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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
6th & 13th March 2022 – The Season of Lent

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 5 March	OLR OLR OLR	10am 11am 6 pm	In thanksgiving Adoration & Confessions Douglas Ramsay RIP
Sun 6th March 1st Sunday of Lent	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Betty Johnny RIP Teresa Stogdon RIP Armanda Teresa Caires Gouveia RIP Jack Atkins RIP People of the Parish
Mon 7 March	OLR	11 am	Paul Strydherst RIP
Tues 8 March	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	(Extraordinary Form) Maia Erestain, Faronilo & Caroline Mather Stations of the Cross
Wed 9 March	OLR	11am	In thanksgiving - McCarthy
Thurs 10 March	OLR	11am	Michael Nugent RIP
Fri 11 March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Andre & Angela Romeo (Stations of the Cross) Extraordinary Form Mother of Jesus
Sat 12 March	OLR OLR OLR	10am 11am 6 pm	Bernadette Shell Adoration & Confessions Holy Souls
Sun 13 March 2nd 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Claire Dermody RIP Fran Sullivan – Recovery from illness Alan Cullen Paul Strydherst RIP
Mon 14 March	OLR	11 am	Katazyna Gorczynska RIP
Tues 15 March	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	(Extraordinary Form) Ann Feeney Stations of the Cross
Wed 16 March	OLR	11am	Co-workers of St. Teresa
Thurs 17 March	OLR	11am	Doreen Marsden RIP
Fri 18 March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Martin Forte-Hyland RIP (Stations of The Cross) (Extraordinary Form) Scott Walker

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-5.45pm 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: 20th Feb £1864
 OLR 27th Feb £1998.24
 St Agnes 20th Feb £245.95
 St Agnes 27th Feb £0. No Mass

Cafod Fast Day
11th March (envelopes available at the back of the churches 5/6th)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
 Teresa Kitchener, Sybil Glenister, Miles Tracey, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps, Joy & Gerald Shakespeare, Fr Andrew Pinsent and for all our sick & housebound.
For those who have recently died, especially Abigail Zatoureff, Lena Hooker and Monica Le Grand

"Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sharing and sowing goodness."

Pope Francis

ROME, THE POPE & COVID!

Two weeks ago, I flew to Rome for a long-planned Pilgrimage with the Seminary community that I had been part of before coming to Eastbourne. We travelled in the wake of Storm Eunice. Some of us missed the flight because of chaos at Heathrow, arriving in Rome in the early hours. Then our luggage was lost until the day before we left Rome. Then as we arrived back in the UK last Friday, 8 of the 16 tested positive for covid, me included, and have been isolating ever since (*thanks Fr Bruno!*). Maybe by the time you read this I will be celebrating Mass in the Parish! But for all that, we were so blessed to be in Rome, and I just want to tell you that I offered Mass each day for you all, met the Pope, and had a great time. May Lent be Blessed for us all and may Peace quickly be restored to the

People of Ukraine. Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 9.15 AM AND WEKDAY 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.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: Tyson Nobrega Telmo. who will be Baptised at OLR this Saturday.

FR TRISTAN WRITES: "A huge thank you to all the parish for your most generous leaving gifts: the donations, the photo of Beachy Head, and especially for the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. She is here on my coffee table watching over me in Guildford as I write this and is a wonderful reminder of all the people I have been privileged to meet and serve in Eastbourne (and hope to see again soon!). May her prayers go with all of us, and God bless.

LENT 2022: Ash Wednesday began the Holy Season of Conversion and Renewal.

- "**Walk with Me**" devotional booklets and children's calendars are available for everyone at the back of church

- **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at OLR after the Friday 11 am Mass each week.

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

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – FRIDAY 11TH MARCH: Envelopes are available at the back of church. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a simple lunch in the Parish Centre at 12 pm (following the 11 am Mass and Stations of the Cross). Donate what you would save, because no child should go hungry.

CAFOD UKRAINE APPEAL: please support this emergency appeal to help the most vulnerable victims of the conflict:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=123770>

CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST: On 12th March at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club from 8-9 am (please arrive at 7.50) Speaker will be Canon Tom Mendel, Vicar of St Mary's. Cost is £10 for a full buffet breakfast.

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: Alpha Course 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. Begins Wed 9th March

WENDY AND PHIL GOODMAN send a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped in any way to make Wendy's day - receiving the Benemerenti Medal from Bishop Richard, such a very special and memorable day.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE JOB VACANCIES: The Diocese is seeking to recruit two part time RE Advisers based in Crawley to support the work of the Education Service; a Secondary RE Adviser 0.8 and a Primary Adviser 0.4. The successful candidates will provide advice and support to schools on Catholic ethos, Religious Education and related areas with the promotion and further development of schools' Catholic ethos and distinctive character integral to both roles. Visit our website at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers or contact; e: julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk

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

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.

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

OLR MONEY DRAW CLUB - FEBRUARY WINNERS:

1st Prize £107 - Jean Taylor; 2nd Prize £66 - Molly Phipps (Gift Voucher win!); 3rd Prize £53 - Pamela Francis; 4th Prize £26 - Mary Oakshott. Next draw - Sunday 20th March; new Members welcome, forms at the back of the churches. Draw Gift Vouchers - from £5 for 1 draw, for Mothers' Day, St Patrick's Day, etc. - Maura 01323 430532 or Reception.

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

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 20 March. All items for this issue to be sent in by March 22nd.

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. 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!

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