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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
20th & 27th February 2022 - Year C

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 19 Feb	OLR OLR OLR	10am 11am 6 pm	Sheila Lyon RIP Adoration & Confession Josefina de Jesus Gouveia
Sun 20 Feb	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Betty Johnny RIP Sophie Hubbard RIP John & Freda Deadman RIP Colin Waters RIP People of the Parish
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mon 21 Feb	OLR	11 am	Margaret Sanders RIP
Tues 22 Feb	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form Mother of Jesus The Rosary
Wed 23 Feb	OLR	11am	Margaret & Derek Moorton
Thurs 24 Feb	OLR	11am	Requiem Marie Prynn RIP
Fri 25 Feb	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Graham Ramsey Extraordinary Form Holy Souls
Sat 26 Feb	OLR OLR OLR	10am 11am 6 pm	Jack Atkins RIP Adorations & Confessions Paul Strydherst RIP
Sun 27 Feb	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Martin Forte Hyland RIP NO MASS Fr. Tristan in thanksgiving Hourly Family
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mon 28 Feb	OLR	11 am	Jim Needham RIP
Tues 1 March	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form Bart Collins RIP The Rosary
Wed 2 March	OLR OLR	11am 7.30pm	Anthony Wood RIP ASH WEDNESDAY Donna Boyle RIP
Thurs 3 March	OLR	11am	Peter Stevenson RIP
Fri 4 March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Michael Aquilina RIP - (Stations of The Cross) Extraordinary Form: Scott Walker RIP

OLR = Our Lady of Ransom. St. G = St. Gregory's. St. A = St. Agnes

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-6pm Saturday (Our Lady of Ransom)
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Fridays 11.30am – 6pm (Benediction)
Church open every day in Our Lady of Ransom from 8am to 6pm

Sunday Collections
 OLR & St Gregory: 6th Feb £1906.73
 13th Feb £1863.36
 St Agnes 6th Feb £180.42
 13th Feb £226.87
 Lourdes collection total - £640.80

Cafod Fast Day 11th March

Prayers for the Sick

Teresa Kitchener, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleight, John Lec, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps, Emily Jeffreys, Joy & Gerald Shakespeare, and for all our sick & housebound. **For those who have recently died, especially Abigail Zatouroff and Donna Boyle & Marie Prynn. May they rest in peace**

THE LESSON OF ASHES

Will these ashes one day take on the form of beauty, be restored to life, restored to light? The bodies of us all will in a few years be ashes. Yet a few years ago we were not even ashes! If God was able to create what did not exist, will He not be able to remake what once existed?
St Augustine of Hippo

THE HONOUR OF SERVING

With the visit of Bishop Richard last Sunday, we were delighted that his hidden motive for being here was to award Wendy Goodman, one of our parishioners, with the Papal Award "Bene Merenti" (*translates as "Well Deserved"*) for exemplary service to the parish over many years. Wendy's main area of work has been heading up, for 12 years, the Parish Safeguarding Team. This has involved overseeing that the young and most vulnerable are served by us all in the most responsible and caring way. This award is a great honour for Wendy personally, but also reflects on all of you who serve the parish in so many different ways. Congratulations once again to Wendy, and thanks to you all who help to build up our community in Faith & Love, and to reach out beyond ourselves to the wider community who we are also here to serve. God bless Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 9.15 AM AND WEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

FR TRISTAN THANKSGIVING MASS & PARTY: 11.30 Mass on Sunday 27th February followed by a party in the OLR Hall. Please sign Cards and return Donations to the Collection by Monday 14th (via the Sunday Collection or through the Parish Office letterbox). If you are able to contribute **COLD FINGER FOOD** (i.e. *doesn't require heating or cutlery*) the Hall will be open before Mass for you to drop off your offerings! In order that the clergy and as many people can attend the Mass there will be **NO 11.15 MASS AT ST AGNES** on that Sunday. Extra parking available in Town Hall car park.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH" A new series of talks for parishioners and others:

- **Thursday, 3rd March** - Can War ever be Just? - speaker: Fr Kevin.
- **Thursday, 17th March** - The Second Vatican Council (reasons for and consequences) - speaker: Fr Bruno
- **Thursday, 31st March** - Making use of scripture in prayer. - speaker: Caroline Rother.

