TIMES OF CONFESSION

Saturdays in Our Lady of Ransom 11.30 to 12.30pm and 5.15pm to 5.45pm and at St Agnes confession will be offered each Saturday after the 4pm Mass, and at call

FOURTHSUNDAY IN LENT			
Saturday 14	4pm	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	June Lipka *(CWL Eastbourne)*
Sunday 15	9:15 am	St Gregory's	Pam Thompson RIP *(Cullen)*
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Audrey & Mark Pearson *(Pearson)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	Moises Fajo-Misa RIP *(Zoe & James)*
	4pm	St Agnes *(Ordinariate Mass)*	Fr John O'Sullivan *(Sparkes)*
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Dr Cicely Howell RIP *(Morgan)*
12.30pm Baptism at Our Lady of Ransom of Jairah Pixie Panningbaton			
Monday 16	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Joe & Jenny Deloro & Family *(Wood)*
St Patrick			
Tuesday 17	9am	St Gregory's	*Morning Prayer and Exposition*
	10am	St Gregory's	Mother of Jesus *(Neves)*
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Peter & Loretta Wood & Family *(Wood)*
Wednesday 18	9am	St Agnes	*Morning Prayer and Exposition*
	10am	St Agnes	Anne Rennie RIP *(Coope)*
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Requiem: Francis Fanning RIP
St Joseph			
Thursday 19	7.30am	St Gregory's	Angelina de Guise
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Margaret Evans *(Leatherland)*
Friday 20	9am	St Agnes	*Morning Prayer and Exposition*
	10am	St Agnes	Lily & Agnes Halvey RIP *(McDonach)*
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Sophie Flately RIP *(Cullen)*
	Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 4pm		
	3pm	Hospital Mass DGH	
Saturday 21	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Desmond O'Callaghan *(Grimshaw)*
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT			
Saturday 21	4pm	St Agnes	Michael & Teresa Healy RIP *(Begley)*
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Pamela Thompson RIP *(Crunden)*
Sunday 22	9:15 am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Annie McCann RIP *(McCann)*
	11.15am	St Agnes	Celebrant's Intention
	4pm	St Agnes *(Ordinariate Mass)*	Kit & Les Scobie RIP *(Chatfield)*
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Richard Sweetman RIP *(Douch)*

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT **March 14th/15th, 2015**

The Nicodemus to whom Jesus is talking in this week's Gospel was actually one of the Pharisees and a leader of the Jews, who came to Jesus by night, so we can assume that this was a clandestine visit. Apparently his purpose was to say to Jesus 'Rabbi, we know that you have come from God as a teacher; for no one could perform the signs that you do unless God were with him'.

We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus was not taken in by people who professed to believe in him purely because of the miracles he performed rather than through his teaching, but he gives Nicodemus a very full and comprehensive explanation. He says: "In all truth I tell you no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. To which Nicodemus replies "How can anyone who is already old be born? Is it possible to go back into the womb again and be born?"

Jesus' answer is: "In all trust I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit. What is born of human nature is human, what is born of the Spirit is spirit." He actually gets Nicodemus very perplexed, failing to understand all that Jesus is explaining to him. Jesus then rebukes him: "You are the Teacher of Israel, and you do not know these things!" He then explains further, in the words we hear today.

We can have a certain sympathy for Nicodemus, for this is not an easy passage of scripture to understand. But what is clear is the love God has for us, for the world. For these he gave his only Son, not to judge the world but to save it. This is what we believe, this is the truth which has been handed down to us, this is the reality that remains with us, and it is for this that we make our Lenten journey towards the Resurrection and the Life.

THIS WEEKEND

Stations of the Cross each Sunday in Lent at 3pm in Our Lady of Ransom.
St Gregory's Roof Fund raffle tickets on sale after all Masses every weekend until Easter when the draw will be made. There are plenty of lovely prizes so please do support this great fund raising effort.
Coffee morning and cake sale after 10.30am Mass in aid of funds to help Orla Phipps and Megan McHale who have been chosen to go to Lourdes as Redshirts. The Fund pays 50% and the girls pay 50%.
Discipleship: Young adults group 18-35 meeting in the Parish Centre 6.30 to 8pm Sunday evening. Bring £2 for pizza.

