MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Confessions: Saturdays Our Lady of Ransom 10.30am to 11.30am and 5.15 to 5.45pm;
at St Agnes Confession is offered each Saturday after 4pm Mass also at call.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 S 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23) (1 Co 15:45-49)

Saturday 23	4pm	St Agnes	John & Freda Deadman RIP *(Deadman)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Tony & Christine O'Connor *(Markham)*
Sunday 24	9.15am	St Gregory's	Sean Duggan; Jim Needham RIP (*Barrow family*)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Sheila Martin (*Dan)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Stan Byrne *(Byrne)*

12.30pm Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Joshua William Ryan

Monday 25	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	**Requiem:** Helen Castro RIP
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom (Ordinariate)	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 26	10am	St Agnes	Mary McDonagh RIP *(McDonagh)*
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Maureen Connolly RIP *(Cable)*
Wednesday 27	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Dolores Cooke RIP *(Bergin)*
Thursday 28	10am	St Gregory's	Francisco da Costa RIP
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	**Requiem:** Rocco Borza RIP
Friday 1	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	**Requiem:** Jim Needham RIP
	3pm	DGH	For patients, staff and relatives
Saturday 2	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Peter Stevenson RIP

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Si 27:4-7) (1 Co15:54-58)

Saturday 2	4pm	St Agnes	Fr. Tom Heneghan RIP *(Mathers)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Anthony Peter Wood RIP *(Wood)*
Sunday 3	9.15am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Nicky Carroll (*Leatherland)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	The Halvey Sisters RIP (*McDonagh*)
	4pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	Celebrant's Intention
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Intentions of Tony & Phyllis Houris

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23rd/24th 2019

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

Fr Raglan Hay-Will, Fr Tristan Cranfield,

Deacon Paul Scholey

This weekend's gospel passage follows on directly from the one last week: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' and so much more. In fact it seems an awful lot to live up to. We are being told that we need to 'go the extra mile' in our dealings with other people. What is the value in just loving our friends, by far the harder thing to do is to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us—and indeed those who are not our enemies but who rub us up the wrong way in our daily life.

We know that Jesus, on the cross, forgave those who had condemned him to death, but are we up to such generosity, such magnanimity? Maybe a part of us would secretly worry that we might turn into a human doormat, trampled on by those who don't understand what we are trying to do, don't understand our motives, and merely take advantage of our seeming meekness. Realistically we are not going to be perfect in this life and when we are constantly bombarded by the disharmony we see around us we may be forgiven for thinking that even striving to iron out our imperfections is a waste of time. Let's just jog along as we are, warts and all. But actually that won't do. Perfection may not be possible but opening our hearts and minds to everyone around us is perfectly feasible.

THIS WEEKEND Bacon Butties at the keen price of £1.50 after 10.30am Mass.

COMING WEEK

Thursday 28th No RCIA Meeting this week. Next meeting Thursday March 7th.

Friday 1st **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES:** at All Saints Church, Grange Road at 2.15pm followed by refreshments, and at the Celebration Café at 5.30pm, informal activities and food. All are welcome to attend either or both services.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday March 6th 10am to 12 noon the **EASTBOURNE PARKINSONS SINGING GROUP** together with their professional coach will be rehearsing at St Agnes. For more information contact Veronika on 654468.

Saturday March 23rd: **ST PATRICK'S DINNER & FUN NIGHT** Parish Centre 6.45 for 7.15pm. Delicious Irish Stew (beef/veggie) & Murphies plus other goodies, Fun Irish Quiz and much much more. See notice board for details. Tickets now on sale from Maura 430532 or the Parish Office.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: All ministers are asked to attend one of these days at Our Lady of Ransom. **Readers**: March 9th or 30th and **Eucharistic Ministers** (both those who visit the sick and administer at Mass) March 16th or April 6th. All Saturdays at 10.30am until Commissioning at 12 noon.

OLR CLUB TIME FEBRUARY WINNERS! £100 Mrs R Sapieha; £50 Mr J Chikoto; £25 each Miss D Walsh & Mr D Kennedy. Many thanks for all those who participated last year—**please do so again.** Please complete the form which you will find at the back of the church, and join the fun!!

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS: These will be starting in the week beginning March 4th. Please contact your group leader or the Parish Office regarding the groups.

PARKING IN THE TOWN HALL: We are very fortunate to have the use of the Town Hall car park but **PLEASE do not park in the bays marked for the use of Registrars only.** Registrars need access to these 24/7.

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS
in the Parish Centre.
Everyone is welcome to join them
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP
Every second Monday 4pm to 5.30pm
Contact Susan 732725 /07402 151 060
MOTHERS PRAYERS
First and third Tuesdays each month
Contact Teresa 733487 or Mary 732907
PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP
first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP 7:30pm

ST GREGORY'S ROSARY GROUP
Every Wednesday at 10am in the Church

GRANDPARENTS MEETING **St Agnes Hall**
2nd Wednesday of the month 11 am

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.
in St Agnes every first Tuesday 9-10am

STUDENT CROSS HOLY WEEK WALKING PILGRIMAGE: have you thought about celebrating Easter in a different way this year? Student Cross is a pilgrimage taking place in Holy Week mainly aimed at students but inclusive of all ages. Eleven different groups (Legs) set off from different locations in the UK walking around 120 miles in seven days, carrying a life-sized wooden cross. Walkers are provided with food and shelter by generous people and parishes along the way, with all the groups meeting up and celebrating Easter at Walsingham. More than 250 pilgrims join this walk each year. The Kettering leg are looking for new walkers. If you are interested please contact David davidrich565@gmail.com and also visit www.studentcross.org.uk for more info.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS: St Thomas a Becket Primary School needs Foundation Governors whose function is to be there on behalf of the Bishop to support the school's Catholic ethos. Please tell Fr Raglan if you are interested in helping.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 6-8 September 2019 staying at the Anglican shrine. Two nights' accommodation and full board, plus return coach transport—total cost £201. Deposit of £30 required with booking. Further details to follow. Contact: Cheryl Wood, 07976 972010

OLR CAR PARK: please note that everyone must observe the new parking restrictions at all times. Do not block anyone in and please leave the area behind the Priest' cars free so they can reverse safely. Unfortunately some users are still ignoring the signs and restrictions.

IN MEMORIAM please pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Castro whose Requiem is on Monday February 25th, Rocco Borza whose Requiem is on Thursday February 28th, Jim Needham whose Requiem is on Friday March 1st and Jean Bradshaw whose Requiem is on Wednesday March 13th, all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Also Phyllis Witham whose Requiem is at 11.30am on Monday March 11th at St Agnes. Also Angela Light. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS, especially Cosmo Alchin, Jose Manuel da Silva, Lira Mendes, Dorothy Barnett, Trudy Kelly, Jacqueline Desmond, Trish Ryan, Shelia O'Grady, Mary Gibbons John Byrne, Pat Twohey, Rosanna da Sousa, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers.

SAFEGUARDING: Our representatives to contact in case of concerns are:
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COLLECTIONS
w/e 17/2 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £2086.88 CAFOD £18.87
St Agnes £538.10
Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.