Sessions last an hour and start at 7.30pm in the OLR Parish Centre - with a break halfway for refreshments.

LENT 2022: beginning on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March, we begin the Holy Season of Conversion and Renewal. More details of Lenten devotions will follow in the next Newsletter, on the 1st Sunday of Lent, but please note: "Walk with Me" devotional booklets will be available for everyone (just as we had for Advent); Stations of the Cross will be prayed at OLR after the Friday 11 am Mass each week during Lent.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – FRIDAY 11TH MARCH: Envelopes will be available as usual, nearer the time. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a **simple lunch** in the Parish Centre at 12 pm (following the 11 am Mass & Stations) Donate what you would save because no child should go hungry.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: There will be a planning and idea sharing webinar on **MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm.** We are looking for a co-ordinator from this parish to represent the us at the webinar. To register as a parish rep please go to the A&B website - [Events | Arundel & Brighton Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#) (28th Feb event).

ST. AGNES LENTEN LUNCHEs Thursdays from 3rd March 12 o'clock. Homemade soup, bread and cheese - £3. 2022 charity - Emma's Lourdes Fund .

CONTACTLESS MACHINE: This is in the Narthex at OLR if you wish to make a contactless donation instead of giving cash. The machine shows three amounts but you can choose an alternative amount if you wish. A receipt can be e-mailed to you if required.

ALPHA 2022: We will be commencing our second parish **online Alpha Course** via Zoom on Wednesday 9th March. **Alpha** is an acclaimed international programme that explores the Christian faith and is aimed at anyone who wants to examine their faith more deeply and develop a closer personal relationship with Jesus. If you are interested and would like to know more, pick up an **Alpha** information leaflet at the back of the church for full details.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 4th March at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Place, Eastbourne @ 2 pm. All welcome. The service this year has been prepared by women of England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERS COURSE: Bosco Catholic Education Trust and the Diocesan Education Service are pleased to offer a course for Sussex-based Catholic school leaders at all levels. There is no cost to participants and/or schools (other than supply costs) and future leaders will be matched to other Catholic leaders who will operate as personal coaches. There will be three face-to-face days for participants: Tues 22nd March; Wed 27th April; and Thurs 9th June, coupled with one shadow placement in school. For more details, potential applicants are asked to contact Graham Jones on gjones@boscocet.org.uk giving their name, current role.

MEN'S 'WAY OF THE CROSS' This is planned for 'Friday 3rd March. It will begin at 9pm with adoration and confession, Mass at 10pm at Christ the King and then the way of the cross across Beachy Head. It will take most of the night and we are expected to return at about 5am for a hearty breakfast. If you take a moment to look at the YouTube link it will explain more. <https://youtu.be/frPfuOEUY5I>

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: We give thanks to God for 4 newborn babies who are to be baptised this Saturday (19th) at OLR. Please keep in your prayers Dino Pawlus, Christopher Febin, Sofia Pombo, and Gaia Skiba-Valentini as well as their parents and families.

OLR MONEY DRAW CLUB - new Members welcome. Forms at the back of the churches. Gift Vouchers for all occasions from £5 for 1 draw. from reception or Maura, 01323 430532. Draw will take place on Feb 20th after 11.30 Mass. Please join us for tea/coffee, homemade sausage rolls, vegan option, cake, all for £1.50 donation to "Dec the hall" fund.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 29th July – 4th August 2022: Anyone interested in going as an able/sick pilgrim or helper on this year's pilgrimage please visit the Diocesan website for further details: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/> If you would like to travel to Lourdes as a Redshirt or a young helper and you are in year 10 or 11, there may be some support available to help towards costs, contact: parish office 723222

GIFT AID: If you are a taxpayer could you consider Gift Aiding your donations to the parish? Please see the poster in the Narthex and contact NICK PRICE on 07711243419.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 6th March. All items for this issue to be sent in by March 1st. **Mass Intentions:** When requesting a Mass, please keep it short due to space: e.g.: family of/deceased members of... etc but not multiple names for one Mass. For a specific date, a minimum of 6 weeks notice is required.

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!