knows what is about to happen and that he will have to walk alone. Just before the passage of the Gospel which we read today Simon Peter has asked Jesus "Lord, where are you going?" to which Jesus replied "now you cannot follow me where I am going, but later you shall follow me".

Jesus wants to reassure them. He has already given them the new commandment—"you must love one another just as I have loved you." Now he tells them not to be troubled or afraid, but to trust in God and trust in him. He tells them that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house and that he will return and take them with him. What, we wonder, can they have made of that. What mansion, what place?

As Thomas points out, if they don't know where Jesus is going, how can they know the way to follow him. A very fair question which many of us would have asked, had we been there.

However, Jesus then makes the statement which resonates in our hearts today and which enables us to put our trust and our faith in him: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. How often have we heard those words, have said those words, and have felt the force of them. Because of that statement we confidently put our trust in him who will lead us to the Father.

THIS WEEKEND At the 9:15 Mass at St Gregory's this Sunday we celebrate First Communion for our young people. Congratulations to Chuka Attamah, Chuma Attamah, Nathaniel Barber, Jasmin Barrow, Daniel Beck, Paulina Bialek, Rhys Edwards, Samuel Harvey, Abigail Lauren Hylands, Dylan Podbielski, Mary Kate Rivett, Matteo Romeno, David Romeno. We pray that this day will deepen their faith in Jesus Christ and we congratulate their families.

COMING WEEK

Wednesday 17th Next meeting for Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa after the Liturgy of the Word.

Thursday 18th RCIA 8pm Parish Centre. Lectio Divina led by Fr Raglan.

Friday 19th 7pm for 7.30pm Murder Mystery show and 2 course supper at St Thomas a Becket Junior School Hall. Tickets £7.50 on sale from May 16th from the school office or £10 on the night.

Saturday 20th 9.30 to 12.30 Big Brekkie Fundraising breakfast in aid of Eastbourne Networkx and Christian Aid at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road. Minimum donation of £3.50. For details see notice board at the back of church.

Saturday May 20th The SVP are holding a Healing Mass at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. There will be soup and sandwiches available in the Parish Hall after the service.

Sunday 21st There will be First Communions 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Ransom and 11.15am at St Agnes.

Fr Raglan will be away on Tuesday May 16th and Wednesday May 17th as he will be attending a Conference at the Felbridge Hotel, East Grinstead for the Clergy of the Diocese to consider the 2 Synods on the Church's Mission to "Marriage and Family Life" that were held in Rome in 2014/15, and the survey of the views of Catholics in every country including the UK that followed. All that resulted in the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The joy of Love) from Pope Francis, which reflected upon the changes that have taken place in society and attitudes to the family, and the questions these raise for Christians. Please may we ask for prayers, to be guided by the spirit of God in our reflections.

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.

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday May 25th 7 for 7.30pm The Newman Association are holding a Wine and Cheese Social with a topic "A simple layperson's response to some scientific discoveries of the Twentieth Century". Guest Speaker Fr Raglan at Christ the King Parish Rooms. Contact Alex 07957632208.

Saturday June 3rd Pentecost Vigil

At the 6pm Mass we will mark Pentecost by celebrating all the nationalities that make up our Church. Readings and Prayers will be in different languages. If you can offer to read in a particular language please contact Dr Nick Woodall nickwoodall@hotmail.co.uk. There will be a celebration in the Parish Centre afterwards and food from different regions will be very welcome.

Tuesday June 6th and Tuesday June 13th: 7.30pm to 9pm the next **BAPTISM COURSE**. As the evenings are different, please come to both sessions.

FIRST COMMUNION 2017/2018: Families with children who will be aged 7 by September 1st (academic Year 3) are invited to apply for the First Communion programme 2017/2018. Forms are available at the back of the churches.

IN MEMORIAM: please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathy Malone whose Requiem is on Wednesday May 24th at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family. Fr Kenny: Monday May 22 Reception of the Body into Our Lady of Ransom at 4pm Vigil Mass 7.30pm. Tuesday May 23rd Funeral Mass at 10am in Our Lady of Ransom

St Agnes Lenten Lunches: A very big "Thank You" to all who generously donated soup, raffle prizes & money, Kathy for her beautiful cards and all who helped in any way. A wonderful £1,100 was raised to provide local refugees with language and work skills; the money will be distributed by Eastbourne Networkx.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS, especially Anne-Marie Thomson, Joan Garbet, Ron Wallace, Audrey Irish, Daphne Warwick, Maureen Barnard, Rosanna de Souza, Frederick Riddle, Marie Dobinson, Hermine Ball, Martin Forte Hyland, Theresa Kitchener, Rose McKie, Kathleen Morgan, and for our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and 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 barrjames143@btinternet.com; For DB applications contact Wendy Goodman 501736 Goodman.wp@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS

Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £2631.39
CAFOD £47.79 Education of Future Priests
£334.50

St Agnes £461.90 CAFOD £5 Education of
Future Priests £174.90

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Please do not insert any other literature into
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