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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 18 & 25 FEB 2024

**COLLECTIONS 2024:**

03/04 Feb OLR & SG £2487 St. Agnes: £221

10/11 Feb OLR & SG £2514 St Agnes £202

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Lourdes £528

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

25 Feb CAFOD Fast Day Collection

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Doris Smith, Shirley Webster, Maureen Doyle and all in hospital and housebound

**For those who have recently died:**

Teresa Romaine, Catherine Tutty, Hannelore Mathee, Maureen Hurley, and David McMeekin

**The Word who is Life**

**The Call to Mission**

**Reshaping our Parishes for the Future**

The shape of our Diocese and our Parishes are now in the process of undergoing big changes (see Diocesan Plan) in order for us to carry out the Mission given us by the Lord who calls us to new ways of doing things.

Bishop Richard asks that in every parish each of us now begins praying earnestly that this important process be guided by and brought to fruition under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 17 Feb	OLR	10am	Mary Andrews RIP
	OLR	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
	OLR	6pm	Gabriel Guckian
<b>Sun 18 Feb</b>	St.G	9am	Melvin Moulding RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St.A	11.30am	John Byrne RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	In remembrance of Thomas & Alia RIP
Mon 19 Feb	OLR	11am	Antonio Moreira
	OLR	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Funeral Service: Teresa Romaine RIP</b>
Tues 20 Feb	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> In thanksgiving
Wed 21 Feb	OLR	11am	Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa
Thur 22 Feb	OLR	11am	Intentions of Attracta & Marion Atulya
Fri 23 Feb	OLR	11am	Geoff Winterburn RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Helen – health and happiness
Sat 24 Feb	OLR	10am	Barbara Gildersleeve's RIP
	OLR	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
	OLR	6pm	Deborah Osborne-Walker
<b>Sun 25 Feb - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent.</b>	St.G	9am	Susan Beglan RIP
<b>Transfiguration of The Lord</b>	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St.A	11.30am	John & Freda Deadman RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Eileen McCauley RIP
Mon 26 Feb	OLR	11am	Pamela Chatfield RIP
Tues 27 Feb	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Wed 28 Feb	OLR	11am	<b>Requiem: Catherine Tutty RIP</b>
Thur 29 Feb	OLR	11am	Lena Hooker RIP
Fri 1 March	OLR	11am	Francoise Nally RIP
<b>St David</b>	OLR	6.30pm	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Mary Nash RIP

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 10.40-11.50am & 5-5.45pm (Our Lady of Ransom)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30-11am;

Friday 11.30am – 6pm Benediction; Saturday 10.30am-12pm Benediction

**ROSARY:** Tuesdays 10.30am St G & Sunday after 9am Mass; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass. **DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER:** Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm

Last Wednesday we began the great season of Lent. One of the features of these 40 days is that each day has its own prayers and readings for Mass. These guide us 'that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ' [Collect for the First Sunday in Lent]. The First Sunday of Lent is always the Sunday in which we hear of the temptations of Our Lord in the desert. The Church has seen this as Jesus showing us that as he was tempted before beginning his public ministry so we should not be surprised if in turn we too are tempted and obstacles come our way whenever we set out to do God's will and follow Jesus. The devil leaves us alone if he sees we are not on the way to heaven as he has us, but as soon as we set out on the path of following Our Lord Jesus, he will do all he can to distract and stop us. The way Our Lord deals with the temptations teaches us how to deal with them too: the Word of God is that by which we live, not our own ideas and desires; trust and faith in God is our path; and we bow down not to the world but to God alone. Have courage and may God bless us all this Lent, Fr Bruno.

**TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom).**

## **PARISH DIARY –17 FEB – 7 MARCH 2024**

**Sat 17 Feb** – Open Church 12 noon to 4pm  
**Mon 19 Feb**- Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm  
**Wed 21 Feb** - Co Workers Meeting PMR after 11am Mass  
**Wed 21 Feb** – Kairos 7.30pm-9pm  
**Thur 22 Feb** – Lent ‘Invited’ begins: OLR hall after 11.00 am Mass  
**Fri 23 Feb** – CAFOD Family Fast Day Soup after 11am Mass  
**Mon 26 Feb** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm  
**Thur 29 Feb** – Lent ‘Invited’ OLR hall after 11am Mass  
**Mon 4 March** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm  
**Wed 6 March** – Kairos 7.30pm-9pm  
**Thurs 7 March** - Lent ‘Invited’ OLR hall after 11am Mass

**EDGH HOSPITAL** : Next Mass: Tues 27 Feb at 12 noon in the Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Roger, Michael, Tara, Brian and Taz who will be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

**UKRAINE FUND RAISER CONCERT** with Rick Bonner Sun 25 Feb at 12.30pm OLR Parish Hall. Fr Kevin is taking part.

**CAFOD ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS MORNING:** Saturday 16 March 11am-1pm in the Hall. This will focus on way we can effectively and creatively respond to Climate Change which is destroying our planet and seriously impacting upon the poorest countries. [info@journeyto2030.org](mailto:info@journeyto2030.org) If you would like to attend, please sign the list in the Narthex.