COMING WEEK

Wednesday 18th Co-Workers Lenten refreshments after 12 noon Mass. The last one!
Thursday 19th from 12.30 **St Agnes' Lenten Lunches** (in aid of CAFOD) in the Hall. Homemade soup, cheese etc. £2.50. All Welcome.
7.30pm Catholic Faith Course: looks ahead to Holy Week and the Easter Services.
Friday 20th 7-9pm in St Agnes Hall**.** ***Ignite*** for school years 7-9
Sunday 22nd: **the Catholic Women's League National Coffee Morning.** This will be in the Parish Centre after the 10.30am Mass with a cake and preserves stall and raffle. Gifts for the raffle would be much appreciated.
3pm in St Gregory's church: **Renaissance singers seasonal concert.** All welcome. No admission charge but a retiring collection in aid of the Roof Fund. Light refreshments will be available.

FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday March 24th: 7pm in Holy Trinity Church. Election Forum. A Conservative Christian Fellowship Listening to Britain's Churches event run on the lines of the Question Time programme. Fr Raglan is a member of the panel. Do come to this informative evening.
Friday March 27th: ***Reflection on the Easter Triduum*** Lenten All Night Vigil at St Agnes Church—commences 8pm and ends with Morning Prayer at 6am, followed by cooked breakfast. All welcome for part or whole of the night. See notice board for details.
Friday April 3rd: Good Friday. St Gregory's Taize Service at 7pm.
Tuesday April 7th: An Easter Celebration Tea, 3pm to 5pm in the Parish Centre. Come and meet old friends/make new friends and enjoy Easter teatime goodies. Lent is over—bring on the Simnel cake! Tickets £3 each on sale in the Parish Office.

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS Everyone is welcome to join them
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: Meeting every second Monday from 4pm to 5.30pm in the Committee room in the Parish Centre. Contact Susan 732725 or Elizabeth 472363
PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.
ST AGNES MONDAY EVENING GROUP: 7-8.30pm Stations of the Cross in the Hall
WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP OUR LADY OF RANSOM: 7:30pm Parish Centre
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING at 7.30 on Thursdays in St Agnes Hall.
ST GREGORY'S: every Thursday at 10.00am Stations of the Cross

Please support our **Reconciliation Service for Easter**: Thursday March 26th 7pm at Our Lady of Ransom, as several priests from the Deanery have kindly signed up to come and celebrate the sacrament with us.

OLR CLUB MARCH WINNERS: £150 Mrs E Endean; £100 Mrs R Sapieha; £50 Mrs R Augustine; £10 each Mr P Tucker, Mrs M Ramsay, Mrs B Hilliam. Numbers for the new year starting in April will now be allocated. **Sign up before it is too late**.

A day for all Readers on June 20th **A day for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** on July 18th, both from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please put it in your diaries!
HELP REQUIRED: please would someone volunteer to help until the lady who normally runs St Gregory's repository recovers from ill health.
GIFT AID DONORS: Please ensure that you have paid sufficient income tax/capital gains tax to cover the amount of tax to be claimed back by the Parish (equivalent to 25% of your donations) after April 5th 2015.
The Red Mission Boxes are due to be emptied this month and promotors will be arranging this. Would box holders who normally bring them to reception please do so. Any difficulties contact Brenda on 470791.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frances Fanning whose Requiem is on Wednesday March 18th, and Pat Sheehy whose Requiem is on Wednesday March 25th both at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom and for Alan Cullen. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

Please also pray for Nick Gale who led the Plainchant days held at St Andrew's Blackwater Road, and Our Lady of Ransom in the last few years, and also played at some of our 5.30pm Sunday Masses a couple of years ago; sadly he was involved in an accident in London last Tuesday March 10th and died a short while after. Our prayers are for him and his family. Further details can be found on: http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/new/2015/03/11/british-catholic-musician-dies-in-road-crash/

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL, especially Rod O'Driscoll, Ron Wallace, Mary Eager, Bernard Downey, Maureen Howard, Tim Jackson, Teresa Kitchener, Baby Arthur, and for our parishioners who are suffering at this time. Please also pray for their carers.

Retiring Collection this weekend for St Gregory's Roof Fund. Please use Gift Aid if you can, and add 25% to your donation.
COLLECTIONS: Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory £2316.14 CAFOD £115.45
St Agnes £553.40 CAFOD £42.00
GIFT AID DONORS: Thank you for your support. Your generosity in the last Tax Year produced £22,000 for our Parish funds—OLR & St Gregory £18,700, St Agnes £3,300. We still need more taxpayer donors—please contact Kevan (649861) or Richard (722183)
Advisory booklets on bequests to the Parish are available from the back of the churches.