

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.

5th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 4	5pm	St Agnes	Josie Watts RIP (<i>Germany</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Marie Nugent RIP (<i>Fusciardi</i>)
Sunday 5	9:15 am	St Gregory's	Elizabeth Pursey RIP (<i>Cullen</i>)
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Gretta Loughnane (<i>Chapman</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	4pm	St Agnes	Moll Huggins RIP (<i>Elsie & Brenda</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Sande Chermack (<i>Durrant Family</i>)

St Paul Miki and companions

Monday 6	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	John & Nicky Carroll (<i>Leatherland</i>)
Tuesday 7	9am	St Gregory's	Morning Prayer & Exposition
	10am	St Gregory	Brian Collins RIP
	12noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Barbara Gildersleeves RIP

ST Cuthman

Wednesday 8	9am	St Agnes	Morning prayer & Exposition
	10am	St Agnes	All Souls (<i>Ana da Silva</i>)
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Maureen Sangster RIP

Thursday 9	7.30am	St Gregory's	Elizabeth Pursey RIP (<i>Barrow Family</i>)
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Vocations (<i>Catenians</i>)

ST Scholastica

Friday 10	9am	St Agnes	Morning prayer & Exposition
	10am	St Agnes	Pagrick Crunden RIP (<i>Coope</i>)
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Gaetana Macari RIP (<i>Fusciardi</i>)
	3pm	DGH	For patients, staff & volunteers

Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 11	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Carmela Cirillo RIP (<i>Fusciardi</i>)
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6th Sunday of the Year

Saturday 11	5pm	St Agnes	Norah & Ron Sherlock RIP (<i>Sherlock</i>)
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Ted & Ann Rayner <i>Golden Wedding Anniversary</i>
Sunday 12	9:15 am	St Gregory's	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Bride Hamper RIP (<i>Hamper</i>)
	11.15am	St Agnes	Mary Murphy RIP (<i>Byrne</i>)
	4pm	St Agnes	Pat Crunden RIP (<i>Avann</i>)
	5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Edward Currie RIP (<i>Maguire</i>)

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

February 4th/5th, 2012

It is interesting that this week, once again, we are told that the devils knew who Jesus was. He "cast out many devils" but he would not allow them to speak. It is an interesting indication of the power of Jesus, of his authority, that not only could he get rid of them, but also they were so in awe of him that if he told them not to speak—they kept silent.

He shows his power also in the way he got rid of the mother-in-law's fever by just taking her hand. Not that she got any respite—having been cured of the fever she immediately began to wait on them!

Mark does have the knack of describing very homely, pastoral scenes. We can just picture James, John, Simon and Andrew having their supper as the sun is setting and then leaving Jesus while they brought to him everyone who needed his help. The whole town crowded round the door and we can imagine people craning their heads to see what was going on and to report to the others who couldn't get close enough.

We also get an insight into the constant need Jesus had for peace and quiet and prayer. We are told so often how he "went to a lonely place" or he "went to the far shore". The feeling is that he was always in touch with the Father, being strengthened and guided and refreshed. He would let the crowds come to him and be unstinting in his devotion to them, but this was always followed by a period of contemplation before he moved on to yet another place, another crowd to nourish and nurture. It reminds us how necessary our prayers, our times of reflection are. Without them we cannot receive that nourishment which Christ alone can give us.

THIS WEEKEND This is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for all those who work and study in our Catholic schools, colleges and higher education institutions.

Bacon Butties and cake sale following the 11.15 Mass at St Agnes in aid of the Emma Lourdes Fund.

COMING WEEK

Fr Raglan will be away until February 11th.

Monday 6th 7.30pm LIFE meeting in the Parish Rooms at Christ the King at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in the work of LIFE is very welcome to attend.

Wednesday 8th 2-4pm in St Agnes Hall the **Wednesday Social Group.**

Thursday 9th 12.30pm **St Agnes Lunch.** £3.50 for a two course meal. All welcome.

8.0pm **The Catholic Enquiry Group (RCIA)** for those looking at the Catholic faith, and anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of it. This week the topic is *The Eucharist.*

Friday 10th No Youth Group on this day—taking a break for half-term. Watch the newsletter for the restart date.

Next weekend February 11th/12th the First Communion Masses at 5pm at St Agnes, at 9.15am at St Gregory's and at 5.30pm at Our Lady of Ransom will focus on healing as we observe the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Saturday 11th Day of Reflection for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers at Christ the King Church from 10am to 1pm. All Ministers will, as last year, be re-commissioned on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Sunday 12th Bacon butties in aid of LIFE after 10.30am Mass

FUTURE EVENTS

Next meeting for **Co-Workers of Bl Mother Teresa** will be on Wednesday February 15th after 12 noon Mass.

Bishop Kieran will be coming to celebrate Mass at 11.15 at St Agnes on Sunday February 26th in thanksgiving for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions' ministry at Whitley Road.

Next Baptism Course: Tuesday February 28th from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Presbytery.

The Co-Workers of Bl. Mother Teresa will hold **Wednesday Lenten Lunches** from Ash Wednesday to March 28th in the Parish Centre after 12 noon Mass. Raffle prizes and homemade items for Produce Stall would be very welcome.

There is a retiring collection next weekend for Catholic Education.

COLLECTIONS:

Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory: £2082.08 CAFOD £26.40 Hymn Books £340.96

St Agnes: £473.19 CAFOD £1.00 Hymn Books £73.83

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.**

FLOWERS AT OUR LADY OF RANSOM: A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Christine who for many years has organised the flower arrangements at Our Lady of Ransom. She has now handed over this responsibility to Kathy, who can be contacted on 723609. Everyone who needs special flowers for a special occasion—weddings, for example—needs to ring Kathy.

SACRISTY TEAM AT OUR LADY OF RANSOM: Would anyone consider a role as part of the Sacristy team? This mainly involves preparing for Mass that day, sometimes that Mass may be a funeral. You would be given instruction in what to do first, and could fulfil as many or as few days of the week as would be convenient. Please leave a note in the Parish Office or telephone May E on 724553.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rosemary Petre whose Requiem is on February 15th, Mary Baker whose Requiem is on February 16th and Riccardo Governo whose Requiem is on February 21st, all at 12 noon in Our Lady of Ransom.

Lent begins on February 22nd and we are encouraged to arrange musical settings that are appropriate for the season. One of these is the 'Simple' Mass tone in the New Missal. It is also recommended that all Masses should have some of the Mass prayed in sung form—which would include the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday night. However, this may be kept to just one or two key priorities such as the 'Holy, holy' and the Mystery of Faith.

St Michael's Mission is a charity supporting the Dominican Fathers. This year the annual fundraising dinner at the Palace of Westminster is on Saturday March 3rd at 7pm. Tickets cost £80 including a guided tour of Parliament. A few places available. Contact 735617 before February 11th.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: July 26th to August 3rd 2012. Application forms are available from the Parish Office or the Pilgrimage Office and can be downloaded from the Lourdes website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN ILL especially Oliver Turner, Frances Rourke, Teresa Kitchner, Dino Mazzoli, Joseph Delord and Mary Chaytor-Grubb and for our parishioners who are suffering from long term debilitating conditions. It is not always possible to give all the names. Please also pray for their carers.

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: first Tuesday of every month 7:30pm Parish Centre.
ST AGNES MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP: 7pm February 6th at 66 Whitley Road.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP OUR LADY OF RANSOM: 7:30pm Parish Centre
All welcome.

ST GREGORY'S: Praying the Rosary every Thursday at 10am. All welcome