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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
28th & 5th December 2021 - 1st & 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Mass Times and Intentions

SAT	OLR	27 NOV	10am	Deceased of The Parish
	OLR		11am	Adoration & Confessions
	OLR		6pm	Good health of Kathleen Kelly
SUN	OLR	28 NOV	9.15am	People of the Parish
	St G		9.30am	Caroline Hunt RIP
	St A		11.15am	Benedict & Mabel Fernando RIP
	OLR		11.30am	Reginald Markham RIP
	OLR		5.30pm	William Hastings RIP
MON	OLR	29 NOV	11am	Joanne Sheppard RIP
TUES	OLR	30 NOV	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Barbara Kelly
	St G	Rosary	10.30am	
WED	OLR	1 DEC	11am	Health, mind, body & soul Jennie Cordero
THUR	OL	2 DEC	11am	Thanksgiving Martin & Emma Bromley
FRI	OLR	3 DEC	6.30am	Rorate Mass
	OLR		11am	Requiem: Celestina Barrie RIP
	OLR		6.30pm	Extraordinary Form: Vincent Pearson
SAT	OLR	4 DEC	10am	Deceased members of co-workers of St Mother Teresa
	OLR		11am	Adoration & Confessions
	OLR		6pm	Paes family RIP
SUN	OLR	5 DEC	9.15am	People of the Parish
	St G		9.30am	Zita Vieira RIP
	St A		11.15am	Michael, Juliana & Elroy Perera
	OLR		11.30am	Deceased relatives & friends of the Bennell family
	OLR		5.30pm	Luis Ferreira RIP
MON	OLR	6 DEC	11am	Philip Sommers RIP
TUES	OLR	7 DEC	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Frederico Fernandes
	St G	Rosary	10.30am	
WED	OLR	8 DEC	11am	Immaculate Conception: Wellbeing of Gerard Sheridan
THUR	OLR	9 DEC	11am	Repose of soul of Fr Kenneth McCarthy RIP
FRI	OLR	10 DEC	6.30am	Rorate Mass
	OLR		11am	Souls of Antonio & Ramon Faronico Snr & Jnr
	OLR		6.30pm	Extraordinary Form: recovery: Martin Forte-Hyland

CONFESSIONS 11am & 5pm Saturday (Our Lady of Ransom)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays from 11.30am - 6pm
Our Lady of Ransom open for prayer 8am to 6pm daily

Sunday Collection
 OLR & St Gregory' 14 Nov £2229.96
 (21 Nov) £1960.80
 St Agnes 14 Nov £175.68
 (21 Nov) £108.67
2nd Collection: 21st Nov Arundel
 Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)
 £380.25
Forthcoming Second Collection -
 Flowers for Christmas 5th Dec

Prayers for the Sick
 Veronica Penfold, Teresa Kitchener, Sybil
 Glenister, Miles Tracey, Pauline Bosley,
 Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Martin Forte-
 Hyland, Valerie Downey, Roy Sleigh, John
 Lec, Joyann Green, Agnes Phipps and
 Emily Jeffreys
And for all our sick & housebound
For those who have recently died
 Celestina Barrie RIP
May she rest in peace

*"Advent is an incessant call
 to hope: it reminds us that
 God is present in history to
 lead it to its ultimate end, to
 lead it to its fullness, which
 is the Lord, the Lord Jesus
 Christ"*
Pope Francis

This Sunday we enter into the 'longing' season of Advent. I found this a useful little commentary: 'In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib. The hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes.' In what can be a busy season Advent invites each one of us to pause, be still, and open our hearts to the Lord's coming and quite presence in us. God bless you this Advent,
 Fr Bruno.

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

ADVENT DEVOTIONS:

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** every Friday 11.30am - 6pm
- **Rorate Masses:** candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall.
- **Advent Taize Service:** on Thursday 16th in St Gregory's at 7pm
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** on Saturday 18th all 3 priests will be available for Reconciliation in OLR from 11am - 12pm and 5 - 5.45pm
- **"Walk With Me":** please help yourself to a copy of the "Walk with Me" Daily Advent Devotions book in the porch (one per family) and Advent Calendars for children
- **Repository Sale:** the first 2 Sundays of Advent religious cards and items on sale in the OLR porch from 9-11.30am
- **PLUS: In place of the Giving Tree...**
Cafod Gifts: a great way to support those in poorer countries: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>
Foodbank Special Collection: on Sunday 12th December please bring along to Mass any Festive donations of non-perishable food and toiletry gifts for the Foodbank.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH": a series of talks for parishioners and others - a chance to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to all or any of the talks.

- **Tuesday, 30th November:** 'Jesus: who do people say I am? What the New Testament tells us - also the Early Church. Speaker: John de Waal.
- **Monday, 6th December:** 'Gaudete! and the gift of Christian Joy.' Speaker: Fr Tristan.
- **Tuesday, 14th December:** 'COP 26 and its aftermath.' Speaker: Barbara Echlin.

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

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT 7pm ZOOM ONLY. Haine and son would warmly invite you and your family to via Zoom to take part in their Annual Service of Remembrance at OLR by ZOOM. The service will be approx. 30mins. Father Kevin Dring and Rev Paul Tabraham will be leading the service, if you would like to attend via Zoom and have the name of your loved one read out during the service please contact Haine and Son on 01323 727801 your email address, on the day of the service we will email the link for you to join ZOOM.

DESERT ISLAND DISCS: (Dec 4th) Unfortunately this has to be postponed. **There is a parish pre- Christmas get together** on Dec 19th at 12.30 with the monthly draw, plus extra bonus draw. A wonderful raffle with 2 hampers plus other festive prizes. Christmas nibbles including Mo's homemade sausage rolls and Maura's Christmas cake, crackers, etc only £2.

NOVEMBER OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW. Winners: 1st Prize £98.00 Mary Sheppard; 2nd Prize £61.25 Doug Robertson; 3rd Prize £49.00 J McCarthy; 4th prize £24.50 Peter Butler.

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.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS: Congratulations to the 50 children who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday 20th November. We keep them all especially in our prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th December.

SAFEGUARDING & DBS CHECKS: as we thankfully are able to resume Ministries again in the parish, such as visiting the sick and catechesis for children, we need to ensure that everyone who volunteers has an up to date DBS check. **Please help the Parish Safeguarding Coordinators by promptly completing the admin steps they ask you to take.**

CAROL CONCERT BY THE RENAISSANCE SINGERS CHOIR on SAT 11th DEC 3pm at OLR. This a capella choir will perform well loved carols and Christmas songs as well as leading congregational singing. Free entrance fee but there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD. Mince pies will follow!

CHILDRENS LITURGY AT ST GREGORY'S: The next one will be on Sunday 19th December at the 9.30am Mass. If anyone is willing to help please let the office have your contact details or speak to Gemma after Mass.

"EASTBOURNE AT WAR" - with memories of those who died in the two World Wars of the last century – please go to the parish website for more information.

CHRISTMAS GIFT VOUCHERS: Instead of buying a lottery ticket why not treat loved ones to an OLR money draw club Christmas Gift Voucher, from only £5. Details on posters at back of churches.

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.

HONOURING SUNDAY: please take a copy of the Bishop's Conference statement on the importance of attendance at Sunday Mass.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 12th December. All notices to the office at the very latest by **10am Tuesday 7th December.**

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!