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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

8th & 15th JANUARY 2023

Sunday Collections:

31/1 Jan OLR & SG £2613 St.A £288

Crib Offering: Catholic Children's Society £274

Upcoming Second Collections:

15th Jan: Pax Christi

12th Feb: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Prayers for the Sick

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Theresa Kitchner and for all our sick & housebound.

For those who have recently died:

Colette Quinn, Dorothy Healey

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 7th Jan	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Ion Ditiu RIP Adoration & Confessions Connie & Stan Ratcliffe RIP
Sun 8th Jan THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Fr Peter Chappell RIP People of the Parish Intentions of Martin & Margaret Cassidy Sarah Brown
Mon 9 Jan	OLR	11am	George & Fancia
Tues 10 Jan	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Our Lady, in thanksgiving
Wed 11 Jan	OLR	11am	Bernadette Ryles RIP
Thurs 12 Jan	OLR	11am	Remembrance Mass: Pope Benedict XVI RIP
Fri 13 Jan	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Intentions of Bridget Atkins Extraordinary Form: All Souls in Purgatory
Sat 14 Jan	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Marian & Arthur Douch RIP Adoration & Confessions Danny Gallagher RIP
Sun 15 Jan 2nd Sunday in ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Patrick Sloane RIP Christanthi Perera RIP Tricia & Frank Easton RIP
Mon 16 Jan	OLR	11am	Timothy McGory
Tues 17 Jan	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Agostinho Vieira RIP
Wed 18 Jan	OLR St.G	11am 12pm	Irene Moir RIP (Anniversary) Funeral Service: Colette Quinn RIP
Thurs 19 Jan	OLR	11am	Jack O'Brien RIP
Fri 20 Jan	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Anthony Woodhouse RIP Extraordinary Form: Sister Kathleen

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.40-11.50am & 5-5.45pm (Our Lady of Ransom)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30-11am;

Friday 11.30am – 6pm Benediction; Saturday 10.30am-12pm Benediction

ROSARY: Tuesdays 10.30am St G; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass

DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER: Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm



Taking its theme from the Magi's journey, Epiphany reminds us that God's presence shines in unexpected places and in unexpected ways among ordinary people in ordinary settings.

Epiphany: A Season of Revelation Ruth Haley Barton

PRAYING OUR WAY THROUGH A NEW YEAR

As we pass into this new year 2023 I would like to share with you a beautiful and powerful prayer of St Francis de Sales in which I have always found great comfort and encouragement, and hope you will too:

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen

Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS: 12pm on the last Tuesday of each month. **NEXT MASS 31st Jan** in the hospital Chapel to pray with and for the staff and patients. If you know somebody who will be in Hospital and would like a priest to visit please let us know.

POPE BENEDICT XVI was a true servant of the Church who, maybe along with many (or most) Popes, reluctantly accepted his nomination as successor of St Peter, but then gave himself with great humility and kindness to his new ministry. We will offer a special **Remembrance Mass on Thursday 12th** in thanksgiving and for his well-earned eternal

Be inspired for Epiphany: with a lilting sacred song on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EH2nfdChGg> or enjoy an Epiphany homily from Pope Francis on https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/documents/20220106_omelia-epifania.html

DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS, LED BY BISHOP RICHARD: Saturday 21 January 2023 at St Bernadette's church, Tilgate, Crawley – for Ministers of the Word: 11am – 4pm. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up at: [ChurchSuite Events](#): email: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

THE GIVING TREE. A BIG thank you to all of our wonderful parishioners who together provided 325 gifts to the 7 local Charities. All gifts were delivered to them well in advance of Christmas day, when they were given to those who are disadvantaged in our community. Well done everyone!

CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday 14th January at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club at 8am when David Jackman will be sharing his Thought for the Day, David is a retired Baptist Minister who worships at All Saints Church. To book please call Dennis on 07808 731166 e.dennisthompson618@gmail.com

WINTER HOMELESS SUPPORT: we will be working with other churches to provide food and friendship to a group of vulnerable homeless who will be housed locally through the winter months. Our commitment will be to cover an eve a week (probably Thurs) We will need 6 volunteers each week to prepare food and hospitality so the more the better. **Please simply register interest with Caroline (Pastoral Assistant) via the Parish Office and more information will follow soon.**

OLR CHURCH CAR PARK: as tempting as it can be to double park if you arrive and the car park is full – **please try not to**, as you can be blocking somebody who needs to leave before the end of a Service or a Priest who may be called out in an emergency.

ST AGNES CHURCH: There are no lunches at St Agnes in January
Polish Mass: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS: St Stephen, celebrated on 26th December, is the patron saint of Altar Servers. This year we will be enrolling some of our servers into the guild of St Stephen at the **10am Mass on Saturday 7th January at OLR.** God bless them.

RECOMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: all Parish Eucharistic Ministers are invited to be re-commissioned for their ministry on the 7th / 8th January. This will take place at all Parish Masses. Thanks for your contribution in this important ministry.

FEAST OF ST AGNES: This feast will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd Jan at the 11:30 Mass at St Agnes followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the hall. All Welcome to join in the celebrations.

EASTBOURNE CHRISTIAN AGENCIES NETWORK: On Wednesday 18th January OLR will be hosting the Christian Agencies prayer evening in the Hall arriving from 7pm. Refreshments will be served. All welcome to join in prayer support for our agencies across the town, and help serving refreshments also welcome. Contact Marylou if you're interested in attending on admin@linkingliveseastbourne.com

CHRISTMASS LEFT OVERS: If you have any Christmas crackers left over that you do not want (even single ones) please leave in library for Maura. Mike Kelly is building a Grotto in the church grounds. If you have any suitable boulders or large stones please contact the office 723222

FAITH ENRICHMENT TALKS: a new series of talks and faith formation opportunities for 2023 will be advertised soon.

DECEMBER 2022 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: Next draw - Sunday 15th January. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches.

HALL BOOKINGS 2023: Before we can offer out any bookings of the Parish Hall we need to hear from you if you are a regular group (prayer group etc). Please send in your dates for the next year to the office. Thank you.

PARISH OPEN CHURCH: The monthly 3rd Saturday OPEN CHURCH at OLR continues into 2023. Volunteers still needed to welcome our visitors. **If you are willing to help for an hour every 2 months**, please contact Caroline in the Parish Office to join the rota.

THE GIFT OF THE LIVE STREAM: we recently received our annual breakdown of statistics from You Tube for the Live Streaming of Masses. An amazing 25,200 people viewed a Mass from the Parish during the past year. What a great gift this is for all those who cannot be physically present with us in the church!

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 22 Jan All items for this issue to be sent in by 17 Jan . **Mass Intentions Note:** There is currently a three month wait for Masses. Please be patient as your Mass intention will appear! **Sunday 10.15am Mass is generally for the People of the Parish.**

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!