

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Confession 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

**The Epiphany of the Lord (Is 60:1-6) (Ep 3:2-3,5-6)**

<b>Saturday 4</b>	4pm	St Agnes	John Zilioli & Family ( <i>Hilliam</i> )
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Connie Ratcliffe RIP ( <i>Taylor</i> )
<b>Sunday 5</b>	9.15am	St Gregory's	Fr. Paul Baker, RIP, Margaret Corrigan RIP, Marie Conlin RIP ( <i>Barrow Family</i> )
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Louis & Adrian Marolf RIP ( <i>Family Marolf, Silva</i> )
	11.15am	St Agnes	Len Brownsell RIP ( <i>Byrne</i> )
	12.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Epiphany procession
	4.00pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Pat Hay-Will RIP ( <i>Eastbourne Catenians</i> )
<b>Monday 6</b>	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Douglas Ramsay RIP ( <i>Larke Family</i> )
	7.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	(Ordinariate) Celebrant's Intention
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	10.00pm	St Agnes	Mary Cahill RIP ( <i>Mar</i> )
	12.00noon	Our Lady of Ransom	<b>REQUIEM</b> Maria Walker RIP
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Clive & Maria Featherstone Wedding Anniversary
<b>Thursday 9</b>	10.00am	St. Gregory's	William & Damaris Potter; Leonard & Maureen Wellington ( <i>Potter</i> )
	12.00 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Don Ashford RIP ( <i>Ashford Family</i> )
<b>Friday 10</b>	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Sheila Lyon RIP
	3.00pm	DGH	For patients, staff and relatives
<b>Saturday 11</b>	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Mrs Ma Tin May Heard-White ( <i>Dennis &amp; Felicity Heard-White</i> )
<b>The Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-44.6-7) ( Ac 10:34-38)</b>			
<b>Saturday 11</b>	4pm	St Agnes	Mark Whelan RIP ( <i>Moulding</i> )
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Joyce O'Dolan ( <i>O'Dolan</i> )
<b>Sunday 12</b>	9.15am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Rev Michael Creech ( <i>Marnell</i> )
	11.15am	St Agnes	Len Brownsell RIP ( <i>Eastbourne Catenians</i> )
	4.00pm	St Agnes (Ordinariate)	
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	David Brazier Anniversary( <i>McCabe</i> )

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 4th/5th 2020**

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**Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Peace January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Pope describes "Peace" as "a journey of hope in the face of obstacles and trials", and its steps are dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion. Among the "obstacles" facing us, are the conflicts which affect especially the poor and vulnerable. There are nations unable to break free from exploitation and violence which are directed both at individuals and groups of people.

Every war is "a form of fratricide", born out of the inability to accept the way the others are different from ourselves. People are tempted to withdraw into themselves, and this always has the effect of weakening relationships. So there is a false peace which is based on creating fear and threatening others; and this includes relying on nuclear deterrence. Pope Francis referred to his journey in 2019 to Japan where he met survivors of the atomic bombs in August 1945. These memories are searing, but memory can be a positive thing when we recall, even in the worst situations, heroic acts of solidarity. We can be inspired to work towards a more fraternal future.

And the world needs not words but "witnesses", people who are dedicated to the common good and respect for law. Listening to one another creates understanding and we can see in an enemy, "the face of a brother or sister".

Democratic government, the Pope says, can provide an example, so long as its power based on justice and the rights of all, especially the weak and marginalized. In the Bible, the prophets called for bonds in society reflecting the unconditional relationship between God and the people, which they called the Covenant. We share that perspective when we look at others, not just in terms of what they might have done, but for the promise they still hold. Jesus was asked by Peter (Matt. 18, v. 21-on) how often he must forgive, "as often as seven times?" and received the reply, "not seven, but seventy times seven". Fairness and justice needs to apply also to our politics and economics. After the financial crisis of 2008, Pope Benedict XVI called for a world economic order based on openness and communion.

Now we have come to understand more deeply that this must extend to the environment, that we have exercised a "tyranny" over creation. Our search for immediate profit has disregarded local communities, the common good, and nature. It is through creating a contemplative space in our daily lives that we can develop a different perspective on other people and everything in creation. Our spirituality of reconciliation, including the sacrament of confession, can be a way we "set aside every act of violence in thought, word and deed", either against people or other beings.

Fr. Raglan adds, "We have a gift to offer in this regard, because as Christians we begin every Mass with "Lord, have mercy": starting with ourselves, offering 'to be ourselves the hope that we seek'"

Fr Raglan and Fr Tristan would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' after Christmas and another year, for all the prayer, practical work and commitment of so many members of the parish, without you we really could not manage! Thank you also for the most generous Clergy collection this year.

