

Sunday Mass will be live streamed from OLR at 9:15am;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZlr.H5bZw>

Those without Internet access are invited to pray at the same time, using the separate sheet "When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly", so we can all be united spiritually.

Despite the lockdown, Mass will continued to be offered twice daily for your intentions, which are still gratefully received via e-mail and bank transfer. You may also use your own envelopes and post offerings through the Presbytery letterbox.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: 1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 3: John 14:15-21

Sunday 17 9:15 **People of the Parish (Live Streamed online)**
Dusk Lipscombe Family (*Alchin*)

Monday 18 Dawn Angela Sygrove RIP (*Crunden*)
Dusk Betty Johnny RIP (*Needham*)

Tuesday 19 Dawn Bernadette Meares RIP (*Charles Meares*)
Dusk Joseph Kennedy RIP (*Joan Kennedy*)

Wednesday 20 Dawn Jean Cadogan (**Funeral Day**)
Dusk Marion & Arthur Douch (*Douch*)

Thursday 21
THE ASCENSION Dawn Pat Barnes RIP (*Crunden/Wenban*)
OF THE LORD Dusk Cathy Tojo 23rd Birthday (*Tojo*)

Friday 22 Dawn Pauline Brangwyn RIP (**Funeral Day**)
Dusk Eileen Walsh (*Dorothy Walsh*)

Saturday 23 Dawn Intentions of Bernadette Wenban (*Crunden*)
Dusk Ellen Smith RIP (*Smith*)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: 1: Acts 1.12-44 2: Psalm 26 3: 1 Peter 4:13-16 4: John 17:1-11

Sunday 24 9:15 **People of the Parish (Live Streamed online)**
Dusk Ken Smiley RIP (*Smiley*)

For those who have internet Universalis.com gives the readings for every day

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16th/17th, 2020

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

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Fr Tristan Cranfield, Assistant Priest
Deacon Paul Scholey (Retired)

On Thursday we celebrate one of the great after-Easter feast days, the Ascension of our Lord. In the past weeks, since the Resurrection, we have listened to accounts of Jesus' appearances to various of his disciples, encounters which seem to be private and personal to his chosen followers, not the crowd-pulling events of his life before the crucifixion. It is almost as though Jesus is giving them time to absorb all the information he gave them at the Last Supper and to make sure that they have absorbed his message. He is leaving them, but not forever. "I will not leave you orphaned". Today's Gospel follows on directly from the one we listened to last Sunday, all part of the warning he gave them that he would soon be leaving the physical part of his time on earth. "In a little while the world will no longer see me". But the reassurance, which he constantly gives them, is that he will be with them. Not only does he promise that they will live, because he lives, he also promises them that help is at hand. "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever". He is of course referring to the third member of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. We can take comfort from the fact that Jesus "rose in glory" and left behind for us the instruction to keep his commandments. Then he will know he is loved and will love us in return. The Ascension should be looked on as a pause in a narrative. Christ came to save us and left us all the signposts we need and the promise that he will never desert us. That promise, particularly in stressful times like these, is one we should keep close to our hearts.

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TEMPORARY CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Raglan & Fr Tristan 01323 723222
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and 3pm

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We would love to hear from you with any
input you feel is of interest to fellow
parishioners. Send to me at
ann@ransomagnes.org

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER WE

RECEIVED FROM CAFOD: Coronavirus is
affecting every country we work in. The
poorest and excluded are most vulnerable
and the outlook is very serious in places
where healthcare is inadequate, washing
regularly and social distancing are luxuries,
and markets and jobs are being shut down.
The future is bleak should there be an
economic slump. We as a global family
have never faced a crisis of this magnitude,
in our own communities and those
communities CAFOD works with. Please
remember CAFOD in your prayers and
donations would be most welcome.

