



COLLECTIONS 2024:

17/18 Feb OLR & SG £2487 St. Agnes: £221
 24/25 Feb OLR & SG £2446 St Agnes £225
Upcoming Second Collections:
 29 March Good Friday: Holy Places
 21 April - Education of future Priests

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Doris Smith, Shirley Webster, Juliette Romeo and all those in hospital or housebound

For those who have recently died:

Maureen Hurley, David McMeekin and Claire Brennan



Diocesan Prayer

Lord, the Word Who Is Life

may all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us,
 For you are Lord for ever and ever,
 Amen

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU
 ST GREGORY Victoria Drive BN20 8QY
 ST AGNES 10 Whitley Road BN22 8NJ**

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 3 & 10 MARCH 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sat 2 March | OLR | 10am | Anthony Peter Wood RIP |
| | OLR | 10.30am | Adoration & Confessions |
| | OLR | 6pm | Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP |
| Sun 3 March | St.G | 9am | Teresa Stogden RIP |
| 3rd Sunday of Lent | OLR | 10.15am | People of the Parish |
| | St.A | 11.30am | Armanda Gouveia RIP |
| | OLR | 5.30pm | Adeline Gilligan RIP |
| Mon 4 March | OLR | 11am | Wellbeing of Jacqui Cadwallander |
| Tues 5 March | OLR | 7.30am | Latin Mass: Cecilia Vieira's children |
| | OLR | 11am | Requiem: David McMeekin RIP |
| Wed 6 March | OLR | 11am | Domenico Teddeschi |
| Thur 7 March | OLR | 11am | Lissy Thankachan RIP (Anniversary) |
| Fri 8 March | OLR | 11am | Private Intention (Alison) |
| | OLR | 6.30pm | Latin Mass: Holy Souls |
| Sat 9 March | OLR | 10am | The Harding family |
| | OLR | 10.30am | Adoration & Confessions |
| | OLR | 6pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun 10 March | St.G | 9am | Michael Glynn RIP |
| 4th Laetare | OLR | 10.15am | Teresa Barros, Jose da Silva RIP |
| Sunday of Lent | St.A | 11.30am | Yvonne Short RIP |
| | OLR | 5.30pm | Bobbie & Ann Williams RIP |
| Mon 11 March | OLR | 11am | James H.D. exam success |
| Tues 12 March | OLR | 7.30am | Latin Mass: Maureen Davis RIP |
| Wed 13 March | OLR | 11am | Marie Hunt RIP |
| Thur 14 March | OLR | 11am | Pat Price RIP |
| Fri 15 March | OLR | 11am | Requiem: Maureen Hurley RIP |
| | OLR | 6.30pm | Latin Mass: Peter Stevenson 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

DRIVING OUT THE MONEY CHANGERS!

The Gospel this 3rd Sunday of Lent is one of those rare moments where Jesus *appears* to succumb to what we fallible human beings often fall into ... "a fit of anger" ... or even worse an outright "rage"! Jesus was perfectly human (and perfectly Divine) so there's no reason why Jesus didn't, and he clearly did, experience the human tensions and emotions we experience ... sadness, fear and even anger. Unlike us, however, Jesus would quickly have channelled these emotions into his Divine Mission – here in the Jerusalem Temple he gives us both a legitimate PROTEST SIGN (= *the money changers and animal sellers have corrupted the Temple and turned it into a den of capitalist avarice and greed at the expense of the poor*) plus a PROPHETIC SIGN (= *all Temple worship will give way to a new definitive worship where his Crucified and Risen Body will be the new and permanent Temple where God is worshipped in Spirit and in Truth*). As we continue our journey towards Holy Week and Easter may we all be aware of the danger of mis-channelled anger but also of how easily we can become complacent in allowing what is "of God" to be corrupted by human values. What is most importantly "of God" are human beings, made in God's image and likeness, whose dignity must be defended and upheld with utmost care. God bless – Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom.

