

<b>MON 2 OLR</b>	11am	Sister Sheila Collingborn (Maura Phipps)
<b>TUES 3 OLR</b>	7.30am	Extraordinary Form (Holy Souls)
<b>WED 4 OLR</b>	11am	June Wallace RIP (Co-workers of St. Teresa)
<b>THUR 5 OLR</b>	11am	Janet May-Bowles (Barlow)
<b>FRI 6 OLR</b>	11am	Repose of the soul of Jill Graham (Jean Peterken)
<b>SATURDAY 7 OLR</b>	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form)
<b>OLR</b>	11am	Adoration & Confessions
<b>OLR</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Marriage:</b> Peter McNulty & Julie Naylor
<b>OLR</b>	5pm	Confessions
<b>OLR</b>	6pm	Juliette Romeo (Sue Eyre)
<b>SUNDAY 8 19th Ord</b>	<b>Readings:</b>	<b>1. Kings 19: 4-8 2. [Psalm 33] 2. Ephesians 4:30-5-2 3. John 6:41-51</b>
<b>OLR</b>	9.15am	People of the Parish <b>[Live streamed]</b>
<b>St Gregory's:</b>	9.30am	Malcolm Ritchings (Miriam Ritchings) <b>Confirmation:</b> Tania Rodrigues
<b>St. Agnes</b>	11.15am	Brian Keaveney RIP (Moulding)
<b>OLR</b>	11.30am	James Boyle Anniversary (Boyle)
<b>OLR</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Marriage:</b> Charmaine Cudal & Marcelo Sileno
<b>OLR</b>	5.30pm	Hourly family
<b>MON 9 OLR</b>	11am	Ann Ford—in thanksgiving for her 90th birthday
<b>TUES 10 OLR</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>WED 11 OLR</b>	11am	Gerard Kennedy RIP (Joan Kennedy)
<b>THURS 12 OLR</b>	11am	Private Intention (Brenda Hilliam)
<b>FRI 13 OLR</b>	11am	Bernadette Schultz (Wenban)
<b>SAT 14 OLR</b>	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Extraordinary Form Edmund Coope (Coope)
<b>OLR</b>	11am	Adoration & Confessions
<b>OLR</b>	5pm	Confessions
	6pm	Bryan Phipps RIP (Maura Phipps)
<b>SUN 15</b>		<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
		<b>Readings: 1. Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6.10 [Psalm 44] 2. Corinthians 15:20-26 3. Luke 1:39-56</b>
<b>OLR</b>	9.15am	People of the Parish <b>[Live streamed]</b>
<b>St Gregory's:</b>	9.30am	Norman Lloyd RIP (Jean Lloyd) <b>First Holy Communion:</b> Luke Barrow
<b>St. Agnes</b>	11.15am	Bryan Phipps RIP (Moulding)
<b>OLR</b>	11.30am	Kevan Regan RIP (Regan family)
<b>OLR</b>	5.30pm	Connie & Stan Ratcliffe (Ratcliffe)

**31st/1st August and 7th/8th and 13/14th August 2021**  
**(Three Weekend Newsletter)**  
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**Fr Tristan Cranfield, Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priests)**  
**Deacon Paul Scholey (retired)**

Apparently when New College, Oxford was created in 1379 there was a special measure taken as part of the founding. They bought land for a plantation of trees. The thinking was that in about 500 years' time, the wood panelling of its chambers would need renewing, and this would ensure a supply of replacement timber.

That is a culture that thinks long-term; and it contrasts with the short-term thinking that many of us are aware of in our times. We travel and communicate infinitely faster, but our focus is much shorter. In 1379 it was probably true to say that the next life was as important as this life and this world, but that outlook is not widespread today.

What has happened in the meantime is not all bad. An entrepreneurial spirit has advanced our capacities in many fields, and that all rests on a confident attitude that the future can be better than the past. We have indeed seen afflictions such as poverty, disease and lack of opportunity overcome for many people. However it does pose a question about the Gospels which, like this Sunday, speak of 'eternal life' as that which we should ultimately 'work for'. Does that mean anything to people nowadays?

