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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
20th & 27th March 2022 – The Season of Lent

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 19 March	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6 pm	Tom Thompson RIP Adoration & Confessions Laurent & Cakerne
Sun 20 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Joseph, Dorothy & Tony Humby RIP Michael Butters Deceased members of OLR Choir Holy Souls
Mon 21 March	OLR	11 am	Lilly Paul
Tues 22 March	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form (EF): Murphy family Stations of the Cross
Wed 23 March	OLR	11am	Sheila Devine RIP
Thurs 24 March	OLR	11am	Requiem: Lena Hooker RIP
Fri 25 March The Annunciation of The Lord	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Jude Anthony Recovery (Stations of the Cross (EF, Missa Cantata – Sung Mass)): Intentions of Bridget Atkins
Sat 26 March	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6 pm	Porzia Macon RIP Adoration & Confessions (until 11am) Teresa Barros RIP
Sun 27 March 4th Sunday of Lent LAETARE SUNDAY	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish George, Kathleen & Peter Barrow RIP Bernard & Rita Davies RIP Ray Kenward RIP Michael Aquilina RIP
Mon 28 March	OLR	11am	Mercy Madriden
Tues 29 March	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	(EF): Private Intention Stations of the Cross
Wed 30 March	OLR	11am	Eva Burke
Thurs 31 March	OLR	11am	Jim Needham RIP
Fri 1 April	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Jim & Myra Sheridan (Stations of The Cross) (EF): Mother of Jesus

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-5.45pm Saturday (Our Lady of Ransom)
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Fridays 11.30am – 6pm (Benediction)
Our Lady of Ransom Church open every day from 8am to 6pm

Sunday Collections
 OLR & St Gregory: 27 Feb £1921.17
 6th March £1893.69
 St Agnes: 27 Feb £332.99
 6 March £265.90
 Cafod total: £989.01

2nd collection: 3rd April
Flowers for Easter

Prayers for the Sick

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Agnes Phipps, Joy & Gerald Shakespeare, and for all our sick & housebound.

For those who have recently died, especially: Abigail Zatouroff, Lena Hooker, & Eduard Schmilevski. May they rest in peace

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

*Loving God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them and move the hearts of all to restore peace and justice once again. Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen*

This Lent being a real Lent. I must confess among other things to having temptations to give in to fear. Many of these come from news reports about things going on in the world at the present time. Maybe some of you are struggling with the same thoughts. It is now though that we must remember the Lord's repeated words, 'Do not be afraid!' It is the enemy of our souls who wants us to be fearful. Rather, trusting in Jesus we must each day put aside our anxious thoughts, be at peace, and pray. The same everlasting Father who cares for us today will care for us tomorrow and every day. The whole church is especially invited to pray with the Pope this Friday, the Feast of the Annunciation, as he consecrates Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. God bless you, Fr Bruno

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

INFANT BAPTISM: Those wishing to have a child Baptised, and who are resident in the Eastbourne Parish (Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes, St Gregory's, postcodes BN20, BN21 and BN22), please email the office, or pick up a Baptism Registration Form from the back of the Church. Information is provided with the form.

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

- **Thursday, 31st March** - Making use of scripture in prayer - speaker: Caroline Rother.
- **Thursday, 7th April** - Can War ever be Just? - speaker: Fr Kevin.

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

LENT 2022:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed at OLR after the Friday 11 am Mass each week, and 10.30 am on Tuesdays at St Gregory's

ST. AGNES LENTEN LUNCHESES: Thursdays during Lent at 12 o'clock. Homemade soup, bread and cheese - £3. 2022 charity - Emma's Lourdes Fund.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – SAT 9 APRIL: we will have 3 priests available from 10.45-12pm and 5-6pm.

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH – LAETARE SUNDAY: the 4th Sunday of Lent is a day of joy within the austere season of Lent. Today in the parish we have:

Repository Sale at OLR: between the 9.15 and 11.30 Masses in the porch (Easter cards, gifts etc)

Bacon Butties and Cake Sale at St Agnes after 11.15 Mass: in support of "Emma's Lourdes Fund" to support sending sick pilgrims to Lourdes.

Mother's Day: We give thanks and pray for our Mothers both living and no longer with us but always in our hearts.

CAFOD: Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families and can continue to help in the long term and around the world, including many other countries where there is conflict.

COFFEE MORNING: Bacon butties (vegan choice available) cake sale in aid of the Ukrainian appeal, on Sunday March 20th after 11.30 Mass. All donations of cakes welcome. Please support this worthy cause.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE: No cash for the offertory? There is now a contactless card machine at Our Lady of Ransom. Just choose the amount of your donation, present your card, and the parish will directly benefit. Thanks for your support.

ALPHA 2022: Please keep in your prayers those who are participating in the Alpha course. Anyone interested in joining a future course please keep an eye on the Newsletter.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS:

- The **45 CHILDREN** from our 3 churches who will celebrate their **First Reconciliation** on **Saturday 2nd April** at Our Lady of Ransom after the 10 am Mass. Please note that there will be NO ADORATION OR GENERAL CONFESSIONS THAT MORNING.
- The **5 ADULTS** who are preparing to be **Confirmed and Received into the Church** here at **Easter:** Mary Olohan, Philip Miles, Lester Magnaye, and then at **Pentecost:** Philip Perry and David Coates

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: care of the sick is a top priority and so if you are unwell at home or in a nursing home and would like a visit from one of the Priests, please let us know. If you are going into hospital, please let us know beforehand. If you know somebody in hospital who would like to see a Priest, they simply need to request this of the nurse who will arrange through the Chaplaincy Office.

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 are in year 10 or 11 and from OLR parish and would like some financial help to go to Lourdes in July as a Redshirt, please contact the office. There is also financial help available if you are a young person under 25 wanting to go as a helper.

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.

GIFT AID: If you are a taxpayer could you consider Gift Aiding your donations to the parish? Contact NICK PRICE on 07711243419. Information also available in the Narthex area.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 3rd April. All items for this issue to be sent in by March 29th.

Mass Intentions: When requesting a Mass, please keep it short due to space: e.g., "family of/deceased members of..." but not multiple names for one Mass. Please be aware Masses are booked up a month in advance.

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!