

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

A warm welcome is extended to everyone, especially our visitors.

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Ransom: Saturdays: 11:30am to 12:30pm & 5:15pm to 5:45pm
St Agnes: Saturdays: 4:15pm – 4:45pm: and at call.

23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 4	5pm	St Agnes	Hilary Oakshott (<i>St Agnes SVP</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Tim O'Regan RIP (<i>Stogdon</i>)
Sunday 5	9:15am	St Gregory's	Thanksgiving care and compassion (<i>Read</i>)
	10:30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Christine Hamner RIP (<i>Healy</i>)
	11:15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Paul Howell RIP (<i>Hourly</i>)
Monday 6	7.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Walsh Family (<i>Walsh</i>)
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Requiem: Maria (Donna) Forte RIP
Tuesday 7	7:30am	St Gregory's	Kathleen Furthorpe (<i>Parsons</i>)
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Michael McMahon RIP

The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 8	7:30am	St Gregory's	Sheila Lyon RIP
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Frank Zablocki RIP (<i>Zablocki</i>)
Thursday 9	10am	St Agnes	TudyFennely RIP
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Johnny Spice RIP (<i>Spice</i>)
Friday 10	10am	St Agnes	Antonio Fusciardi RIP (<i>Fusciardi</i>) <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Bridget Condon RIP (<i>Barber</i>) <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	4pm	DHG Mass	For staff, patients and volunteers
	Saturday 11	10am	Our Lady of Ransom

24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 11	5pm	St Agnes	Teresa Dillon White RIP (<i>Crunden</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	John Moran & Victims of 9/11 (<i>Greene</i>)
Sunday 12	9:15 am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Our Lady of Ransom	John Moran & Victims of 9/11 (<i>Greene</i>)
	11:15am	St Agnes	Emma Moulding RIP (<i>Sheppard</i>)
	5:30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Ethel & David Sanderson RIP (<i>Sanderson</i>)
	12.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Ransom Baptism Mario Manfredi and Nathaniel Bisco</i>	
	2pm	<i>Our Lady of Ransom Baptism Georgina McGinnes</i> <i>We welcome them into the Church</i>	

OUR LADY OF RANSOM and ST. GREGORY with ST. AGNES

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23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

September 4th/5th, 2010

This weekend's gospel is a tough one, not because of the message it gives, that it is hard to become a disciple. What is so shocking in this particular passage is the use of the word 'hate'. Are we really being asked to 'hate' our family? Are we really being asked to 'hate' at all?

The Christian message, which we all know and follow and believe in, is one of tolerance, of 'love thy neighbour as thyself', of 'my peace I give you, my peace I leave you', of the last commandment 'love one another as I have loved you'. Then suddenly that amazingly ugly word 'hate' is introduced. How can we 'hate' our families, those very people who support us throughout our earthly life? We all know of people without families who yearn for that companionship. Right, families can be tough, relatives fall out, misunderstandings occur, feuds can endure. But 'hate'? That is such an emotive word.

Although we might think, when we are downhearted, that human nature hasn't progressed very far, that we still have the same conflicts which have been going on, in one form or another, for thousands of years, yet reflect a moment. The very word 'hate' has become an abomination. We may say we 'hate' cabbage or muesli, but we would correct anyone who used the word 'hate'. We have seen what 'hate' can do, and the people of the world are turning against it. So the message is yes, prepare for the spiritual life, but it is love, not 'hate', which will guide us on our temporal journey to being true disciples of Christ. Trying, through thick and thin, to love one another, to understand one another, is hard enough. Let us take that route to discipleship, and abolish hate. In that way we shall surely be carrying Christ's cross.

