

	Church	Service Times Masses marked L/S will be livestreamed on YouTube.
Sat 31	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass –People of the Parish
ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY SUNDAY 1ST NOV		Readings: 1. Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14 [Psalm 23] 2. 1 John 3:1-3 3. Matthew 5:1-12
	OLR	9.15am Mass Alan Cullen (Cullen)
	St Gregory	9.30am Mass-Jim Needham RIP (Needham)
	St Agnes	11.15am Mass-Cecilia Mafe RIP (M. Coope)
	OLR	11.30am Mass –Patrick Ferry RIP (Bennell) (Needham) First Holy Communion: Emily Viera de Jesus, Pia Trujillo, Oscar Rudko and Francesca Barros Camacho.
		5.30pm Mass - Betty Hobbs (Ramsay)
Mon 2 ALL SOULS	OLR	11am Mass: Mgr Barry Wymes RIP 6.30pm Mass - Holy Souls RIP
Tues 3		NO MASS
Wed 4	OLR	11am Dr Nim Campbell RIP (Maureen Hunter)
Thur 5	OLR	11am Mass– Mary Carpenter 90th birthday (Arnold family)
	OLR	6.30pm Mass for the dead [L/S] Celebrated by Bishop Richard
Fri 6	OLR	11am Adoration and Confessions
Sat 7	OLR	6pm Vigil Mass –Alice Teixeira RIP (Maria Nobrega)
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Readings: 1. Wisdom 6:12-16 [Psalm] 62 2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 3. Matthew 25:1-13
		9.15am Mass [L/S] Stephen O’Brien (Intentions) (Crunten)
	St Gregory	9.30am Mass-Paddy and Maura Canty RIP (Carter)
	St Agnes	11.15am Mass-Claire and Patrick McSparrow RIP (Gina Moulding)
	OLR	11.30am Mass - John Nolan RIP (Markham)
	OLR	5.30pm Mass - Stanley Ratcliffe RIP (Clare Taylor)

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS : 31st October-1st November 2020

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Our society hates talking about death! But Christians should never avoid the subject, because for us it is the doorway through which we are all called by Christ. November is the Church’s special month to think on those inescapable realities: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Judgment (the “Four Last Things”).

Judgment is based on how we have lived our lives. God judges all of us: individually, at the moment of death; and, collectively, at the end of time. The Church will focus on this particularly with the feast of Christ the King, and the prelude to Advent.

Hell is a place without God or love – and this because it is a consequence of, and punishment for, sin, which is, by definition, to remove oneself voluntarily from God. There is no feast that commemorates Hell, and the Church does not even name anyone who might be there – that is known only to God. Instead, she warns of the possibility, while celebrating the victory of her Lord over it. Christ has shattered the chains of sin to save us from such a fate, if we accept His way instead in free will, as we not God’s slaves, but His children. On Remembrance Sunday, we also remember the shadow of an earthly hell that sin can bring about even here and now, when men abandon God.

Heaven, however, is nothing other than being *full* of God and *fully in Him*! The feast of All Saints opens up before us this amazing place prepared for the saints, who have bound themselves in love to Christ forever. All Souls reminds us that, when they die, many are attached to less serious sins that still mar their friendship with Jesus, and for which they have not fully made amends. In Purgatory, these souls suffer to pay their debt, and they long to be joined with Christ fully. Every Mass makes present Jesus’ sacrifice for sins: every Mass thus causes souls spring from Purgatory into Heaven through His forgiving mercy! (Hence you can give the priest a “Mass intention” to help someone who has died). Every prayer, too, penance or good work helps these souls, by which, their brothers and sisters, shoulder their burden to help make amends for them. In November, we can also visit a cemetery to obtain a special favour for them.

An 18-year old boy in the prison recently asked me: “My mum has died – is there some special prayer for her?” “Yes,” I replied, “we have a very special prayer: *Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*” That boy is not even a Christian, but he has decided to learn these words and use them every day. Let us use them this month to pray his mother, for our loved ones who have died, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.

