

## 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.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (First Holy Communion Celebration Mass)

<b>Saturday 13</b>	5pm	St Agnes	David Bosley RIP ( <i>Bosley</i> )
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Fr Robin Mountford (40th Anniversary) ( <i>Bergin</i> )
<b>Sunday 14</b>	9:15am	St Gregory's	Jose Vieira RIP ( <i>Vieira</i> )
	10:30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Teresa Barros RIP ( <i>Da Silva</i> )
	<i>Do join us for tea and coffee in the Parish Centre afterwards</i>		
	11:15am	St Agnes	Mario Ross RIP ( <i>Teneschi</i> )
	5:30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	People of the Parish
	<i>4pm Stations of the Cross Our Lady of Ransom</i>		
	<i>12 noon Our Lady of Ransom Baptism of Logan Richards</i>		
<b>Monday 15</b>	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Agnes Heskin RIP ( <i>Holmes</i> )
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	7:30am	St Gregory's	Frank Godfrey RIP ( <i>Cullen</i> )
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Michael Freemantle RIP ( <i>Neville</i> )
<b>St Patrick Patron of Ireland</b>			
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	7:30am	St Gregory's	Jose Constantino de Gouneia RIP
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Against Abortion—Co-Workers of Mother Teresa
	<i>1:45pm Wedding Anne-Marie Field and Martyn Scullion</i>		
<b>Thursday 18</b>	10am	St Agnes	Mrs Murphy RIP ( <i>Fingleton</i> )
	<i>10am Stations of the Cross St Gregory's</i>		
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Maria Griffiths RIP ( <i>Rourke</i> )
<b>St Joseph</b>			
<b>Friday 19</b>	10am	St Agnes	Nora McDonagh RIP ( <i>Fusciardi</i> )
	<i>Followed by Stations of the Cross</i>		
	12 noon	Our Lady of Ransom	Marion & Arthur Douch RIP ( <i>Douch</i> )
	<i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Evening Prayer at 4pm.</i>		
	4pm	DGH Mass	For staff, patients and volunteers
<b>Saturday 20</b>	10am	Our Lady of Ransom	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am-12:30pm for Vocations</i>		
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
<b>Saturday 20</b>	5pm	St Agnes	Jennifer Taylor RIP ( <i>Sturgess</i> )
	6pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Mr & Mrs Mathew RIP ( <i>Mathew</i> )
<b>Sunday 21</b>	9:15	St Gregory's	Elsie Mitchell RIP ( <i>Barber</i> )
	10:30am	Our Lady of Ransom	Ernest Negri RIP
	11:15am	St Agnes	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Alfonso Demarco RIP ( <i>Perira</i> )

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#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13th/14th, 2010

*"New Life" - following our Lenten Journey*

**W**e all know the Parable of the Prodigal Son so well, particularly as it contains all the elements of a modern soap opera. There is wantonness, guilt and jealousy. Also there is love, forgiveness and understanding, emotions which are possibly not quite so prevalent in the soaps. It took a lot of courage for the son to return home after he had squandered all his inheritance and also to admit to himself honestly about how stupid he had been. His pride and his sense of self worth had taken a battering and he was guilt ridden. All he wanted was to go home, and to be treated like a servant.

His feelings of guilt must have deepened when, instead of creeping in the back door, he was greeted in such a warm, loving, generous and forgiving way by his father. No wonder the other brother was jealous and angry. It seemed to him that no value was placed on his virtue, on his loyalty to his father, on his hard work. But again the father comes up trumps. Instead of reacting to the son's anger, he explains his reasoning for celebration. One son has been with him always, the other was lost and is now found. He has two sons again. One has sinned, one has not, but both are equally valued. It is Christ telling us that we can always return home to the love of God, that if we stray off the path during our journey, we can find our way back. We may sometimes be lost but we can also be found. Let us hope that the jealous brother understood why his father was rejoicing and found it in his heart to love his family and to join in the feast, for that could also be a hard journey to make.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Every Sunday afternoon at 4pm in Our Lady of Ransom; every Friday after 10am Mass at St Agnes and every Thursday at 10am at St Gregory's.

