

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4th/5th 2020**

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Just before this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus had the very human experience of failure: people who heard his teaching and saw his healing miracles were still not moved to become followers. St. Matthew constantly balances two things. Firstly, the Gospel is a challenge, it confronts us with a commitment of our whole lives. Yet it is 'good news', because at its heart is a vision which Jesus called the Kingdom. And the difference between vision and fantasy, was the presence of the Kingdom even in the hard realities of peoples' lives: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened". We too can feel worn down by the blows of life and find it hard to believe in our dreams anymore. If we bring these situations to God it is often the things that drive us mad which are the mirror image of what we really hope for. For example, I sometimes struggle with the way our Catholic schools show such vitality and inspiring values, but for many they are a different community to those who gather in Church on Sunday. What would it mean if a priest decided therefore, that it was all the more important to spend time in the school, and there would be no Mass in the parish on that day? Another comment I find looking in my diary is this: "why am I spending so much time trying to recruit more eucharistic ministers (or readers)?" Surely I'm concerned to make Mass a good experience and this means finding people to take a role? The answer I think is that we need everyone to share in this responsibility for the Mass. If the priest spends his time making sure everything is in place for a good Eucharistic experience, he will never move on to offer a vision of "where we might go from here". Another regret is to see families at children's liturgy, or in the first communion programme, and then suddenly they are no longer there on Sunday. Father James Mallon put it this way: "we have made formation continuous (it happens intensively while we are young) but terminal (as soon as we grow older we thankfully drop it forever!). A culture of 'discipleship', on the other hand, believes that we are learning all our lives; Christianity is for grown-ups too, living in all the complexities of the modern world. Yet it offers something essential in return. Jesus contrasted those who are "learned and clever" in their own eyes, with those who are "mere children" in a spiritual sense: faith purifies us of the self-interest that distorts our vision.

	Church Opening Times	Service Times
FOUETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Readings: 1. Zechariah 9:9-10 [Ps.144 1-2, 8-11,13b-14 2. <u>Romans</u> 8: 9, 11-13 3. Matthew 11:25-30
Sun 5 July	CLOSED	9.15am Mass [L/S]– Jim Galloway RIP (Bevington) <i>Mass celebrated online only</i>
<i>From Monday 6, Masses open to the public again, according to the following schedule:</i>		
Mon 6	6pm – 7.30pm	6.30pm Mass – Eileen & Rory O’Sullivan (Byrne)
Tues 7	CLOSED	
Weds 8	10.30am – 12noon	11am Mass [L/S] – Christiane Campill (Morgan)
Thurs 9	10.30am – 12noon	11am Mass [O] – Holy Souls in Purgatory (Collins)
Fri 10	10.30am – 12noon	11am-12noon. Adoration and Confessions available. No Mass.
Sat 11	CLOSED	
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11 [Ps. 64] 2. Romans 8:18-23 3. Matthew 13:1-23
Sun 12	8.45am – 1pm	9.15am Mass [L/S] [O] – Barbara Sloane RIP (Carroll)
		11.30am Mass [O] – Sarah Larkin Birthday (Larkin)

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

For those who have internet Universalis.com gives the readings for every day

TEMPORARY CONTACT DETAILS

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5pm. Mary, Parish secretary
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We would love to hear from you
with any input you feel is of interest
to fellow parishioners, to
info@ransomagnes.org

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR MASSES

Thank you to the dedicated team of
stewards who have already started
stewardship at the opening of the
churches for private prayer and
Masses. To enable us to open the
churches more often for Masses we
still need more volunteer Stewards
and Readers. If you are able to go
on the rota please email Mary at the
parish office. We regret we are not,
at present, allowed to accept those
who are over 70 and/or with health
conditions or a vulnerable member
of the family at home.

Friends of the Holy Land

If any parishioner would like to
donate, Hastings & Bexhill Circle
have set up an account, sort code 08
92 99 account number 68351649,
reference Nazareth.

ORDINATIONS

Please pray for Tom Kent who will
be ordained to the priesthood on
Saturday 11th July at 3.00pm; and
for Simon South and Dominic Dring
who will be ordained to the
diaconate on Tuesday 14th July at
7.00pm. Both Masses will take place
in Arundel Cathedral and will be
live-streamed via the Cathedral's
YouTube channel which may be
found at [https://www.youtube.com/
channel/UC7I-pXF8v-
VZfzO01zrnerQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO01zrnerQ)

Please let Mary at the office know if
you no longer require a POSTAL
newsletter.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of
the souls of Veronica Flint and
Yvette Daniel 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, Martin Forte-Hyland,
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, and
all our parishioners who are
suffering at this time.

MASSES STARTING AGAIN

Please see the usual back page for the Masses we are able to have this
week. Among the many requirements we have to follow, are the provision
of stewards; as we have more volunteers, we can have more Masses.
However, some people may still be cautious of risking their health, and
the Bishops are continuing to say that the Sunday obligation does not
apply at the moment, so do not feel obliged to come if you have doubts.
You can still follow the Mass that is live-streamed at 9.15am.

If you are coming to Mass, and can come on a weekday, that will free up
a place for those who can only come on Sunday. The Mass may look and
feel different to what we are used to. We are following the social
distancing rule that only requires 1- metre apart, so as to accommodate as
many as we can, but this means we have to come with a mask. We are
asked to enter by the main door on Grange Road and everyone will leave
by the side door on Meads Road which is now a one-way exit. Families
and couples who form one household can of course sit together and
simply observe 1-metre distance from others.

A bench of people on their own, on the other hand, will likely have one
person at either end, and one in the middle. There will also be an overflow
Mass in the Parish Centre. Sadly we are not allowed to sing (but may have
music played). There will be no collection, but you may leave offerings at
a donation box as you leave the church. Communion will be only the
host, and only in the hand; after receiving everyone will leave
straightaway by the exit. We are not allowed to have coffee after Mass.
This all sounds very mechanical but it will be wonderful to be in prayer
together once again!

All Masses are currently at Our Lady of Ransom.

**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.**

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 on the back page of this newsletter.....