

Mass is continuing to be offered twice daily for your intentions, which are still gratefully received. Please see page 3 inside for all the information about how to do this correctly. On Sundays at 9am, you are invited to pray using the separate sheet "When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly", so we can all be united spiritually. On Sundays at 7pm you are invited to light a candle in your window, as a sign of prayer and Christian solidarity.

<b>Palm Sunday 5</b>	Dawn	Good health of Brenda Harding & Angela Groom ( <i>Barrow Family</i> )
	Dusk	Private Intentions ( <i>OLR Choir</i> )

<b>Monday 6</b>	Dawn	Katy McDonagh ( <i>Moulding</i> )
	Dusk	June Lipka RIP ( <i>Hilliam</i> )

<b>Tuesday 7</b>	Dawn	Veronica Boyle RIP ( <b>Funeral Day</b> )
	Dusk	Kay & Leonard Lynch ( <i>Markham</i> )

<b>'Spy' Wednesday 8</b>	Dawn	Valerio Abro ( <i>Abro</i> )
	Dusk	Pooja Sharma RIP ( <i>Wronecka</i> )

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

<b>Maudy Thursday 9</b>	Dusk	Brenda Harding ( <i>Shell</i> )
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**Good Friday 10** Afternoon Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 11 <b>Solemn Vigil of Easter</b>	Dawn	No Mass
	Dusk	Bob Clarke ( <i>E&amp;A Staffiere</i> )

<b>EASTER SUNDAY 12</b>	Dawn	People of the Parish
	Dusk	For the pharmacy department at DGH ( <i>Wronecka</i> )

<b>Monday 13</b>	Dawn	Patricia Hollands RIP ( <i>Slusarczyk</i> )
	Dusk	Vincent Triner RIP ( <i>Moulding</i> )

<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Dawn	Jack Smith ( <i>Rita Smith</i> )
	Dusk	Moises Fajo-Misa RIP ( <i>Fajo-Misa</i> )

<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Dawn	For Souls
	Dusk	Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa

<b>Thursday 16</b>	Dawn	Michael Sinclair RIP
	Dusk	June Lipka RIP ( <i>Kennedy</i> )

<b>Friday 17</b>	Dawn	Raysantilu Svir RIP ( <i>Maguire</i> )
	Dusk	Bernadette & Dave Lynch ( <i>Markham</i> )

<b>Saturday 18</b>	Dawn	John Wilkes ( <i>Barlow Family</i> )
	Dusk	Chris & Mary Williams ( <i>Barrow Family</i> )

<b>Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday 19</b>	Dawn	People of the Parish
	Dusk	Sandra Zilioli ( <i>Crunden</i> )

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
April 4th/5th, 2020**

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM  
St GREGORY AND St AGNES**

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**H**oly Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, it is the pinnacle of the liturgical year. This is because it commemorates the final hours of Our Lord's life, beginning today with Palm Sunday, when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem, and it culminates with His rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. The Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. "Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery" (USCCB). It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfilment of the ancient Jewish Passover which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal, and that night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Truly God and Truly Man. It is one marvelous event stretched out over three days. Although we are unable to attend the Triduum in church this year, if we truly are His disciples then we can still be with Christ over these Holy days. Our Lenten prayer has given us the opportunity to get rid of our old lives so we can renew ourselves by these sacred days. Our current circumstances, unsettling though they are, give us the time to meditate so that we can be filled with grace and live in the light and love of Easter.

**Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2 Grange Road, BN21 4EU**  
**St Agnes Church, 10 Whitley Road, BN22 8NJ**  
**St Gregory's Church 247 Victoria Drive, BN20 8QY**

**HAPPY EASTER—SOON TO COME!** no newsletter next week, while the priests celebrate the Solemn Triduum; Fr Tristan will also take a break from his psalm reflections. Let us all pray for one another as we mark Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in our own way. For those online, please see the Parish website for additional resources.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Palms will be left for the public outside the entrance to OLR; why not mark the day at home by reading the account of the Passion (Mt 26:14-27:66)?

