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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
12th & 19th December 2021 - 3rd & 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Mass Times and Intentions

SAT	OLR OLR OLR	11 Dec	10am 11am 6pm	Vincent Pearson RIP Adoration & Confessions Alice Piedade Teixeira
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR	12 Dec	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Raymond & Barbara Rand RIP (First Holy Communion) Gary Abraham RIP (First Holy Communion) Armand & Teresa de Caires (First Holy Communion) Margaret Kennedy (First Holy Communion) People of the Parish
MON	OLR	13 Dec	11am	Cosmo Allchin RIP Anniversary
TUES	OLR St G	14 Dec	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Kevan Regan RIP The Rosary
WED	OLR	15 Dec	11am	Requiem: Mary Brigid Leeves RIP
THUR	OLR	16 Dec	11am	Mike & Josie Stannton (Diamond Wedding)
FRI	OLR OLR OLR	17 Dec	6.30am 11am 6.30pm	Rorate Mass Requiem: Veronica Penfold RIP Extraordinary Form: Stanley & Therese Collins RIP
SAT	OLR OLR OLR	18 Dec	10am 11am 6pm	Wellbeing Bridget Roddy Adoration & Confessions Philip Sommers RIP
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR	19 Dec	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Caroline Hunt RIP Repose of soul of Mary Andrews RIP Joan Marolf RIP Edward O'Sullivan RIP
MON	OLR	20 Dec	11am	Frances Azzopardi
TUES	OLR St G	21 Dec	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Deceased Priests of the Diocese The Rosary
WED	OLR	22 Dec	11am	Pedro da Silva RIP & Gilberto da Silva RIP
THUR	OLR	23 Dec	11am	Holy Souls
FRI	OLR OLR St G OLR St A OLR	24 Dec	6.30am 11am 5pm 6pm 8pm 12 pm	Rorate Mass: Mother of Jesus Marie Healey RIP (Mass of the day) Brenda Harding & family Vigil Mass: Philip Sommers RIP Doreen Marsden RIP Pat Crunden RIP

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

Sunday Collection

OLR & St Gregory
 (28 Nov) £1815
 (5 Dec) £1805.50

St Agnes {28 Nov} £225
 (5 Dec) £180.89

2nd Collection: Christmas flowers £271.13

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

Crib Collection: Catholic Children's Society
 A&B Crisis fund

Prayers for the Sick

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, Joy & Gerald Shakespeare

And for all our sick & housebound

For those who have recently died

Veronica Penfold, Mary Leeves & May Cronin

May they rest in peace

Christmas Service Times:

Please take copies of the Christmas Card with details of the Mass times in the Eastbourne Catholic Parishes and pass on to family, friends, and neighbours who may be interested in joining our celebrations!

"Rejoice in the LORD always!" That's the message of Gaudete Sunday. True joy is not obtained from the world, but comes with salvation in Christ. We experience it, even in troubling times, when we seek God's face in prayer, first displayed to the world as a tiny child's, which brought wonder and peace to all who beheld Him. We radiate joy to others in the same way, by displaying Jesus's face through the selflessness of our actions and the firmness of our faith. As we approach the start of the Christmas season, may Mary, our Mother, be our model of how to contemplate her Son and receive the gift of each day on this earth with a quiet joy!

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. Benediction at 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
- **In place of the Giving Tree...**
Cafod Gifts: a great way to support those in poorer countries: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH" The last talk of the series for parishioners and others - a chance to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith. All are welcome.

- **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.

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 5pm St Gregory's or 6pm OLR. Young children can dress as a figure from the Nativity if they wish. eg: Shepherd/Angel/Donkey etc

A MESSAGE FROM FR RAGLAN: Please can those who gave me Marilyn Robinson's "Jack", "Solo Cooking for One", Sebastian Barry's "A Thousand Moons" (among other kind gifts) be in touch, perhaps by email (raglan.haywill@abdiocese.org.uk) so I can properly thank you. Blessings for Advent!

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 received 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.**

CHILDRENS LITURGY AT ST GREGORY'S: The next one scheduled for Sunday 19th December has had to be cancelled.

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.

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE ST GREGORY'S: Thursday 16th December at 7pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

PARISH FESTIVE GET TOGETHER on Sun 19th at 12.30 in parish centre. Christmas money draw (plus bonus draw), raffle for amazing hampers plus other great prizes, FREE raffle for bottle of whiskey. Festive nibbles, all for only £2. All money raised is to help pay towards replacing carpets in passageway. Thank you for your continued support.

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 and 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 **23RD December**, all items for this issue by **Monday 20th 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!