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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

19th & 26th FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday Collections:

4/5 Feb OLR & SG £2,504 St.A £237

11/12 Feb OLR & SG £2,348 St.A £244

2nd collection: Lourdes £775.92

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:

Gerald Mathiot, Peter Dodd, Dawn Soria, Lorna Cameron

*May God the Father who made us
bless us.*

*May God the Son send his healing
among us.*

*May God the Holy Spirit move
within us and give us eyes to see
with,
ears to hear with,
and hands that your work might be
done.*

*May we walk and preach the word
of
God to all.*

*May the angel of peace watch over
us and lead us at last
by God's grace to the Kingdom.*

St Dominic

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18 Feb	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Madeleine O'Brien RIP Adoration & Confessions Fr Christopher Bergin
Sun 19 Feb Seventh Sunday Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Bryan Barrow RIP People of the Parish Ros Upton RIP Kathleen Morris RIP
Mon 20 Feb	OLR	11am	Maria Erestain Faronilo & John Tor RIP
Tues 21 Feb	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Blondine Ashe RIP
Wed 22 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	OLR OLR	11am 7.30pm	Thankachan Thachery & Lissy Thankachan RIP Jim McKie RIP
Thurs 23 Feb	OLR	11am	Anthony Woodhouse RIP
Fri 24 Feb	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Roy Sleigh RIP Extraordinary Form: Babies lost to abortion
Sat 25 Feb	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Joan Kennedy Adoration & Confessions Tony Greene RIP
Sun 26 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Agnes Phipps RIP People of the Parish John & Freda Deadman RIP Palmira Teixeira RIP
Mon 27 Feb	OLR St.A	11am 12 noon	Fr Laurence Quin-Morris Requiem: Peter Dodd RIP
Tues 28 Feb	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: The recently deceased
Wed 1 March	OLR	11am	Anthony Wood RIP
Thurs 2 March	OLR	11am	Requiem: Dawn Soria RIP
Fri 3 March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Requiem: Lorna Cameron RIP Extraordinary Form: Mother of Jesus

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

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK with Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. These 40 days call us from the old to the new life Christ came to give us and which he won for us by his Cross and Resurrection. Jesus gives us three 'spiritual exercises' essential for real conversion in this season; prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For prayer we have Scripture and the daily Lenten Mass readings, or the useful 'Walk with me' booklets to help us. In the parish we have daily Mass, times of Adoration, of Confession, and the Stations of the Cross during Lent. For Fasting we pray that our longing will make us yearn more for God, for his truth, his presence, and his grace. Fasting from social media and non-essential internet use could be something that frees us to give more time to God and to others. As for Almsgiving we can choose a good charity as well as giving some of our time to the lonely. Make humble and realistic resolutions and don't get discouraged if you slip up. Be at peace, trust in the loving mercy of the Lord and begin again. God bless you this Lent, Fr Bruno

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 in Hospital Chapel. **NEXT MASS 28 FEB** praying 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.

MONTHLY TEA AND SOCIAL GATHERING: Our new-look monthly teas are back! Come and join us in the Parish Centre for tea and refreshment, with good company, meet new and old parishioners (bring a friend along) and enjoy some fun entertainment too. Every last Tuesday of the month from 2.30 – 4.30 pm starting 28 February, all for just £2. **Please initial the Sign Up sheet at the back of the Church.** We look forward to welcoming you.

ROSARY FOR PEACE: Every Thursday before Mass, *during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*, the Rosary will be said for all aspects of PEACE from 10.25 – 10.55am. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: Friday 3 March at 2.00 pm hosted by OLR with refreshments in the Hall afterwards. This is a global ecumenical event led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer for peace and justice and the focus is

RESUMPTION OF CHILDREN'S LITURGY. We will hope to begin Children's Liturgy across the 3 churches in March. Children will need to be of an age where they can go with the catechists, unaccompanied by parents. We still need more volunteers – please contact Caroline via the Parish Office if you could give just one hour per month. Thank you.

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 (subsidies are available). Information at A&B website. (lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk) or from Maura 01323 430532. Costs are - full package (assisted pilgrims and helpers only) £850. Accommodation and transfers £700 (book your own flights which may be Stansted to Tarbes). Accommodation £630. Redshirts and young helpers £750. Further details on posters at back of Church. Please join us this Sunday 19 Feb after 10.15 mass for money draw, sausage sarnies, tea/coffee (£1.50) also a cake sale and raffle run by Toby and Orla to raise funds for their trip to Lourdes as young helpers.

SOCIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: 18th March. Organised by St Thomas Becket School. St Patrick's Celebration in the Parish Centre from 19.15-22.30pm. Irish Theme competition and music. Tickets £10 per head from www.pta-events.coluk/stab.

March 19th, 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.
April 23rd - St George's day tea party after 10.15 Mass.
May 7th Coronation lunch after 10.15 Mass.

ST AGNES CHURCH LENTEN LUNCHESES: 12.30pm Thursdays 23rd Feb to 30th March incl, Home made soup, cheese etc. to aid Colombian charity, rescuing Street Children: £3.00 min. Monday evenings from 27th February **Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.**
Polish Mass: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 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!

LENT 2023: Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, we begin the Holy Season of Conversion and Renewal. More details of Lenten devotions will follow in the next Newsletter but please note:

- **“WALK WITH ME”** devotional booklets are available and Children's Calendars – **if you are a couple please share a booklet!**
- **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.
- **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – Collection on 5th March:** Envelopes will be available in advance. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a simple Cafod lunch in the Parish Centre at 12 pm on Friday 10th March (following the 11 am Mass).
- **REPOSITORY SALE:** on Sunday 5th March at OLR from 9.45 – 11.45 in the OLR Porch.

FAITH ENRICHMENT TALKS: We are delighted to announce the new and exciting series of talks designed as part of our adult formation for a deepening of our faith by challenging our thinking. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend. All talks include refreshments and group discussion and start at 7.30 pm, in OLR Parish Hall, on Thursday evenings.

- 23 February – **Was Vatican II a Failure?** – An online Presentation/Discussion led by well-known Bishop Robert Barron.
- 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.

GREAT EVENINGS, GREAT DISCUSSIONS - DON'T MISS OUT!

IF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE NEEDS A LITTLE BOOST WHY NOT TRY ONE OF THESE:

- Do you want to fast this lent? Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. – Pope Francis
- Meditate on “Love” - A beautiful poem by the great English metaphysical poet George Herbert. Read it here: <https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/poem-of-the-week-609655.html>

Click to Pray: Come together daily with people around the world using Pope Francis' mobile app - <https://clicktopray.org/daily>

VIGIL FOR UKRAINE: to mark the 1st anniversary of the ongoing conflict there will be a prayer vigil outside the Town Hall on Friday 24th Feb at 6.30 pm and silent procession at 7pm to the war memorial. All are welcome to join for this time of prayer.

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 5 March All items for this issue to be sent in by 28 Feb. **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.