### **EASTER DUTIES**

Normally we are obliged to receive Holy Communion during the Easter period (and to prepare to do so with Confession). Just for this year, the Bishop has lifted this obligation, and has asked all instead to make an Act of Perfect Contrition (an expression of genuine sorrow for our sins and realisation of God's love for us): **My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.**

**I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy".**

That said, priests can still hear your Confession—but they may now refuse if social distancing cannot be maintained in individual cases while doing so, so please do chat with them about it by phone, to see what is practical.

**Bishop Richard's Holy Week** Join in prayer: Maundy Thurs.8pm (& watching until midnight); Good Friday 3pm; Sat. Vigil 8.30pm. Live stream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC71-pXF8y-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

**THIS WEEK LET US PRAY** in particular for those who are ill, and their carers: "Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

### **THE PRIESTS AND PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office at Our Lady of Ransom is closed, with calls to the door only in emergency. Fr. Raglan and Fr. Tristan are available for guidance daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm by telephone 01323-723222. Mary, the Parish Secretary, is working from home between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday on 0751 092 6806 or [info@ransomagnes.org](mailto:info@ransomagnes.org). Please check the Parish website regularly. [ourladyofransom.org.uk](http://ourladyofransom.org.uk). We will be posting updates, prayers and reflections. There are links to live streamed Masses from churches around the Diocese and elsewhere.

### **FUNERALS IN THIS EMERGENCY**

**PERIOD** As part of the closure of churches, funerals are only taking place in cemeteries or crematoriums, and with a minimal number of people present. However, we will aim on the day to offer one of the two Masses that are continuing to be said, for that intention. We're conscious that this still limits how much a family can properly mourn their loved one. For these cases, we can plan a fuller memorial service when the restrictions are over, and with a wider number of people. We will need to fit them in with the weekday Masses and the congregation that regularly attends those. A good compromise might be to let the family have a choice of the readings and music, and use the Parish Centre for photo tables, videos, and eulogies. *Fr. Raglan*

**EASTER DÉCOR:** Why not decorate your window, front door or façade with Easter decorations (balloons, children's pictures, and Easter Gardens, a Cross) to help share the joy of our faith our your neighbours? (Easter Octave from Easter Day to the following Sunday!)

**Bishop Richard** has a podcast every Saturday at <https://www.dabnet.org/> follow the link under "Latest News".

### **MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS**

Mass Intentions can be made in the following ways: **by e-mail** to [info@ransomagnes.org](mailto:info@ransomagnes.org), with the stipend offered **online by bank transfer** (BACS); or as normal **through the Presbytery letterbox** (with the stipend by cheque or cash). In your e-mail or on your envelope, please note ALL of the following:

- Name of the Person for whom the Mass is offered (adding RIP if deceased).
- Your name, email address and tel. number.
- Date desired (but no guarantee can be made)

BACS transfers **MUST** include the reference: "INT: [Surname of person for whom Mass is offered] and be sent to 'HSBC Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton – Our Lady of Ransom and St Agnes Eastbourne' Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account No 61077007 **Any personal gift to our priests** can be made with the reference "EASTER OFFR". **In the absence of the Sunday collection, we also need donations to the parish; please give with the reference "WKLY COLLECT"**. Income for the last two weeks averages out at £230 per week for cash and cheques and £625 for standing orders. **A huge thank you to all for your continuing generosity. I**

**ONLINE ROSARY GROUP** meeting regularly on Fridays at 4pm via Zoom—see the parish website for details.

**RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of Mary Barber, Gerry Penketh and Margaret Wilcox. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

### **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS**

Mike Stafford, Agnes Phipps, 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, and all our parishioners who are suffering at this time, and their carers.

**END OF LIFE CARE:** the priests still will attend the dying at home or in hospital to administer emergency baptism, Confession, Anointing of the Dying. The sacraments are precious: please do not wait for the very end to call OLR (01323 723222) and request.

### **COVID-19 PLENARY INDULGENCES**

Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, or who are in quarantine if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to Mass, the Rosary, the Way of the Cross etc., recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and an invocation to Mary, offering this trial to God, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (confession, Holy communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible. Also available for health care workers, family members and those who care for the sick, and those who pray to God for the end of the epidemic.

**Do you know of anyone who is alone and without access to the internet?** Just ring Mary on 0751 092 6806 and she will send them the newsletter.