PARISH DIARY 4 – 16 MARCH 2024

Mon 4 March - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm
Mon 4 March - SVP PMR 6pm
Wed 6 March - Kairos 7.30pm-9pm
Thurs 7 March - Lent 'Invited' OLR hall after 11am Mass
Sat 9 March - RCIA - OLR Hall 9am-10.15am
Mon 11 March - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm
Mon 11 March - Padre Pio PMR 7.30pm
Tues 12 March - General Election Meeting OLR hall 7.30pm-9pm
Thur 14 March - Lent 'Invited' OLR hall after 11.00 am Mass
Sat 16 March - RCIA Class OLR Hall 9am-10.15am
Sat 16 March - Ecological Awareness Group 11am-5pm
Sat 16 March - Open Church - 12-4pm

EDGH HOSPITAL : Next Mass: Tues 26 March 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.

MESSAGE FROM NEW HEAD OF ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE:

Dear fellow Parishioners, My name is Paul Barber and in January, I began as Principal at St. Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill. I would just like to thank you for your best wishes and prayers as I begin my journey at the College. I will be at the Sunday morning Masses on 3 March so hope to see you there.

WELCOME DIRECTORY - PRISON LEAVERS: We have a new dedicated team to welcome and support prison leavers into our church community. Please see the poster at the back of the church. There will be more news to come.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy is held weekly in term-time at both OLR and St Gregory's. At St Agnes, it will be on the second and fourth Sundays.

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 to attend, please sign the list in the Narthex.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: Sun 17 March Dublin Coddle plus desert served after 10.15am Mass. Orla Phipps is organising this fund-raising to go to Lourdes as a helper. £5 Tickets from office or Maura. Buy 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, 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.

OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: FEBRUARY 2024 1st John Taylor £111; 2nd Paul Scholey £69; 3rd David Mothersole £55; 4th John & Sue Kimberley £27

ST AGNES: GRANDPARENTS MEETING: New members always welcome: 07753 613040. (4th Thurs of month at 2.30pm)

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

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

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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words; Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude; Fast from anger and be filled with patience; Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope; Fast from worries and have trust in God; Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity; Fast from pressures and be prayerful; Fast from words – be silent and listen – by Pope Francis.

"INVITED" - PARISH LENT PRAYER SESSIONS: The next session of our "Invited" programme will take place on Thursday after 11am Mass in OLR Hall. Starting with tea and coffee followed by a short film (talk) exploring how we can deepen our relationship with God during this time of Lent, there is shared discussion and a time of prayer together. Do come along and bring your friends. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OUR LADY OF RANSOM : After 11am Mass - Fridays

ST GREGORY : 10.30 am -Tuesdays

ST AGNES : 7.30 pm - Mondays

WEEKLY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES AT ST AGNES: throughout Lent, Thursdays at 12.30pm in the Hall in aid of Eastbourne RNLI.

MEN'S WAY OF THE CROSS: OVER THE CLIFFS AND THROUGH THE NIGHT

– All men are invited to join in this Churches Together 5-6 hour night Stations of the Cross along Beachy Head to renew men's dedication and vocation as people of faith on Friday 22 March 2024. Gather at OLR Church 9-10pm; 10-11 Mass and start of the walk; 4-6am back at OLR for 15 Mins silent Adoration followed by a hearty breakfast in the Parish Hall. all welcome.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST.

Please note that applications are now limited due to huge demand and this year being the 50th Anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of the Redshirts youth programme. Currently, places are **only** available for *helpers* (always needed), so please do apply; also for *able-bodied* pilgrims who can make their own way there. The Parish may also be able to offer some financial support:
www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home.

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.

MARY'S MEALS (BLUE MUG) Ann White gives huge thanks to the parish for their generosity in giving a total of £932. This gives a free school meal to 9,000 children or feeds a class for a whole year.

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

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 17 March Please send any items in by 7 March. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.

The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878CHAR

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.