

	Church Opening times	Church	Service Times
Sat 29 Aug	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] – Bryan Phipps RIP (Phipps) First Holy Communion for Henry Swift
	11am-12.30pm	OLR	11.30am Mass [O] Geoff and Pat Barnes
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] - People of the parish
Mon 31	6pm-7.30pm	OLR	6.30pm Mass [O] - Celeste and Teresa Fusciardi RIP
Tues 1 SEP	CLOSED		
Wed 2	10.30am - 12noon	OLR	11am Funeral Mass – Nicky Carroll RIP
Thurs 3	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Funeral Mass – Giustina Zaccagnini RIP
Fri 4	10.30am – 12noon	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 5	5.30pm – 7.30pm	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass [O] – Ann Smiley RIP (Kennedy)
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			Readings: 1. Ezekiel 33:7-9 [Ps.] 94 2. Romans 13:8-10 3. Matthew 18:15-20
Sun 6	8.45am – 10.15am	OLR	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] Veronica Flint (Sheppard)
FEAST OF ST GREGORY (transferred)	9am-10.30am	St Gregory	09.30am Mass—People of the Parish
	11am-12.30pm	OLR	11.30am Mass [O]- Nora Hurden and Pauline Smith (Lloyd)
	5.00pm – 7pm	OLR	5.30pm Mass [O] – Reginald Markham RIP (D. Markham)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th/30th August 2020

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Last week St. Peter was commended for being the first to see who Jesus really is. This is in response to two questions: “Who do people say I am?”, and “But you, who do you say I am?” They are questions that all of us face as well. Calling Jesus “the Christ”, Peter is saying that he is the promised Messiah, another leader in the mould of King David; adding, “the Son of the living God”, means that in Jesus our lives are meeting God. But we then face the question, of what kind of God it is that we are talking about. The “Christ”, or “Messiah”, would have suggested a victorious general like David, perhaps the one to drive out the Romans from Palestine. And Jesus ended the Gospel last week telling the disciples not to tell people that he is this kind of figure.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) wrote on the 16th July 1944 when he was imprisoned for resistance to Adolf Hitler during the war of 1939-45: “God lets himself be pushed out of the world onto the cross. He is weak and powerless in the world, and that is precisely the way, the only way, in which he is with us and helps us”. And he added a note referring to chapter 8, verse 17 of Matthew’s Gospel: “this was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, ‘He took our infirmities and bore our diseases’ “. Bonhoeffer commented: “this makes it quite clear that Christ helps us, not by virtue of his omnipotence, but by virtue of his weakness and suffering. Here is the decisive difference between Christianity and all religions. Man’s religiosity makes him look in his distress to the power of God in the world: God is the deus ex machina [a God who like a conjurer resolves distress by a magic trick]. The Bible directs man to God’s powerlessness and suffering; only the suffering God can help...this opens up a way of seeing the God of the Bible, who wins power and space in the world by his weakness”. Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazi regime 23 days before the end of the war. St. Peter was to find his following of Christ reach its climax in sharing his Master’s death. In the Gospel this Sunday he shows that, having gained an insight into Jesus’ divine nature, he still had a journey to make learning what that truth really meant.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Henry Swift who will receive his First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Ransom at 9.15am Mass this Sunday. Please pray for him and his family.

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. Please leave a message with the Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION, BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE:

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 a sacrament you had been preparing for before the lockdown. Guest numbers are limited.

OLR CLUB WINNERS AUGUST

£100 Gillian Dilloway
£50 Lucy Banks
£25 Anne Calvert
£25 Richard Burbridge.

7 DAYS OF CREATION: *Preparing to celebrate 1st September as World Day of Prayer for Creation*

Greek Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis have jointly declared 1 September World Day of Prayer for Creation. The encyclical of Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*: on care for our common home (LS) strikes a chord with all people of good will around the world. The Pope cited the environmental writings of brother bishops globally. For several years Cardinal Tagle of Manila and Archbishop Loy Chong of Suva have organised in their dioceses parish based liturgical prayer on creation during September. Recently, Cardinals in Burma and Papua New Guinea, and the Synod of Amazonia in 2019 have voiced their call for ecological conversion to be expressed in prayer and action. These 7 'Days' of creation can form a retreat or Novena over a period of a few days by going to a Columban Fathers booklet: *EUCCHARIST AND LAUDATO SI* https://issuu.com/ecen.communications/docs/eucharist_and_laudato_si; Alternatively, we will publish a 'Day' each week in the newsletter which you can follow. "Day One" gives thanks for 'A Provident God'. We can begin by naming a grace in our lives to celebrate – even with the difficulties that we all have too. God is always close to us, actively present in both cosmic and human history. *A reading from Genesis 9:9-11* – "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the Earth with

you, as many as came out of the ark, I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the Earth". In the Gospel of Matthew (6: 25-29) Jesus describes God as his Father and ours, and who cares for everything he has created: "look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Prayer: God of all history, in loving kindness you formed an everlasting bond between your own self, Earth and humanity. You granted a covenant to your chosen people, guiding them on their journey and generously provided for their needs. In our time; may we witness to your blessings given for all the nations, remembering your deeds with joy as we sing your praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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RIP: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Charles Briggs; Henryk Malahowski; Carolyn Iacobelli; Dudley Tate; Nicky Carroll whose funeral is at Our Lady of Ransom on Wed 2nd September at 11am; Giustina 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, Cecilia Mafe, Terry Swales and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.

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Masses are currently at Our Lady of Ransom. As you will see overleaf, 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]

Bishop Richard has written to all churches reminding us that by agreement with the government, all places of worship have been required to wear masks since the 8th August. Therefore, 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 screens.