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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
17th & 24th April 2022 – THE EASTER OCTAVE**

Sunday Collection

OLR & St Gregory: 3 April: £2130
St Agnes: 3 April: £220

EASTER OFFERING: Many thanks for your personal gift to the clergy. Please use envelopes provided.

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: Rose McGoldrick, Chrisanthi Perera, Joan Donovan & John Carr RIP

EASTER PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL

Lord Jesus,
Wellspring of love and mercy,
after this time of separation,
and as we prepare for Pentecost,
we pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the renewal of our parish.
May peace be brought to the world and into all hearts.
Liberate us from fear,
that we may love more deeply,
as witnesses of hope and joy,
as builders of community,
and heralds of your Gospel.
May our faith be strengthened,
that we may see the face of Christ in all.
Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory,
and St Agnes pray for us. Amen

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 16 April EASTER VIGIL	OLR	8pm	Bob Clarke RIP
Sun 17 April EASTER SUNDAY	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Brian Barrow RIP Michael Butters RIP Yuriy Yurkiv RIP Paula Duggan RIP
Mon 18 April	OLR	11 am	Donor's intention
Tues 19 April	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Bridie & Brian Geoghegan The Rosary
Wed 20 April	OLR	11am	Co Workers of St Mother Teresa
Thurs 21 April	OLR	11am	Clare Lees RIP
Fri 22 April	St.G OLR OLR	11am 11am 6.30pm	Requiem: Rose McGoldrick RIP Paul Strydherst RIP Extraordinary Form : John Walker RIP
Sat 23 April	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6 pm	Claudia Meldon RIP Adoration & Confessions Holy Souls
Sun 24 April DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	OLR St. G St. A OLR OLR	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 3pm 5.30pm	People of the Parish Jean Heath RIP Eileen Wenbam RIP Maria Featherstone (birthday) Divine Mercy Devotions Fr. Christopher Spender RIP
Mon 25 April	OLR	11am	Michael Aquilina RIP
Tues 26 April	OLR St. G	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Patricia Knott RIP The Rosary
Wed 27 April	OLR	11am	Frank Collins RIP
Thurs 28 April	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: John Carr RIP
Fri 29 April	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Marian & Arthur Douch RIP Extraordinary Form: Health & Blessings

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-5.45pm Saturday (Our Lady of Ransom)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Fridays 11.30am – 6pm (Benediction)

The Entrance Antiphon for Easter Sunday begins with these words: 'I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia'. We could say the whole mystery of Easter and of our faith is contained in these words: 'I have risen' – our Lord Jesus, who was crucified and died for us, has risen from the dead. Death is not the end of his life. No, he is risen and now lives with a life which can no longer die. Then we hear these words: 'I am with you still'. This is our faith that Christ truly lives and abides in those who believe in him and live in his ways: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). He is with us still in the Sacraments and above all in the Holy Eucharist. Then we have the word 'Alleluia' meaning 'Praise ye the Lord'. Yes, may God be ever praised. Jesus Christ is truly risen and may he bless you this Eastertide.

In addition, we would also like to thank all those who helped in so many ways with the Holy Week liturgies and for all the kindnesses shown and gifts given over this time. God bless you all. Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno

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

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FROM 1ST MAY:
SAT 6 PM (OLR); SUN 9 AM (ST G); 10.15 AM (OLR);
11.30 AM (ST A); 5.30 PM (OLR).

PARISH RENEWAL: Over 4 weekends, from 1st May, we will invite every household to complete a **Census and Gifts / Volunteering Form**. Through Eastertide we will pray a specially composed **Prayer for Parish Renewal**, and On Pentecost weekend we will launch a new simple **Pastoral Plan** to help take us forward as a parish of Mission and Evangelisation. All parishioners will be invited to contribute to this process.

EASTER DEVOTIONS: To help us all on our journey of faith ...
- **Thursdays after the 11am Mass** there will be a short Easter Devotions e.g. Stations of the Resurrection - **“Walk with Me”**, the popular daily scripture reflection books, and children’s calendars, available (FREE) at back of the Church. **INVITED SEASON II:** a wonderful Diocesan run programme of prayer and faith formation every Monday during Eastertide, starting Monday 18th April. The weekly sessions involve a video becoming available each Monday eve via the Diocesan website and then a group discussion on Thursday eve from 7.30-8.30.
To register please go to: www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE: Our Diocese is working with other agencies to identify the best ways we can offer practical support. If you are a Ukrainian speaker and would be interested to help as a translator please email Laura Maydew-Gale in our Communications office at **communications@abdiocese.org.uk** with your full name, level of fluency, and details. Further information on collaboration projects will be shared in the News section of the diocesan website which can be found www.abdiocese.org.uk and select ‘News’ from the menu at the top. As a parish we continue with our daily prayers, fund raising and the individual efforts many are quietly making to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and the many refugees.

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. Info is provided with the form.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: 12 places have been booked for two nights, half board, from Friday 27 May, at Elmham House in Walsingham. With car sharing the approximate cost is £180. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl at ‘c-wood8@sky.com’ or on 07976 972010.

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, and the parish will directly benefit.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION – COVID CONCERNS: a number of parishioners have politely raised concerns, in light of high covid infection rates, about the risks of transmission in church where there is a mix of those receiving on the tongue and on the hand. If you receive Communion on the tongue, please can you receive kneeling at the Communion rail. As a temporary measure, Communion Ministers will also have a cleansing wipe at hand if inadvertent contact is made during the ministrations of Communion. Thanks for everyone’s understanding in these ongoing challenging times.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE RECEIVING THE EASTER SACRAMENTS:
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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: We are very pleased to announce the restarting of our monthly **Padre Pio prayer group**. We will be meeting in the parish centre committee room on the second Monday of every month at 7.30 pm, commencing on 9th May. New members are warmly invited to join us in prayer to this wonderful Saint. For more info: 01323 504417.

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.

PARISH CENTRE & FUNDRAISING:
- Come join us in the OLR Parish Centre, after 09.15 mass on **Easter Sunday**, for tea/coffee and monthly money draw. No door entry fee just a £1 donation to Dec the hall fund.
- Keep **June 3rd** free. More exciting info in next newsletter.
- Thank you to all who supported our recent **Ukraine coffee morning**. A total of £807 was raised and has been sent to DEC via CAFOD. - Teas/coffees will **resume every Sunday after 10.15 mass from May 1st** - do come along for a chat and a cuppa!

CAFOD THANKS: A huge thank you from CAFOD for the compassion and generosity of the Parish in support of the Lent Fast Day and Ukraine Appeal. £392.28 (St Agnes Lent Fast Day) £644.73 (OLR, Lent Fast Day) £876.00 (OLR, Ukraine, DEC) – *most of which came via the Coffee morning organised by Maura, Jean and team.*

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 1 May. All items for this issue to be sent in by April 26. **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!