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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
6th & 13th February 2022 - Year C

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT	OLR OLR OLR	5 Feb	10am 11am 6pm	Gina Moulding Adoration & Confessions Peter Francis RIP
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR	6 Feb	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gerry Mason RIP Armanda Teres Caires Gouveia RIP Elizabeth Cullen Jack Atkins RIP
MON	OLR	7 Feb	11am	Barbara Gildersleeves RIP
TUES	OLR St G	8 Feb	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Maureen Sangster The Rosary
WED	OLR	9 Feb	11am	Clare Lees RIP
THUR	OLR	10 Feb	11am	Health of Bob Doyle & Caroline Matthews
FRI	OLR OLR	11 Feb	11am 6.30pm	Patrick Goodison RIP Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT	OLR OLR OLR	12 Feb	10am 11am 6pm	Bernadette Shell Adoration & Confessions Intentions of Rose Wilkinson
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR	13 Feb	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Kathleen Ramshaw RIP Irene Anne Moir RIP Fr. Matt Carpenter Luigia Abro RIP
MON	OLR	14 Feb	11am	Vijay Kumarasamy
TUES	OLR St G	15 Feb	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls The Rosary
WED	OLR	16 Feb	11am	Co Workers of St Mother Teresa
THUR	OLR	17 Feb	11am	Intentions of Eileen Geelin
FRI	OLR OLR	18 Feb	11am 6.30pm	Houry Family Extraordinary Form: Eileen Sears RIP

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-6pm 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 Collection
 OLR & St Gregory: 23 Jan £1959.50
 St Agnes: £150.28
 OLR & St Gregory: 31 Jan £2164.27
 St Agnes £184.37
Second Collection weekend of
12/13th January. Lourdes Pilgrimage
Fund

Prayers for the Sick
 Teresa Kitchener, Sybil Glenister,
 Miles Tracey, Pauline Bosley, Pat
 Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie
 Downey, Roy Sleigh, John Lec, Joyann
 Green, Agnes Phipps, Emily Jeffreys,
 Joy & Gerald Shakespeare, Luke
 Deepchand, and for all our sick &
 housebound.
For those who have recently died
Marie Pryn. May they rest in peace

*“We too are called to withdraw at
 certain intervals into deeper silence
 and aloneness with God, together as a
 community as well as personally; to
 be alone with Him —completely
 stripped of everything — to dwell
 lovingly in His presence, silent, empty,
 expectant, and motionless. We cannot
 find God in noise or agitation.”*
St Teresa of Calcutta

This morning the presbytery is quieter. Fr Tristan left for Guildford yesterday to serve in the parish there. He will be missed. It is like this Sunday's gospel about the call of the first Apostles. It says, 'they left everything and followed him.' They went to be with Jesus. I suppose this is the heart of our faith, being with Jesus. Other things may change in our lives, but this remains the most important constant, being with Jesus. I pray that as we continue on our pilgrim way this year as disciples of Jesus all of us may find the time to grow in our relationship with him; through prayer and spiritual reading, through adoration and the sacraments, and through simple lives of loving God and loving the people we come into daily contact with. God bless you, these next two weeks, Fr Bruno.

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

BISHOP RICHARD VISITING THE PARISH: we are very pleased that Bishop Richard will be paying an “informal visit” to celebrate Sunday Mass with us on Sunday 13th February at 11.30 in Our Lady of Ransom. Mass will be followed by tea and coffee in the Hall. Please come along if you can.

FR TRISTAN THANKSGIVING MASS & PARTY: 11.30 Mass on Sunday 27th February followed by a party in the OLR Hall. To contribute to a **Collection**, please take an envelope from the back of church and return by Monday 14th (via the Sunday Collection or through the Parish Office letterbox). There are also **Cards** available at the back of church to be signed, if you've not already done so. Contributions of already plated **COLD FINGER FOOD** will be gratefully received (*i.e. doesn't require heating or cutlery to be eaten*). In order that the clergy and as many people can attend the Mass with Fr Tristan there will be **NO 11.15 MASS AT ST AGNES** on that Sunday. Extra parking available in the Town Hall car park.

PARISH RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD PROCESS: PARISH RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD PROCESS: Many thanks to the 30 parishioners who came together on Saturday 29th to reflect on the 3 areas for the 2023 Synod: *Communion, Participation, Mission*. It was a very fruitful morning. The results of our reflection will be sent to the Diocese and also will be made available at the back of the churches. We will begin immediately to on applying some of the important insights to the life of the parish. For further information on the Synod process: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

“ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH” A new 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.

- **Thursday, 17th Feb.** The simplicity of Prayer - speaker: John Kimberley
- **Thursday, 3rd March** - Can War ever be Just? - speaker: Fr Kevin.
- **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.

SLEEPING BAGS AND BLANKETS: In these cold days and nights we have people coming to the church or door of the house who appreciate a sleeping bag or blanket. If you have one that you could donate, then please leave in the church by the food bank box. Thanks.

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!

ALPHA 2022: We will be commencing our second parish **online Alpha Course** via Zoom on Wednesday 9th March. **Alpha** 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 which provides full details.

UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS: Face Masks, though no longer mandatory, are still encouraged, as is sanitising hands on entering and leaving church. Social distancing is no longer required, but we would all want to be respectful of people's space. Holy Water is now restored for use on entering the church and will be changed each week. The Sign of Peace is restored, but for those not in your personal group, a smile and nod would be more appropriate and respectful. Holy Communion will continue under one kind (the Host) but we can resume the normal process of distribution with everyone receiving from the front of the church

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld. The governing body of our primary school St Thomas a Becket, needs people with a mixture of skills and time. If you would like to know more, contact the clerk to the governors, Mandy Randall: clerk@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk or visit <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance>

CO-WORKERS OF ST MOTHER TERESA. Next meeting Wed 16 February after 11am Mass. New members welcome. Spare wool would be appreciated.

OLR MONEY DRAW CLUB - new Members welcome. Registration Forms at the back of the churches. Gift Vouchers for all occasions from £5 for 1 draw, from reception or Maura, 01323 430532. Draw will take place on Feb 20th after 11.30 Mass. Please join us for tea/coffee, homemade sausage rolls, vegan option, cake, all for £1.50 donation to “Dec the hall”

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 would like to travel to Lourdes as a Redshirt or a helper and you are in year 10 or 11, there may be some support available to help towards costs, contact: parish office 723222

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 20th Feb. All items for this issue to be sent in by Feb 14th.
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. Thank you.