



**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU
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Sunday Collections:

4/5 Feb OLR & SG £2364 St.A £242

11/12 Feb OLR & SG £2264 St.A £233

Upcoming Second Collections:

5th March: Cafod Fast Day

Good Friday: The Holy Places of Palestine

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:

Eulalia Andrade, Jim Skinner, Ilona Price

**NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH
FEAST DAY 19 MARCH**

What better way to mark the feast of this "truly just and righteous man", beloved patron of the Universal Church and of families, than to make this Novena leading up to his Feast. We invite everyone to join together as our Parish family to seek his intercession and blessing on all we are doing to reach out and spread the Gospel and bring folk to discover, know, love and rejoice more and more in God's love and peace. **The Novena begins on 10 March and copies of each day's prayers are at the back of the Church.** Please take one and let us raise our voices as one in imploring him to intercede for us, our families and the whole world.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

5th & 12th MARCH 2023

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 4 th March	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Lena Hooker Adoration & Confessions Noelia de Oliveira
Sun 5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Douglas Ramsay RIP Armanda de Caires Gouveia & Luis Ferreira Kathleen Morris RIP
Mon 6 th March	OLR	11am	Melvin Moulding
Tues 7 th March	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Richard Hooker RIP
Wed 8 th March	OLR	11am	Private Intention (Price)
Thurs 9 th March	OLR	11am	George & Fonica
Fri 10 th March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	In memory of Violet Extraordinary Form: Blondine Ashe RIP
Sat 11 th March	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Alan Cullen RIP Adoration & Confessions Dorothy Healy RIP
Sun 12th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Deceased members of the Barrow family Fred Byrne RIP Wesley & Tency People of the Parish
Mon 13 th March	OLR	11am	David Bosley RIP
Tues 14 th March	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls
Wed 15 th March	OLR	11am	Co Workers intentions
Thurs 16 th March	OLR	11am	Stephanie Maughan RIP
Fri 17 th March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Agoshinho Vieira RIP Extraordinary Form: Bryan Barrow RIP (50 th Wedding Anniversary)

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT: Fridays after 11am Mass OLR: ST AGNES: Mon 7.30pm

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

AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

One thing about "time" is, as the saying goes, "it waits for no one"! The other very positive Biblical idea is of the KAIROS moment – the God given moment ... or the Latin equivalent "CARPE DIEM" ... "SEIZE THE DAY"! Before we know it, Lent will have passed us by and we will be stepping into Holy Week. Let's all keep focused on THE DAY in which we are, and the opportunities for growing closer to the Lord and to one another that we are given. Seize and use these opportunities. I went for my monthly Spiritual Direction last week and the priest shared a simple but wonderful insight into prayer: *Prayer time is above all God's-time-with-you, so you have to be very still and quiet and let God do whatever God chooses in that time, your part is simply to say "Lord, do with me what you will"!*

Last Saturday a group of us went to Arundel Cathedral for the Rite of Election, a service where all adults receiving Sacraments at Easter are introduced to Bishop Richard. The Cathedral was full of men and women, young and older, from all cultures and backgrounds who have been led to this moment of faith. A hope-filled vision of Church! Please keep especially in your Lent prayers Emma Jay, Mark Watmore, Nicole Gorry and Ricky Buttigieg who will be received fully into the life of the Church at Easter here in our Parish. God Bless,

Fr Kevin

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

PARISH DIARY (March)

5th MARCH: REPOSITORY SALE at from 9.45 – 11.45 in the Porch.

10th MARCH: CAFOD LENT SOUP LUNCH: Everyone is very welcome to join us for a simple Cafod lunch in the parish centre at 12pm (following the Stations of the Cross)

18th MARCH. Organised by St Thomas Becket School. St Patrick's Celebration in the Parish Centre from 7.15-10.30pm Irish Theme competition and music. Tickets £10 per head from www.pta-events.coluk/stab. Tickets on sale after 10.15am Mass

19th MARCH St Patrick's weekend, St Joseph and Mother's Day, plus monthly draw. Sausage and Irish white pudding sarnies, plus raffle for Bewley's afternoon tea mini Irish hamper.

ST AGNES CHURCH LENTEN LUNCHESES: 12.30pm Thursdays up to 30th March incl, homemade soup, cheese etc. to aid Colombian charity, rescuing Street Children: £3.00 min.

PARISH LENT RETREAT: after the success of the Advent Retreat, on **Saturday 18th March**, Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno will offer a half day (in house) Retreat to help us prepare for the final part of Lent as we begin the approach to Holy Week: **10 am Mass, then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available plus Fr Hugh), 11.30 am. Short Talk by Fr Bruno – 12pm packed lunch in hall – 1 pm Short Talk by Fr Kevin, then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available). Finishing at 2.30pm with Benediction. ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend!) and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!**

CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday 11th March at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club at 8am when Fr Kevin Dring will be sharing his Thought for the Day. To book please call Dennis on 07808 731166 e.dennisthompson618@gmail.com.

MARIAN GROTTO & PRAYER BENCH: we are delighted to now have a beautiful Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes outside the front of Our Lady of Ransom. A wooden bench has also been placed securely facing the Grotto so people (parishioners and passers-by) can sit and have a quiet moment of prayer ... in between the chimes of the Town Hall clock! Thanks to Maura and those who proposed the idea, and Mike Kelly for creating such a beautiful Marian Grotto. Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us!

OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: FEBRUARY 2023
1st Prize £116 - Tony Bevington, 2nd Prize £72 - Mary Oakshott, 3rd Prize £58 - Isabella Forte-Hyland, 4th Prize £29 - John McCarthy, **NEXT DRAW - SUNDAY 19TH MARCH**, on Mothers' Day and feast days of St Patrick & St Joseph! New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches.

St Agnes: Polish Mass: Every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month @ 6pm

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!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

RESUMPTION OF CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Good news! Our **Children's Liturgy** starts again on 5th March in all three churches Initially this will be once a month. Children will need to be of an age where they can go with the catechists, unaccompanied by parents. We still need more volunteer helpers – please contact Caroline via the Parish Office if you could give just one hour per month. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed at OLR after the Friday 11 am Mass each week and every Monday in St Agnes at 7.30 pm.

FAITH ENRICHMENT TALKS: continue on the following dates: All talks include refreshments and group discussion and start at 7.30 pm, in OLR Parish Hall, on Thursday evenings.

- 23 March – *The Holy Spirit* by Fr Rod Jones, OSB, of Worth Abbey and Catholic Chaplain to the University of Sussex
- 13 April – *Israel/Palestine: contemporary issues for our Faith* by John de Waal.

PRAY, FAST AND GIVE ALMS: During Lent we are encouraged to spend more time with the Lord in prayer. For those of us though who struggle for time, here is a way just to take a short prayer break for 3 minutes of quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Perfect for busy people. <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>. If you want to go a bit deeper though, then this beautiful Lent Retreat: "He Showed the Depth of His Love" is a wonderful resource – <https://www.sacredspace.ie/lent-retreat-2023>

Possibly best of all, try to spend some quality time talking to Our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition. He waits for you - (see Newsletter for times).

PASTORAL CARE: MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS:

12pm on the last Tuesday of each month. **NEXT MASS** 28th March 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).

A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023 July 28th to August 3rd (Redshirts 27/07 to 04/08). Applications are now open. If you are a parishioner or a young helper in years 10 or 11, and wish to travel as a Redshirt, please do contact us. Further information is available from Maura 01323 430532 or A&B website. (lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk)

GIFT AID: If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or nickprice8@hotmail.com

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 19th March. All items for this issue to be sent in by 16th March.

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.**