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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**  
**25<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 - Year C**

**Sunday Collection**

OLR & St Gregory  
 (12 Dec) £1817.03  
 (19 Dec) £1826.00

St Agnes (12 Dec) £239.28  
 (19 Dec) £220.00

**The Christmas Offertory collection: your personal gift to the Clergy. Please use the envelopes provided.**

**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 and Emily Jeffreys, Joy & Gerald Shakespeare  
**And for all our sick & housebound**

**For those who have recently died  
 May they rest in peace**

Martin Forte-Hyland, John Burren, Regena East, Stephen O'Sullivan

**26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Feast of The Holy Family**

*"Let us not lose confidence in the family! It is beautiful when we can open our hearts to one another and hide nothing. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness"*

**Pope Francis**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

SAT	OLR OLR St G St A OLR	25 Dec	7.30am 9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Bridget Atkins Intentions of Parishioners Intentions of Parishioners Intentions of Parishioners Intentions of Parishioners	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
SUN	OLR St A OLR	26 Dec	9.15am 11.15am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Sandra Zilioli RIP Deceased friends & family of Arnold & Carpenter	<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>
MON	OLR	27 Dec	11am	Patrick Sloane RIP	
TUES	OLR St G	28 Dec	<b>7.30am</b> 10.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Special Intention The Rosary	
WED	OLR	29 Dec	11am	In thanksgiving	
THUR	OLR	30 Dec	11am	Fr Joe Ware	
FRI	OLR OLR	31 Dec	11am 6.30pm	Hourly family Extraordinary Form: Paul Strydherst RIP	
SAT	OLR OLR OLR	1 Jan	10am 11am 6pm	Douglas Ramsay RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> People of the Parish	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR OLR	2 Jan	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 1pm 5.30pm	Betty Johnny RIP Teresa Stogdon RIP Armanda de Caires Gouveia Maire Kenward RIP Baptism Emilio Bracuti Gerard Varney RIP	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>
MON	OLR	3 Jan	11am	Maria Carmelo Cirillo RIP	
TUES	OLR St G	4 Jan	7.30am 10.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Agostino Violira The Rosary	
WED	OLR	5 Jan	11am	<b>Requiem:</b> Stephen O'Sullivan RIP	
THUR	OLR	6 Jan	11am	Theresa Ryan RIP	<b>EPIPHANY (HOLY DAY)</b>
FRI	OLR OLR	7 Jan	11am <b>6.30pm</b>	Mary Raphael RIP <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Holy Souls	

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

**CHRISTMAS PEACE**

Jesus, as Saviour, was born to give His life for us on the Cross and Rise on the third day. The full glory of Christmas is reached only on Easter Sunday! The same can be said of our own life – we are born to die and rise with Him. As we celebrate another Christmas overshadowed by much darkness and uncertainty, let us confidently embrace the gift of Peace and Hope that is offered us as we receive Jesus once again with Joy into our lives. Let us be heralds of this Good News to others. Pope St Leo the Great (d.461) wrote beautifully of Christmas *"Christian, remember your dignity! Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom"*.  
 We Three Kings ... sorry Priests! ... extend our love and prayers to you all, and your families, this Christmas.

**TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 9.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS & CARDS:** Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your very kind and generous gifts and cards to the priests of the parish. Also, to thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings which are gratefully received part of our annual income.

**PARISH RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD PROCESS:** Pope Francis is calling us all to reflect on the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. To give our response to the questions by early February we have 2 opportunities in the Parish:

- A one-off **Group Meeting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.30-12.30** (after 10 Mass) in the **OLR Hall** to look together at a group response to the questions Pope Francis is asking of us. All are welcome.
- Individuals can make their own private response via a **simple online questionnaire**:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTZKV3L>

Please consider participating in one of these 2 ways!

**COVID UPDATED GUIDELINES:** The government has made face coverings compulsory (except for those who are exempt) in most public indoor venues, **INCLUDING Churches**. Please also continue to practice all the sensible measures that have been in place whenever we come into church or to church halls i.e. sanitising, social distancing, taking away with you Newsletters / Mass Sheets at end of Masses etc. Please also be aware that when we get to Christmas weekend there may be a need for some restrictions on church capacity. Many thanks for your understanding and continued commitment to making church a safe place for everyone!

**CAFOD Afghanistan Emergency Appeal:** The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating. Hundreds of thousands of Afghans fled their homes, compounding an existing crisis following periods of drought and decades of conflict. As winter approaches, millions of people face hunger and extreme poverty. To support: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis>  
**The collection of £489.84 at the recent Renaissance Carol Concert, will also be donated towards this CAFOD Appeal.**

**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. All information is provided with the form.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS:** Congratulations to the 4 children Baptised on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec and to their families: Liam Amable, Kit Dunster, Violet Allistone, and Angelo Latcu

**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.

#### **A CHRISTMAS POEM**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart  
*By Howard Thurman*

#### **DECEMBER OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £101 - R Burbidge; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £63 - Nisha Jose;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50 - Maureen Doyle; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £25 - Doreen Bergin  
Special Christmas Draw Hamper – Anthony Phipps.

New Members welcome, Registration Forms at the back of the churches, Money Draw Gift vouchers on sale from £5 for 1 draw.

**LOURDES REDSHIRTS 2022:** if you are a parishioner in Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes and St Gregory Parish, and are in year 10 or 11, and would like to travel to Lourdes with A&B pilgrimage next July - or if you are a young person from this parish who would like to go as a helper - please contact the parish office 723222 for further information.

**Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022. All items for this issue to be sent in by 4<sup>th</sup> January. **To maintain current government guidelines the Office is temporarily closed to callers until further notice so please telephone or e mail during office hours.**

**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!