**NEWSLETTER:** please give all items for the newsletter and the Priest's notices to the office by Thursday morning, marked for Ann's attention. Do also take a newsletter home as a very busy time in our year is approaching.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN LENT:** St Gregory's Saturday March 20th at 3pm, St Agnes, Sunday March 28th at 3pm and Our Lady of Ransom Tuesday March 30th at 7pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** new and existing Eucharistic ministers are welcome to attend special sessions in Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday March 17th at 7:30pm with Fr Tim and Saturday March 20th at 10:30am with Fr Raglan in the Parish Centre.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of the recently departed. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families.

**Dom Henry Wansborough OSB**, the eminent scholar, author and translator will be visiting the parish on Tuesday May 4th to talk on St Luke's Gospel at 7:30pm. All are welcome and warmly encouraged to come.

**FOR ALL READERS** and those wishing to become readers, Marian Tolley, a specialist trainer of readers and an excellent speaker will be here Friday/Saturday May 14th/15th. On Friday there will be an overview of the Church's vision of reading at Mass. Technical input will take place in two Saturday sessions. More details to follow.

**WALSINGHAM ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE:** July 9th to 11th. Application forms available at the back of the churches for the annual pilgrimage with Christ Church. Full board and travel included in the price of £170; please arrange your own travel insurance. Non-refundable deposits of £20 due by April 1st. For further information, please contact Cheryl on 724818.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next date is April 6th from 7:30 to 9pm in the Presbytery. Please fill in the registration form which is obtainable from the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office.

**ST AGNES:**

**MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP** in the Hall, 7-8.30pm.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES:** every Thursday in Lent at 12:30pm. Cost £2.50. This year's charity will be CAFOD's Haiti appeal.

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

**SVP Meeting:** March 18th at 2pm.

Volunteers needed to clean walls over radiators. Do come on Saturday morning March 20th from 9am.

**TAIZE SERVICE** at St Gregory's on Tuesday March 23rd at 7pm.

**OLR CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH:** £150 Mrs J Rowlands; £75 Miss P Sheehy; £25 Mrs A Buchanan; £15 each Mrs S Dwyer, Mr J McKie, Mrs J Fowler. This is the last chance for old and new members to complete their form for this year, ready for the first draw in April. Spares are at the back of the church. A list of numbers will be posted at the back of the church as soon as it is complete.

**ST THOMAS A BUCKET CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL** wish to appoint an enthusiastic KS2 Classroom Teacher from September. Applications from NQTs welcome. Please phone the school to arrange a visit and receive an application pack. 01323 737221. Closing date March 22nd.

**APF BOX HOLDERS:** Promoters will be visiting to empty boxes. Anyone having any difficulties, please ring Brenda 470791.

**RENAISSANCE SINGERS PASSIONTIDE CONCERT:** Friday March 26th in Our Lady of Ransom, 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. The concert will include Hayden's Little Organ Mass, Palestrina and Lotti's Crucifixus.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES:** every Wednesday to March 31st in the Parish Centre.

**PARISH QUIZ:** Clare and Greg Szanto and the local branch of the MS Society are very grateful to everyone who supported the quiz which raised £846. This was a wonderful result, thank you all.

**CWL EASTBOURNE SECTION:** Annual General Meeting Tuesday March 23rd in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all the sick of our Parishes especially Peggy Boyd, Barbara Ridler, Norah Culley, Stephen Patten, Evie, James Firmager, Dick Sweetman, Brenda Thomas, Audrey Wood, Elizabeth Brown, Hugh O'Donnell, Mavis Coltman, Ann Brown, Finn Seaman, Celine Perkins, Judy Rowlands, Little Lila, Jean Potts and Pat Rutter. Do inform the Parish Office if you, a relative or friend are going into hospital or the hospice or need a visit or any parishioner who has become housebound.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 IN MADRID:** for further information contact [lucy.jardine@dabnet.org](mailto:lucy.jardine@dabnet.org), or 01293 651162 by April 10th.

**THERE IS A RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR GREG SZANTO'S MAYOR'S CHARITY, THE MS SOCIETY.**

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Our Lady of Ransom & St Gregory: £2105.17 CAFOD £133.61 Flowers for Easter £469.25 Emma's Lourdes Fund £520.00**

**St Agnes: £508.63 CAFOD £43.00 Flowers for Easter £97.59**

**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**.