

OUR LADY OF RANSOM OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

everyday 10am-5pm

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

Saturday 13	Dawn	Private Intention
	Day	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	5pm	Confessions
	6pm	Jack O'Brien 90th Birthday
SUN 14 6th Sunday Ord	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)
MON 15 FEB	Day	John Zilioli & family (Barrow)
	Dusk	Repose of the soul of Fr Martin Jakubas (Doreen Bergin)
TUES 16	Dawn	Mgr. Barry Wymes RIP (Larke)
	Day	Morelli family (Fusciardi family)
WED 17 Ash Wed.		
St. Agnes	10am	Patricia Smits RIP (Funeral day elsewhere)
OLR	11am	Return to health Patricia Buddy (Goodman)
OLR	7.30pm	Jim Needham RIP (Needham)
THURS 18	Dawn	Hilda Price RIP (Needham)
	11am	Requiem: Marie Neville RIP [Live streamed, limited nos.]
	Dusk	Patrick Halpin (Teresa Halpin)
FRI 19	Dawn	Stephen Cantwell RIP (Funeral day elsewhere)
	11am	Fr Martin Jakabus RIP (Ann Bennell)
		Followed by Stations of the Cross
	Dusk	Phyllis Margaret Snoops RIP (Mary Paul)
SAT 20	Dawn	Jean Onion RIP (Fusciardi family)
	Day	Armanda De Caires Gouveia RIP (Claudine O'Farrell)
	11am	Adoration & Confessions
	5pm	Confessions
	6pm	Betty Johnny RIP (Zarian-Oakes)
SUN 21 1st Sunday of Lent	Readings:	1. Genesis 9:8-15 [Psalm 24] 2. Peter 3:18-22 3. Mark 1:12-15
OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Jim Needham RIP (Jean Lloyd)
St. Agnes	11.15am	John & Freda Deadman (Peter Deadman)
OLR	11.30am	David Grantham RIP (Sonia McGinnes & family)
OLR	5.30pm	Jean Francois Pinot RIP (Wendy & Philip Goodman)

13th/14th February 2021

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Originally, the word 'lent' referred to this time of year when nature begins to transform. It is the season when days "*lengthen*", the snow fades, the green leaves emerge and flowers start to bloom, and animals come out of hibernation. In the age of Christ, the Church has seized upon this season to show that, like the rest of God's creation, our spirits need a time where they are renewed by God's grace.

Lent is a time for cutting back, for burning up, for scattering away all the bad growth and rubbish that separates us from God. Penance takes us *into Christ's death*. Just as in winter plants and animals die back, to prepare to spring forth again, so we put our bad habits 'to death', and allow virtue to flourish. Little by little, we say "no" to the kind of people we used to be. By denying ourselves some of the things we enjoy having, we teach ourselves to desire only the good things of God, and we show sorrow for the way we have lived according only to our own needs. We learn how weak we really are, and how to be humble. This is a special gift that comes through baptism, which is a plunging into the death of Christ. It comes through the Sacrament of Reconciliation too – where Jesus, the priest, actually destroys the sins we have confessed and fills us with the Holy Spirit.

In this way, death gives way to Resurrection. Like a spring that comes after frost, Lent is the beginnings of *life after death*. It is the time for an increase of prayer, and charity to others. Through meditating on Jesus's life, Death and Crucifixion, we are filled with grace. As sap flows in a tree's branches to make it green, grace flows – unseen, unfelt – in the one who listens to God, making him strong in loving others without thinking of himself, and pleasing to the Lord. Lent is a time of new growth: a fresh start at being Christians. We hear the voice of the Lord calling out to us: "Come back to me – you who were dead; rise again, and be free!"

LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOUTUBE: 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 LOURDES PILGIRIMAGE FUND
There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend in aid of the Fund. Thank you in advance for giving generously to the Lourdes collection this weekend. Whilst the funds will not be used for a pilgrimage this year due to CV-19, they will be allocated to helping sick and disabled pilgrims join us in 2022. They too send you their heartfelt thanks.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY ONLINE Sister Mary Rose reflects on the Gospel Reading with prayers and an art activity suggestion.
https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zxtf79Ct_FE&feature=youtu.be

FUTURE DATES OPEN CLOISTER AT WORTH ABBEY
Finding Silence 2: The Prayer of Meditation (online day retreat)
Saturday 20th February – 9am-4:30pm
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

The Lent Journey: (online weekend retreat) 26th-28th February
Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB
Places can be booked online at <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

YOU ARE 'INVITED' DIOCESAN LENT MISSION

BISHOP RICHARD has sent us a letter this weekend about the Lent Mission. Copies are available at the back of the churches.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEB LENT BEGINS. (Masses on back page).

MONDAYS beginning 22nd Feb. 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.

THURSDAYS beginning 25th Feb. 7.30pm to 8.45pm join a Zoom conference to discuss what we have heard, in groups.

There will be special groups for young adults, 18-35. **Facilitators are needed to lead groups and volunteers will be offered a session to prepare them in advance.** To sign up/offer to be a facilitator, go to the Diocesan website abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

A worship song has been specially commissioned for the mission, and has been composed and recorded by One Hope Project, a wonderful Catholic Worship Band. You can find the *Invited* theme on YouTube <https://youtu.be/-43A-X6aOcw> You will see that they have also created a video with it.

PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS

HOLY WATER will be blessed at all Masses next Sunday (21st Feb), for your private use during Lent. Please bring your water from home in a sealed container. Another opportunity for this blessing will be given in Eastertide.

FRIDAYS beginning 19th Feb. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place after the 11am Mass.

SATURDAYS beginning 27th Feb. **A SOLEMN READING OF THE PASSION** will take place at 12 noon, **livestreamed from OLR**, A different Gospel account each week; This tradition has been practised down the centuries reflecting the account of the Lord's suffering, death and burial in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John is a wonderful way to prepare us for Holy Week. It is also envisaged as a way for those who are not physically attending church to enter into the Way of the Cross.

CONFESSIONS continue to offered on Saturdays at 11am-12 noon during Adoration, and again at 5.00-6.00pm before the Vigil Mass.

RCIA. The weekly RCIA newsletter can be found on the parish website. This is available for all - not just those normally attending RCIA sessions. Up until Easter we are exploring Prayer. The readings and passages should be of great interest to all. Please do join us on-line on the parish website.

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, 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 Patricia Smits RIP (Funeral elsewhere 17th February) Marie Neville RIP (Requiem 18th February at 11am OLR). Stephen Cantwell RIP (funeral elsewhere on 19th February). Clare Greene RIP (Requiem 24th February at 11am OLR). Irene Moir RIP (Requiem 25th February at 11am St. Agnes). Jeanne Smith RIP (funeral elsewhere 1st March). Elizabeth Roncone RIP (Requiem 4th March at 11am St Agnes). Carmen Pumar RIP (Requiem 5th March at 11am OLR) Patrick Smith-Taylor RIP (Requiem 10th March at 11am OLR). Armanda De Caires Gouveia RIP (Requiem 11th March at 11am St Agnes) Michael Butters RIP (Requiem 17th March at 11am St Agnes). Marie Potts RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.