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## SINGLE AUGUST NEWSLETTER 5<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Michael Saunton RIP, <i>followed by Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Brian Keaveny RIP
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>The Transfiguration of</b> <b>The Lord</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	<b>Feast of God the Father of all Mankind</b> People of the Parish <b>Feast of God the Father of all Mankind</b> <b>Feast of God the Father of all Mankind</b>
Mon 7 Aug	OLR	11am	David Maguire & Shirley Brass RIP
Tues 8 Aug	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Barry Taylor RIP
Wed 9 Aug	OLR	11am	John & Margaret De Waal : Golden Wedding Anniversary
Thur 10 Aug	OLR	11am	Gerald Kennedy & Joan Kennedy RIP
Fri 11 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Lynda Mills <b>No Mass</b>
Sat 12 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Intentions of Fr Sijo & Fr Luke, <i>followed by Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Donato Forte RIP
<b>Sun 13 August</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Jack O'Brien RIP (Anniversary) Armanda de Caires Gouveia RIP Stanley Ratcliffe RIP
Mon 14 Aug	OLR	11am	Jo Durrant RIP
Tues 15 Aug. <b>The</b> <b>Assumption of The</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	OLR OLR OLR	7.30am 11am 7pm	<b>No Mass</b> Bernard Sanderson RIP Lawrence Monteith RIP
Wed 16 Aug	OLR	11am	Farhad Firouzfard RIP
Thur 17 Aug	OLR	11am	Bridget Towers RIP
Fri 18 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Anthony Woodhouse RIP <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Thomas RIP
Sat 19 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Fr David Parmiter, <i>followed by Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Jo Durrant RIP
<b>Sun 20 August</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Teresa Stogden RIP People of the Parish Eileen & Jim Deenan RIP Olive Angella
Mon 21 Aug	OLR	11am	Mary Toft, Timothy & Noel Latiff RIP
Tues 22 Aug	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> All parishioners of OLR parish
Wed 23 Aug	OLR	11am	James Holman (exams)
Thur 24 Aug	OLR	11am	Manuel Fernandes RIP
Fri 25 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Thomas RIP <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Raul Maximo RIP
Sat 26 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Damian Keeney, <i>followed by Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Joan Kennedy RIP
<b>Sun 27 August</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary time</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Teresa Stogdon RIP People of the Parish Danny Gordon RIP Graham Ramsay (belated birthday wishes)
Mon 28 Aug	OLR	11am	John H.B
Tues 29 Aug	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Bridget Atkins RIP
Wed 30 Aug	OLR	11am	Teresa Fusciardi RIP
Thur 31 Aug	OLR	11am	Celeste Fusciardi RIP
Fri 1 Sep	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Mary Thomas RIP <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Zenaida Thomas Jimeno RIP

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

**TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED ON SUNDAYS – 10.15am and Weekday Masses, go to [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)**

### LOOKING BACK - LOOKING FORWARD

Another busy parish year draws to a close. Much good work has been done in the parish and we have a steady inflow of new parishioners which is a joy and blessing. We've also had a very large number of deaths and bereavements, causes of both deep sadness but also pointing us all to the greatest hope of our faith: the Resurrection and the promise of Eternal Life, Alleluia! Covid and the many restrictions we had to live with now seem a distant memory. There was a lot of talk about how we must move FORWARD and not just REVERT BACK to old (pre-covid) ways! I'm not sure specifically what that has amounted to in practice, but I do feel there's more of a willingness to look at things differently and be bolder and more creative in how we do the things that most matter – in our personal lives and in our parish life. Certainly, in the Diocese, with an ever-smaller number of active priests, we need to be bold and creative in how we use our resources. Our own Parish Mission Prayer (in the box below) gives us a simple but clear focus: to be outward looking, to share the beauty of our faith, draw others to Christ and the Sacraments, especially the Mass, and to be generous in care of the poor and the environment.

Thank you, from Fr Bruno and myself, to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work in the BIG TEAM EFFORT that is parish life! Thank you also for your great kindness and generosity shown to me recently as I celebrated my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest.

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 community of faith. Maybe your "roots" are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you're a Baptised Catholic but never received, as a young person, the Sacrament of Confirmation. In November we begin a new programme. If you are interested, please complete and return the form in the Porch by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October or speak to one of the Priests to find out more.

**First Holy Communion:** Enrolment Forms for First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24 (those entering Year 3 or above) are available in the Porch. The course will begin with an Introductory Meeting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Deadline for enrolment is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Baptism Forms:** available in the Porch with all details of Baptism courses through to next summer.

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

#### **PARISH MISSION PRAYER**

Loving God

We seek to live as a vibrant and welcoming Community centred on the Holy Eucharist.

We invite others to join us in growing together, in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Recognising that everything is a gift from God, to be treasured and shared, we commit to serving others, to promoting peace and justice, and to caring for creation for the benefit of all.

Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory & St Agnes, pray for us.

Amen

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sun 6 Aug :** No teas in August but please join us today in hall to celebrate Norman's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Mon 14 Aug:** No Padre Pio meeting. Resume September.

**Sun 20 Aug -** Parish August Draw after 10.15 Mass in OLR Hall

**Sat 2 Sept –** Mass for Bereaved Relatives and Friends -10.00 am – then Refreshments

**Mon 11 Sept –**Talk entitled "*The Sign of the Times for Catholic Professionals and Workers*" given by Fr Mike Hagan, a Schoenstatt Father from South Africa - 7.30 pm in OLR Parish Hall

**Tues 26 Sept -** Eastbourne Hospital Mass – 12 noon - to pray for patients and staff.

**Sat 30 Sept –** 11.30 am OLR Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Richard

**PARISH OPEN MEETING:** an invitation to all parishioners on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October in OLR Hall from 3-5 pm**. We will present reports on finance, pastoral development and other areas of parish life and activity, plus invite feedback and suggestions.

**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 if necessary. The next Newsletter will be issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please send notices by 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER: Can you help?** – As we begin again after the summer we are appealing for new volunteers to help in different ministries: Welcomers at Mass, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists (including Children's Liturgy) and Tea and Coffee rota (Hospitality). Please contact Caroline via the parish office in these weeks at [pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk) for an initial chat.

**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!