MEMORY LANE: due to Covid-19
restrictions Memory Lane Eastbourne are
no longer providing face-to-face social
activities to people with dementia and
their carers, However, each Wednesday
at 2pm they run a live singing session on
Facebook. Here you can join in with the
usual songs with Sharon (their regular
singer). They are also providing weekly
telephone calls/newsletters/activities to
keep everyone occupied. If you would like
more information phone carol
07800874361 or email
memorylane.eastbourne@gmail.com

THIS WEEK let us pray a Novena for
Pentecost, starting on Thursday (the
Ascension):

"O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before
ascending into heaven did promise to
send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in
the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples,
deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me
that He may perfect in my soul, the work
of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the
Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel,
fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the
Lord. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of
Your true disciples and animate me in all
things with Your Spirit. Amen." *Fr Tristan*

GIVING DONATIONS You can now do
this through the Diocese Virtual Offertory:
justgiving.com/campaign/parish-offertory.
Please be sure to specify the church and
town for your donation in the 'message of
support'. Or post your donations through
the Parish Office door marked either for
the Offertory, a Mass Intention (give clear
details) or for the priests. To pay by bank
transfer: Parish bank details are Account
name: Our Lady of Ransom and St Agnes:
Account number: 61077007 : Sort code:
40-05-20. Reference is the donor's name.
To obtain a standing order form, please go
to the Parish website and either post it in
the Parish Office or send to Nick Price at 8
Greenfield Road, 21 1JJ.

BISHOP RICHARD has a podcast every
Saturday at <https://www.dabnet.org/>
follow the link under "Latest News".

**ONLINE TALK AND DISCUSSION on the
Resurrection and Pentecost** each week
with Fr Tristan. See the parish website for
details.

LOCKDOWN: CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY

Last week I suggested we don't postpone *all*
activities and wait 'until all this is over', and
that one thing we could do is reach out to 4
people we know to ask if they have given
their up-to-date details to the Parish Office.
We have learnt these last few weeks how it is
possible to keep in touch as a community if
we have a good address and telephone list!
This is not asking you to obtain those
personal details yourself, just ask those
people known to you if they have provided
them, ideally in the proper GDPR forms which
can be taken from the parish website, or sent
out if you ask the Parish Office. It may seem
rather a humble thing to do, but we can look
at it as part of the mission which we hear
Jesus giving to the Apostles at this time after
Easter, person-to-person. *Fr. Raglan*

OUR BISHOPS will be celebrating Mass in
their Cathedrals for the sick, their families,
frontline workers every Thursday at 7pm
which will be live-streamed. On May 14th it
will be Bishop Mark Davies from Our Lady
Help of Christians & St Peter of Alcantara,
Shrewsbury. The link is on the Bishops'
Conference webpage (cbcew.org.uk)

COMPUTERS FOR CHARITIES, a Christian
organisation based in Hailsham, is looking for
an Administrator/PA, initially 20 hours, £10
ph (dependent on skills/experience) 20 days
annual leave + bank holidays). Contact Simon
Rooksby on 01323 8488588 or
admin@computersforcharities.org
Closing date Friday June 19th.

**RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS** of Dorothy Barnett, Ena
Crouch, Joan Cadogan and Pauline
Brangwyn, and Fr Bede Hill OSB from
Worth Abbey. Our sympathy and prayers
are with their families.

Also Desmond Rayner whom many will
remember as he looked after the flower
beds so faithfully at St Agnes. He moved
to be nearer his family and has now died.
Canon Scanlon, the parish priest in
Merton, has told us that Desmond's
committal service will be at the cemetery
on Wednesday May 20th and he will also
offer a Requiem Mass in the church
earlier that morning.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS

Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob
Cadwallender, Agnes Phipps, Martin
Forte-Hyland, Madeleine O'Brien,
Laurence Evans, Carmen Pumar, Sheila
Brown, Pauline Bosley, Abina Boniface,
Gilbert da Silva, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins,
Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, and all
our parishioners who are suffering at this
time, and their carers.

END OF LIFE CARE: the priests will attend
the dying at home or in hospital to
administer emergency baptism,
Confession, Anointing of the Dying. The
sacraments are precious: please do not
wait for the very end to call OLR (01323
723222) and request.

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every Sunday at 9.15M. Click on to
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
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live at Mass times or at any time to
watch previous Masses.