#### **MONEY COUNTERS APPEAL**

One group of 'Marthas' are those who count the collections on Monday mornings. We are always needing replacements, so please consider if you could give us one Monday morning a month to join one of the teams—and this is either St Agnes or the OLR/St Gregory's. Please contact that Parish Office.

Another 'thank you' to many kind donors of festive gifts to the priests' house. Some of them did not have the giver's name attached, so please accept our apologies that we don't know who to thank— but if you see us do put us right!

**THIS WEEKEND FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** as we heard in the talks at Mass by Peter Rand before Christmas, on their 10th Anniversary, Friends of the Holy Land especially seek your support this year to Stand Firm with our Christian Brothers and Sisters in 2020. They are striving to reach every Christian in the UK to stand firm in prayer, in pilgrimage, in practical support and as advocates. Whilst crib offerings provide an excellent way to reach everyone in our diocese, it has been suggested that as Epiphany falls on Sunday January 5th, the gift of a retiring collection to those most in need in the Holy Land might be very appropriate on this date instead.

There is an Epiphany procession in Our Lady of Ransom starting at 12:30pm this Sunday and processing through the town with Carols and ending with prayer Our Lady of Ransom and a shared Epiphany Lunch in the Parish Centre. Donations for Friends of the Holy Land.

#### **COMING WEEK**

##### **Friday 10th 3-5pm AN EPIPHANY TEA.**

Call all wise men and women, follow a star (any star) and come to the Parish Centre to sample our delicious sarnies and home baked cakes. All warmly welcome, especially any newcomers. Please don't be shy. To book call either the Parish Office (723222) or Pat (735138)

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

##### **Thursday January 16th 7pm ARE YOU MARRIED? your diocese needs you!**

The newly formed Eastbourne and St Leonards Deanery is looking for couples/married individuals who would help in preparing couples for marriage. No training is necessary and there are a variety of ways in which you can help. If you are interested you are invited to attend this social gathering of the small group who are already looking to help at Christ the King. Do please come along but please let Simon know for catering purposes at simkirk@gmail.com

##### **Wednesday January 22nd 7-9pm**

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** This training is open to all, but especially to those who are 'working' with children and/or vulnerable adults. It is the expectation of the Bishop, Trustees and Safeguarding Commission that this initial training is undertaken and refreshed every three years. Any queries please contact me at goodman.wp@gmail.com

#### **THE LUMEN CHRISTI GROUP**

For those teenagers in years 9, 10 & 11 wishing to explore the faith and perhaps seek Confirmation. Application forms for the Retreat at Worth Abbey from **Friday January 31st to Sunday February 2nd** are available on the Youth Activities part of the Parish website and from the back of each church. **The first meeting (with parents) is on Friday January 10th at 7.30pm at St Agnes.**

**Saturday February 15th** The Redshirts team are proud to present a Murder Mystery Evening (including meal) here at Hay Will Manor. Details on posters, tickets now on sale £10 from the Parish Office or Maura 430532.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** Mondays of February 17th and 24th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**SATURDAY FILM AFTERNOON for years 6/7 on January 11th from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. All welcome and bring your friends for a film and refreshments.**

#### **WINTERSHALL "LIFE OF CHRIST"**

For years 6 and 7 we are proposing a trip to see this great play on Saturday June 27th 2020. Parent tickets cost £20 each; kids £10. Please see posters at back of church for details of this amazing production and contact [sistermaryrose@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:sistermaryrose@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk) asap to reserve a place. Transport will be organised.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Walker whose Requiem is on Tuesday January 7th, Cosmo Alchin whose Requiem is on Monday January 13th and Vincent Triner whose Requiem is on Tuesday January 14th, all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom. Also Edward Echlin whose Requiem is on Wednesday January 15th at 12.30pm at St Martha's, Little Common, and Bianca Woods, Angela Sygrove and Neil Beck. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families.

#### **LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND NEED OUR PRAYERS**

especially Carmen Pumar, Alredo Pontes, Sheila Brown, June Lipka, Lorna Cameron, Pombo Esperenza, Frank Pike, Pauline Bosley, Joan Kennedy, Abina Boniface, Ena Crouch, Gilbert da Silva, Irene Ash, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Moira Morrison, Joan Garbet, Dorothy Barnett, Trudy Kelly, Rosanna da Sousa, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers.

**Parish Office open Monday-Friday  
9.30am to 2.30pm  
01323 723222**

If no reply then for emergency calls  
841504 (St Wilfrid's, Hailsham)

#### **COLLECTIONS**

**There is a retiring collection this weekend for Friends of the Holy Land**

w/e 29/12 Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £2027.01 CAFOD £24.00  
St Agnes £440.77

Christmas offering to the Clergy: Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory's £7459.18

St Agnes £2387.60

Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.