The first thing would be to say that St. John, when he uses the word 'eternal', does not only mean 'in the next life', although it does include that. It points also to a quality in *this* life already: Jesus is saying that, even now, to meet him and to live in relationship with him, is to find ourselves in a different set of hopes and promises. We see God in the gifts that have enabled humans to achieve such progress; and we see God in a voice that asks, 'in the end what is it all for?' That same voice tells us that these advances can be a force for good, or they can be destructive – it depends how they are used. The creation of nuclear fission, it is said, resulting in the atomic bomb has kept a kind of peace between the world's most powerful nations, or at least forced them to conduct wars stopping short of unimaginable catastrophe. So far. And the power of our science is also part of a picture that sees our fellow-creatures, our oceans and our atmosphere poisoned and driven to extinction. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's question in the final days of the Second World War remains telling: 'what matters is, how the coming generation is to live?'  
*Fr Raglan*

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES ON YOU TUBE:** [www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom](http://www.youtube.com/OurLadyofRansom).

**THIS WEEK:**

**OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Next week's newsletter will be a three weekend issue. The parish office will be open for general enquiries and e mails from **9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday from Monday 2nd August to Monday 17th August.**

**FUNDRAISING REMINDER:** A monthly money draw will be starting in September to enable us to refurbish the floors in toilets, passageway and replace the hall curtains which are disintegrating. Please see our poster in narthex. We would also like to buy a defibrillator for OLR. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope in narthex marked "Dec the hall", and put through Presbytery door. More information soon on the draw. Thank you to those who have already donated and are helping turn our thermometer RED!

Dates for your diary - **October 16th Parish Quiz. December 4th Desert Island Discs Christmas Celebration night, plus on September 19th** and every 3rd Sun of the month thereafter, bacon butties and money draw after the morning Mass at Our Lady of Ransom.

**FR RAGLAN:** Farewell Mass: Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at 11am followed by a party in the Parish Centre and car park. Donations towards Fr. Raglan's leaving gift can be made over the next month by cash or cheque (payable to Our Lady of Ransom) and posted through the Presbytery letterbox in an envelope CLEARLY marked: "Fr Raglan leaving present". These donations cannot be gift aided.

**MEN OF ST JOSEPH GROUP**

Thursdays 7.45pm-9.45pm at Christ the King Langney. For all men seeking to build their faith and their families with prayer, fraternity and discussion. Those with doubts, questions and non-Catholics also welcome.

Facebook Group @MOSJEastbourneBrotherhood

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL AND ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

Sister Mary Rose Bracuti, Bernard Sanderson, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Bob Cadwallender, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Rosanna da Sousa, Trish Ryan, Martin Forte-Hyland, Lynnette Butters, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Teresa Stogdon, John Lec, Peter Endean, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps and all our parishioners who are suffering.

**RIP: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL**

of Patrick Lawlor RIP (funeral elsewhere 6th August). Peter Flint Requiem 11.45am at St Agnes on 18th August. Gonny Naoum RIP. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

**CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES (UPDATED 19TH JULY 2021)**

<b>Social Distancing:</b>	Recommended, not required. Sit wherever you feel comfortable and take a "PLEASE SAVE THIS SPACE" card for the seat next to you, if desired.
<b>Test and Trace:</b>	Recommended, not required.
<b>Face Coverings:</b>	Recommended, not required. You may wish to wear a mask especially when singing.
<b>Hand Sanitising:</b>	Recommended.
<b>Singing at Mass:</b>	Permitted. Do feel free to join in singing what you know especially the Mass parts; we will not be using hymn books at this time.
<b>Holy Communion:</b>	During Mass. You may receive the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue or on the hand. The queuing system will continue as before (each side of the Church separately)
<b>Collection/ offerings:</b>	After Mass in buckets by the exit. Please also think about giving online.
<b>Church cleaning:</b>	Recommended. The Church will continue to be cleaned and "fogged" with anti-viral bio mist each week.

**THREE WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**

covering weekends of **31 July/1 Aug; 7th/8th Aug and 14th/15th August**

<b>SAT 31 JULY</b>	10am	Mass (Extraordinary Form) Private Intention
OLR	11am	Adoration & Confessions
OLR	5pm	Confessions
	6pm	Anna Mogford RIP

**SUN 1 AUG 18th ORD TIME** **Readings:** **1. Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15 [Psalm 77]. 2. Ephesians 4:17.20-24 3. John 6:24-35**

OLR	9.15am	People of the Parish [Live streamed]
St Gregory's:	9.30am	Mary Carter (Una Carter)
St Agnes	11.15am	Emma Moulding RIP (Moulding)
OLR	11.30am	John Doran RIP (S. Keane)
OLR	5.30pm	Hourly family