COMING WEEK: PRIVATE PRAYER: Due to the facility of an anti-virus fogging machine, we are glad to say that Our Lady of Ransom church can open for private prayer from 9am to 5pm daily; **however** this does not include Sunday morning and Masses and Funerals during the week for which there is a strict limit to spaces—please always check the back page.

MONDAY 2nd. All Souls. Please note there is an extra Mass for at 11am Our Lady of Ransom

TUESDAY 3rd:ALPHA ONLINE! Our Lady of Ransom parish will be starting our first **Alpha Online** course via Zoom on Tuesday 3rd November. Sessions will be from 7.45pm to 9pm every Tuesday for 11 weeks (with a break for Christmas/New Year). Each evening will begin with a film on key aspects of the Christian faith, after which there will be an opportunity for questions and small group discussions. All are welcome.

THURSDAY 5th BISHOP RICHARD will be Celebrating Mass at OLR on 5th November at 6.30pm, for all those who have died in this extraordinary year. It is essential to book for this Mass and e-mail is preferable. If you are not on e-mail, you can telephone parish office during office hours 09.30am-2.30pm. Due to the proximity of the Mass, please ring by Tuesday 3rd November.

THURSDAY 5TH: RCIA : Prayer: **The Person of Jesus, looking at his life. Talk -The Holy Spirit.** For further information and to let us know to expect you at The Parish Centre, Meads Road, every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm. (for social-distancing reasons), please ring Ann - 07790 208889.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Saturday 7th November.

Because of Covid 19, the indulgence is extended for the whole of November. Please arrive at 10am at either Langney, Willingdon or Ocklynge cemeteries. As we cannot gather together, you will need to wait by your loved one's grave for the Priest to come and give a blessing.

GODLY PLAY: Godly Play is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults! Telling stories helps us explore God's story, Bible stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. Are you involved with, or interested in Godly Play? Join members of our Formation Team on Zoom, on Saturday 21st November at 10.30am. Please contact rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk for booking information.

READERS AT MASS: We need more readers for Saturday and Sunday evening masses. If you would like to go on the rota please contact Maura 01323 430532

CHILDRENS' LITURGY, GOSPEL REFLECTION AND ACTIVITY ONLINE: SISTER MARY ROSE prepares a reflection. (5-10 minutes) each week which families who are not able to attend Mass, can access online. It will usually feature the same Gospel that is read in Church on Sunday, and ends with an activity. Please follow the link <https://youtu.be/YDDGGKcqWHo>

FUTURE EVENTS: LUMEN CHRISTI Our group for Years 9-10 exploring faith continues on Zoom this weekend. Now every other SUNDAY, from 7.30-8.30pm. New members welcome! To sign up, contact nickwoodall@hotmail.co.uk

SACRAMENTS: present and future 2021 please see a Priest after Mass then e-mail the Parish Office to register an interest, with your contact details stating which sacrament you would like to register for. Remember to always give your full name and address and which church you attend.

MASS STEWARD CO-ORDINATORS—REMINDER: Please contact **Robert Dixon**, co-ordinator for Our Lady of Ransom. Contact Robert at olrauxilium@gmail.com if you feel you can help and for existing Stewards Robert will be sending your rotas. For any changes please e mail Robert direct. **Jane Canelle** will co-ordinate the St Agnes rotas so please contact her on 01323 720139. **Nick Price** will co-ordinate St Gregory's Rota, 07711243419.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Barry Wymes RIP, Gilbert da Silva RIP, Irena Zablocki RIP and Susan McGoldrick RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

<p>LET US FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS: Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Madeleine O'Brien, Carmen Pumar, Sheila Brown, Pauline Bosley, Abina Boniface, Marie Potts, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Michaeline Winterbottom, Lynnette and Michael Butters, Valerie Downey, Elizabeth Dudley, Irene Ash, Irene Moir, Therese Collins and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time.</p>

OFFERINGS w/e 25th October including standing orders, Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes and St Gregory. £1,731.13.[Gift Aid Nick Price 07711243419]. **Second collection for the Retired Priests' Fund at all Masses this weekend.**