

	Church Opening times	Church	Service Times
Sat 22 Aug	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Fr John Healy RIP (Bergin)
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			Readings: 1. Isaiah 22:19-23 [Ps. 137] 2. Romans 11:33-36 3. Matthew 16:13-20
Sun 23	8.45am – 10.15am	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – People of the Parish
	11am-12.30pm	OLR	11.30am Mass [O] Gerard O'Connor (Sheppard) (First Holy Communion for Johanna Tillano , Kristine Sison, Ariane Prospero and Eunice Macaranas)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] - Nicky Carroll RIP (Leatherland)
Mon 24	6pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6.30pm Mass – Elisabeth, Susana and Maria RIP
Tues 25	CLOSED	OLR	
Wed 26	10.30am - 12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Holy Souls (Vieira)
Thurs 27	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Mass – Mary Gibbons RIP (Ford)
Fri 28	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 29	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Win Marlow RIP (Bennell)
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			Readings: 1. Jeremiah 20:7-9 [Ps.] 62 2. Romans 12:1-2 3. Matthew 16:21-27
Sun 30	8.45am – 10.15am	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] Brian Phipps RIP (First Holy Communion for Henry Swift)
	11am-12.30pm	OLR	11.30am Mass [O] Geoff and Pat Barnes RIP (Wood)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] – People of the Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd/23rd August 2020

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Once again St. Peter is in the spotlight in this week's Gospel. Two weeks ago he was inspired to walk on water, but then suffered a loss of nerve. Of all the disciples he seemed to have the greatest triumphs and the worst falls; and perhaps that is precisely why he is named as the 'rock' on which the Church of Christ will be built. He knew his need of God; or rather he learnt it by hard experience. When Peter makes the bold statement of faith, "you are the Christ, the Son of the living God", he is told plainly that it was not "flesh and blood [that] revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven". There is an echo here of an earlier episode in Matthew (11: 25-27), when Jesus praises his Father, "you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding people and revealed them to infants". There is a contrast being made here between human cleverness and divine wisdom, and the same distinction is being made in the very setting where this episode takes place. Paneas (or Banias today) had a cave shrine to the god Pan; in 20 BCE the town was given to Herod the Great by the emperor Augustus Caesar, and titled "Caesarea". When Augustus died, Herod's son Philip enlarged the town and added his own name to the title. Peter's confession of faith declares that, whilst the Roman Emperor claimed divine status, it is Jesus who is "the Christ [the Messiah, the new David]", and even more, "the Son of the living God" [he is the one in whom we really meet God]. After this, if you read on beyond the Gospel passage at Mass, Peter suffers another fall. Jesus goes on to say that it is precisely as the Christ, he is going to suffer the Passion (Matt. 16: 21-23). With Peter we are learning just how different this God is that we have come to believe in. "Heaven preserve you, Lord", says Peter, "this must not happen to you". Having just given him the name "rock", Jesus famously now likens Peter to "Satan"; and once again it is because, "you are thinking not as God thinks but as humans do".

PARISH OFFICE

The receptionists are not yet back at Our Lady of Ransom, so if you need the parish office during August, please ring or e mail.

PLEASE NOTE: New parish e mail
eastbourneolr@abdiocese.org.uk

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please give your box number to a steward on your way into mass and they will have it ready for you to collect at the exit after mass.

CONTACT ADDRESSES

Please remember, if you have moved house or changed your email/telephone number to let us know. It would of course be in line with Data Protection rules.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Johanna Tillano, Kristine Sison, Ariane Prospero and Eunice Macaranas who will receive their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Ransom this Sunday at 11.30am Mass. Please pray for them and their families.

BEIRUT APPEAL

Many thanks for the generous collection raised for the disaster appeal which came to £1,253.44.

STEWARD APPEAL FOR ST AGNES AND ST GREGORY

Until we have enough volunteers to make up teams, Masses cannot yet resume at St Agnes. We also need more stewards for OLR and St Gregory's. The more people who can give some of their time, the more we can open for Mass. Please leave a message with the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND MARRIAGE

We recognise that many people are not yet coming to Mass, with the uncertainty about Covid still hanging over us. So we cannot fix dates for all those who are waiting to celebrate sacraments, whilst some of them do not feel it is safe. However, if a family or a group of families feel ready to come to Mass again, let us know that you would like to discuss moving forward with the sacrament. Churches can now be open, but only at times when we have volunteers to steward the people who come. So for the time being these sacraments will happen at Mass. We have now started with people who had been preparing for baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage before the lockdown in March. Due to the safety restrictions, we need ask for your understanding that we have to limit the number of guests you bring. We can give further details according to which sacrament you are preparing.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fatima and Peter Riordan, whose funeral is on Thursday 27th August at 1.30pm Eastbourne Crematorium; Ann Robertson, whose funeral is on Thursday 27th August at 2.30pm St Agnes; Nicky Carroll whose funeral is at Our Lady of Ransom on Wed 2nd September at 11am; Guistina Zaccagnini whose funeral will be at Our Lady of Ransom on Thursday 3rd September at 11am and Pamela Turner whose funeral will be at Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday 9th September at 11am. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, 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, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

Masses are currently at Our Lady of Ransom. Mass at St Gregory's will resume at 9.30am on September 6th. Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel where marked [L/S]

All those attending Mass MUST bring and wear a face covering and maintain 1m social distancing from other households. However, there are those who have exemptions from the mask regulation on health grounds, and we ask understanding to be shown over this.

As seating is limited, you are advised to be in good time.

Where marked [O], overflow seating will be available in the Parish Centre, where a second priest, if available, will offer a separate Mass – or else Mass from the main church will be simultaneously broadcasted there on the screens

Please see Mass Schedule overleaf.....

Private Masses will continue to be celebrated when the church is closed, for the priests' private intentions.