PARISH AGM—OPEN TO ALL: NEXT FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10th 6.30PM PARISH CENTRE. This is also “open” in that anything may be raised for discussion, after the required (but brief) statement of financial accounts. Possible subjects are: how can we support our families and groups in this difficult time for people of faith: and celebrate the way our community includes people of all ages. Two practical issues are: how we prioritise repairs needed in our three churches and the Parish House: and, a communication from Bishop’s House upon the canonical and financial integration of St Agnes’ parish with St Gregory’s and Our Lady of Ransom. (Statement of accounts available at the back of the church)

RECITING THE PSALM AT SUNDAY MASS: the last Liturgy meeting recommended that when the Psalm is not sung at Mass, all the congregation pray it together, from the missalette. We decided to begin this in September.

ST GREGORY’S PARISH PICNIC: Sunday September 19th at Abbots Wood from 12 noon. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2011: if your child was born between September 1st 2002 and August 31st 2003 and you would like him/her to make their First Holy Communion in 2011, please pick up a letter and registration form from the back of the church. Children who are older (in years 4,5,6) but have not yet made their First Communion are most welcome to join the programme. Please bring the registration form with you to the first parents meeting on Tuesday September 14th at 7.30m in the Parish Centre.

OUR PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Maria Forte whose Requiem is on Monday September 6th at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom, John Brown and Dennis Froelich. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families.

PICNIC, GAMES & WORSHIP: Longland Road Rec, 1pm to 3:30pm Sunday September 12th organised by Old Town Churches Together. Something to suit everyone. See the poster at the back of the church.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HELP FOR HEROES: Eastbourne CWL would like to thank very much all those who contributed items, attended or made donations to this. £1,077 was raised—a magnificent sum!

ST AGNES:

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP : 6th September 7pm at 37 Channel View Road

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP: 7-8.30pm, Meeting Room.

Monthly Lunch on Thursday September 9th 12:30pm. All welcome. Please ring Pauline on 735937 by Wednesday evening if you require a lift.

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS OF LUKE AND RENAISSANCE ART: This Tuesday the talk will be about the Prodigal Son, the theme of the following Sunday’s Gospel.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Tuesday Sept. 7th 7.30pm Parish Centre.

STRIDE AND RIDE: Saturday September 11th. Sponsored event helping to preserve Sussex churches. Ride or walk to raise money for Our Lady of Ransom and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. For more info see the poster at the back of the church or phone Clare 644372.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Rich Man/Poor Man Supper October 15th 7.30pm. Speaker Bishop Kieran Conry.

Rugs or carpet squares required for lady in a small cottage. Please contact St Agnes SVP via the Parish Office/Reception if you can help.

APF: Promoters from the APF will be calling to empty the red mission boxes during September/October. Any box holders who normally hand their box into reception at Our Lady of Ransom please do so. Anyone having difficulties please contact Brenda on 470791 to arrange collection.

POLISH AFTERNOON: Sunday September 26th from 2:30pm to 5pm in the Parish Centre with the Tatra Dancers and Polish music, a raffle and afternoon tea. All proceeds to Friends of the Lisiecki Homes in Poland. A donation of £6 per head is suggested. Children under 10 free.

PAPAL VISIT BOOKLETS: these are available from the back of the church. Do please take one and give a small donation if you wish.

MAY OUR PRAYERS REACH OUT TO all the sick of our Parish especially Violante Abadesso, Chris Condon, Brian Mitchell, Linda Hanson, Hilary Oakshott, Irina Bartkevica, Mike Seaman, Fr Joe Ware, Bernard Giles, Peggy Boyd, Norah Culley, Stephen Patten, Evie, James Firmager, Brenda Thomas, Mavis Coltman, Ann Brown, Finn Seaman, Judy Rowlands, Jean Potts and Pat Rutter. Please also pray for their carers. If you or someone close to you is taken into hospital, do let them know that you would like a visit from a priest. You can ring the hospital number 01323 417400 and ask for extension 4145.

THERE IS A RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE SVP. Gift Aid envelopes should be used

COLLECTIONS:

Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory: £2004.26

St Agnes: £509.94 CAFOD £16.00

GIFT AID DONORS: Please contact Kevan (649861) for Our Lady of Ransom and St Gregory’s, or Richard (722183) for St Agnes if you are a taxpayer and wish to join **GIFT AID.**