



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU
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SINGLE AUGUST NEWSLETTER 4th to 30th AUGUST 2024

Sat 3 August	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Mass for all Recently Bereaved - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Deceased Members of Duggan & Clarke families
Sun 4 August 18th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	John Redfern RIP People of the Parish Armanda Gouveia RIP Janusz Grebowski RIP
Mon 5 Aug	OLR	11am	Bryan Phipps RIP
Tues 6 Aug The Transfiguration of The Lord	OLR OLR	7.30am 9am	No Mass Fr Christopher Bergin
Wed 7 Aug	OLR	11am	Good health & welfare of Alex Golingo & Andrea Felix
Thurs 8 Aug	OLR	11am	Good health & welfare of Chris & Mike Walsh
Fri 9 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Jack O'Brien RIP Latin Mass: Tom Haggan RIP (1st Anniversary)
Sat 10 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Maria Marriott RIP - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Margaret Lowes RIP
Sun 11 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Paddy & Maura Canty RIP People of the Parish Pauline Crunden David Forte RIP
Mon 12 Aug	OLR	11am	Michael & Joyce Callaghan
Tues 13 Aug.	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Sister Mary Una RIP
Wed 14 Aug	OLR	11am	Mike Dring
Thurs 15 Aug (Holy Day) The Assumption of Mary	OLR OLR	11am 7pm	Pauline Crunden Michael O'Callaghan
Fri 16 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Deceased members of the Glynn family Latin Mass: in thanksgiving Camiguina family
Sat 17 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Russle Craig RIP - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Paula Duggan RIP
Sun 18 August 20th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mike Canty RIP People of the Parish Pauline Crunden Stan & Connie Ratcliffe RIP
Mon 19 Aug	OLR	11am	Janusz Grebowski RIP
Tues 20 Aug	OLR OLR	7.30am 12 noon	Latin Mass: Canon Michael Spelman Marriage [Nuptial Mass] Mary Hart & Paul Wilson
Wed 21 Aug	OLR	11am	Dario Masento RIP
Thurs 22 Aug	OLR	11am	Peter & Emilie Edean Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Fri 23 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Mrs C Byrne Latin Mass: Fr Patrick Udotai
Sat 24 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Sheila Needham - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Ann Walsh RIP
Sun 25 August 21st Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Michael Duffy RIP Kevin & Suzie O'Connor Ruby Wedding Anniversary Private Intention People of the Parish
Mon 26 Aug	OLR	11am	Aurelie Grimmon RIP, Anna Mogford
Tues 27 Aug	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Peter Scott RIP
Wed 28 Aug	OLR	11am	Stephanie & Ivor Maughan
Thurs 29 Aug	OLR	11am	Sheila Wilson RIP, John Wilson
Fri 30 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Frances & Richard Woof RIP Latin Mass: Fr Sijo & Edith Prodigalidad

Rosary & Adoration as usual. Church is open for prayer daily 8am-6pm

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS – 10.15am and Weekday Masses, go to www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

LOOK BACK in GRATITUDE - LOOK FORWARD in HOPE

Another busy parish year draws to a close. Much good work has been done in the parish and we have welcomed a good number of new parishioners which is a joy and blessing, as well as saying goodbye to others who have moved on to other places. We've also had to say goodbye to many loved ones who have died and gone home to God, a cause of both deep sadness but also pointing us all to the greatest hope of our faith: the Resurrection and the promise of Eternal Life.

The **most important challenge** for us all in the coming months will be our becoming a single **Moderated Parish**, along with the other 7 parishes of our Deanery. Please **take and read** a copy, from the back of church, of a "**Letter to all Parishioners of the Deanery**" that I have written and distributed across the parishes. This gives an overview of our preparations to become a single Moderated Parish in November-December and picks up on feedback from the Presentation held here on 18th July, at which a good number of you were present. The slideshow can be viewed from our parish website. It outlines how we can all be part of this journey. We will all need to work closely together, clergy and laity. There will be concerns and questions about what will happen, but together we can find solutions that support everybody.

Thank you, from Fr Bruno and myself, to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work in support of the parish! Have a blessed and peaceful month of August, and we extend a very warm welcome to any visitors in this holiday month.

God bless

Fr Kevin

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

At the heart of parish life is preparing people – young and older – to receive the Sacraments: *Adults coming into the Church (RCIA); First Reconciliation and Communion; Confirmation; Marriage; Baptism*. Thanks to our wonderful catechists who already help and to those who, please God, will begin assisting in the new programmes below.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Is it for YOU? We're all on a "journey of faith" which is unique and personal, and which is greatly enriched when we come together and share with others. Maybe you're a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to the Catholic Church, and now feel drawn to become part of this faith community. Maybe your "roots" are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you're a Baptised Catholic but, as a young person, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In November we begin a new programme. If you are interested, please complete and return the initial Enquiry Form in the Porch and return to Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests to find out more. **Deadline for Enquiry forms - Friday 18 October.**

First Holy Communion: Enquiry Forms for the First Holy Communion Programme 2024-25 (Year 3 or above) are available in the Porch. A compulsory Introductory Meeting, for Parents *only*, will take place on Wednesday 11 September (7.00-8.00 pm) when the full programme and requirements for this year's Course will be explained, and Registration onto the Programme will take place. **Deadline for Enquiry forms - Monday 9 September.**

Lumen Christi group offers formation for those young Catholics in school years 9-13, with consideration given to seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation (subject to discernment). Registration forms are available in the Porch. **Deadline for Registration forms - Friday 4 October.**

Baptism Forms: available in the Porch with all details of Baptism courses through to the end of the year.

Marriage Enquiries: please email the Parish Office for further information.

RELAX

"Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us.

But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God's voice and understand what he asks of us."

Pope Francis

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

No prayer groups during August – resume September

Sat 3 Aug – Parish Bereavement Mass for those recently bereaved and their families

Tues 27 Aug - Eastbourne Hospital Mass – 12 noon - to pray for patients and staff.

Sat 21 Sept – Catechists Day at Worth Abbey School

Sat 12 Oct – Arundel Cathedral - Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Richard

JUNE 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st Richard Burbidge £106;

2nd Molly Phipps £66; 3rd Paul Scholey £53; 4th Mrs C P McHale £26.

New members welcome, Registration Forms at the back of churches.

Next draw: Sunday 18 August.

PARISH OFFICE DURING AUGUST: The Parish Office will be **substantially closed during August**. Emails will be answered, when possible, but for URGENT calls (e.g. sick calls) please phone and leave a message for the priests following the answer machine instructions. The next Newsletter will be issued on 1st September. Please send notices by 21 August.

Olympic Games: an 'unmissable opportunity' to foster peace.

Pope Francis has heralded this opportunity to break down prejudices and bring friendship where there is hatred. "The Olympic Games are, by their very nature, about peace, not war. I hope they will be the opportunity for all to appreciate one another, break down prejudices and foster esteem where there is contempt and mistrust, and friendship where there is hatred."

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. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!