**TEAS & COFFEES AFTER 10.15 MASS:** Sausage sarnies are back this Sunday 18 Feb at OLR.

**ST PATRICK’S DAY:** Sun 17 March Dublin Coddle plus desert being served after 10.15am Mass. Orla Phipps is organising this fund-raising to go to Lourdes as a helper. £5 or £7 (if you would like a Guinness). Tickets from office or Maura. Purchase by 11 March (no purchase on day). **St Patrick’s Day cards** & other items on sale in the Repository from 17 Feb. If anyone has any unwanted gifts, (Christmas or birthday etc your donation of them towards fundraising for the coming year will be gratefully received and appreciated. Please bring to parish office.

**GENERAL ELECTION MEETING:** With a possible imminent General Election all are invited to a meeting chaired by John de Waal to discuss interviewing candidates about their views on social and moral issues. The responses will be published to inform decision-making re voting. Other Church reps will also attend. Tues 12 March, 7.30pm OLR Parish Hall. Please support this initiative.

### **CHRISTIAN UNITY – WORKING TOGETHER**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024:** Prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on Friday 1 March – see poster at back of the Church. 2.30pm at Emmanuel Church followed by refreshments.

### **ST AGNES:**

**GRANDPARENTS MEETING:** 22 Feb in the Hall, 2.30pm. Speaker: John de Waal. New members welcome: 07753613040. (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month)

**POLISH MASS:** Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm See Season of Lent box for Lenten Devotions at St Agnes.

**UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** If you wish to take out a subscription to this, please go to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

## **PASTORAL & FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** is prayed every Thursday, during Exposition at OLR between 10.20 – 10.50am. Please join in

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING** Sac Heart Chapel **Thursdays** after 11 Mass.

## **THE SEASON OF LENT**

**“INVITED” - PARISH LENT PRAYER SESSIONS:** As during Advent there will be 5 sessions every Thurs beginning 22 Feb after 11am Mass in OLR Hall. The Diocese has provided more great resources and the format of a short film with great speakers, followed by discussion and prayer together will be followed. Tea & coffee will be served. Come along and bring your friends. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at OLR after the Friday 11am Mass

**PARISH LENT RETREAT - SAT 2 MARCH:** Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno will offer a half day (in house) Retreat at Our Lady of Ransom: 10am Mass, then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available plus Fr Hugh), 10.30am Short Talk by Fr Kevin – **12 pm packed lunch in hall** 1pm: Short talk by Fr Bruno, then Adoration and Confessions, finishing at 2.00 pm with Benediction. **ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend!) and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!**

**23 FEBRUARY CAFOD FRIDAY FAST DAY LUNCH:** Join us in the Parish Hall for a simple meal of soup and a roll, adding to our parish Lent Appeal enabling families in developing countries to feed their families for good.

**24/25 FEB CAFOD LENT APPEAL** this year focuses on a fishing community in Liberia where fishermen risk their lives to feed their families. To see their stories visit [Cafod.org.uk](http://Cafod.org.uk) and donate either on the website or in the envelope provided.

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK:** Cathy Dean is taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent walk of 200 kms. Please sponsor her. Every £1 raised will help fight poverty globally. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cathys-fundraising->

**ST AGNES CHURCH: STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Monday 7.30 pm

**WEEKLY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT ST AGNES:** throughout Lent at 12.30pm in the Hall.

### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST.**

Applications are now open at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home). This year is the 50th Anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of the Redshirts youth programme. If you are sick and considering going to Lourdes, then contact the Diocese Pilgrimage Office for further details; likewise, if you are interested in going as a helper. The Parish may also be able to offer some financial support.

**LOURDES FUNDRAISING:** Toby and Orla Phipps are going again as helpers to Lourdes and will be doing the 50:50 A&B Lourdes challenge They would appreciate your sponsorship. More info at back of the churches.

**RIGHT TO LIFE:** Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Take a card from the back of the Church and send to your MP to support this.

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price at [pfc.eastbourne@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourne@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Next Newsletter:** will be issued on 3 March. Please send any items in by 21 Feb. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.

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**A WARM WELCOME:** to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome.