



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU  
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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am-1.30pm  
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**Pastoral Assistant:** Caroline Rother

**Parish Clergy:** Fr Kevin Dring (Parish Priest) Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priest)

**Sunday Collections:**

4/5 Mar OLR & SG £2502 St.A £274  
11/12 Mar OLR & SG £2691 St.A £274  
**Cafod Fast Day £2,026.40**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

Good Friday: Holy Places of Palestine  
30<sup>th</sup> April : Education of future Priests  
(Gift Aid)

**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:**

Ilona Price, Kathleen Golton,  
Geoffrey Colton, Jim Skinner

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart



"Lent is always a favourable time for our conversion, which should never be taken for granted. Jesus' Easter is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer"

Pope Francis

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**  
**19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR OLR OLR	10am <b>10.30am</b> 6pm	Anthony Woodhouse RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Roy Sleigh RIP
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Deceased members of the Humby family People of the Parish Paddy Murphy RP Teresa Barros RIP
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR	11am	Patricia Reynolds RIP ( <b>Solemnity of St Joseph</b> )
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Lorna Cameron RIP
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	OLR	11am	<b>Requiem: Jim Skinner RIP</b>
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	OLR	11am	<b>Requiem: Ilona Price RIP</b>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Alchin family <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Dominador Pichay
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR OLR OLR	10am <b>10.30am</b> 6pm	Brian Lobo RIP <b>Children's First Reconciliation</b> Dario Modina RIP
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Fred Byrne RIP People of the Parish Elsie Fingleton RIP Special Intention
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR	11am	Lorna Cameron RIP
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Private Intention
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR	11am	Eric Seeley RIP
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> March	OLR	11am	P.L Joseph RIP
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	<b>Parish Bereavement Mass</b> <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Ann Taylor (thanksgiving)

**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

In these middle Sundays of Lent we have long readings from John's gospel of three astonishing encounters and miracles worked by Jesus. We had the Samaritan woman at the well (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun), the man born blind (4<sup>th</sup>), and the raising back to life of Lazarus (5<sup>th</sup> Sun). More than John telling us what happened once to these three people the gospel is telling us what Jesus has come to bring to all of fallen humanity. To the woman at the well who had not found the love she dearly longed for in this world Jesus reveals himself as the Lord and the quencher of her thirst for perfect love. In giving sight to the man born blind and revealing himself to the man as God Jesus reveals himself as the true light of the world come into the darkness of this world. In raising Lazarus back to life Jesus shows himself as the Lord of life itself, able to bring to life that which is dead. These priceless gifts, love, light, and life, Jesus came to give each one of us and he won them for us on the Cross. Thank you, Jesus! God bless you, Fr Bruno

**TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)**

## PARISH DIARY (March/April)

**ST AGNES CHURCH LENTEN LUNCHES:** 12.30pm Thursdays up to 30th March including, homemade soup, cheese etc. to aid Colombian charity, rescuing Street Children: £3 min.

**26 MARCH - FIRST RECONCILIATION after the 10.00 am Mass:** Please pray especially for all our First Holy Communion Children who will be receiving God's love and mercy through this Sacrament for the first time Please be aware that Reconciliation for other parishioners will not be available until the evening slot.

**28 MARCH – MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS:** 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel to pray with and for staff and patients. (If you know somebody who will be in Hospital and would like a priest to visit please let us know).

**28 MARCH** - Tuesday Tea and Social Gathering in the Parish Centre, 2.30 – 4.00 pm. Come and have tea and cakes, meet new people, share chat, fun and prizes. Bring a friend. **Please sign up on the purple sheet at the back of the Church.**

**5 APRIL – CHRISM MASS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL, 6.00 pm.** As well as the Blessing of the Holy Oils, the Diocesan priests renew their commitment to the Bishop in a very moving service – get there early if going by car!

**SUN APRIL 23** St George's day after Mass tea party. More details to follow.

**SUN MAY 8TH** Coronation lunch after 10.15 Mass. More details to follow.

**MANY CONGRATULATIONS** to Pat Calvert, Geraldine Briggs, Mary McKeon, Ada Attamah of our Bereavement Ministry for successfully completing the Diocesan Bereavement Course. Well done all!

**CCTV AT OLR:** we are pleased to say that we now have CCTV installed in OLR, covering the porch and the main body of the church. With the church being open all day this will provide added security for the building and, most importantly, for the many people who pop in to say a prayer.

**OLR MONEY CLUB 2023, NEXT DRAW - SUNDAY 19TH MARCH,** on Mothers' Day and feast days of St Patrick & St Joseph. Sausage and white puddings sarnies. Raffle for Bewleys mini hamper. New members welcome. Registration forms at back of church.

**COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION:** On Saturday 25th March 2.00-3.30pm at St John's Church, Meads. Debra Green OBE, National Director and Founder of Redeeming Our Communities, will be speaking to local Christian Agencies, churches, and any others interested, on the topic of social transformation. There will also be information available on what the local Christian Agencies are doing in the Eastbourne area. All welcome.

**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!

## PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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

**ROSARY FOR PEACE** – is prayed every Thursday, *during Exposition* at OLR between 10.25 -10.50 am. Please join in.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Nicole Gorry, Ricky Buttigieg, Mark Watmore and Emma Louise Jay who will be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter through receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

### THE NEXT FAITH ENRICHMENT TALKS: 7.30pm OLR Hall

- 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.

## SPIRITUAL & INSPIRATIONAL RESOURCES

**LENT IS A TIME FOR PRAYER AND CLOSENESS TO GOD.** "*In Search of the Beyond*" by Carlo Carretto is highly recommended as a guide on how, through prayer, to find sanctuary with God in the silence of our own desert space.

Care for Creation and the planet – see this thought-provoking calendar –something that all the family can join in too: <https://d3bokmeplq5n0.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2022/02/Lent-Action-for-the-Earth.pdf>.

For more inspiring Lent insights: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/perspectives-on-lent/>

**NEW PARISH SECRETARY ADVERTISEMENT:** our Parish is seeking to employ a new Parish Secretary to begin in post on 24th April. This role will be 16 hours per week (£12ph), Monday - Thursday (9.30 am -1.30 pm). The role will be to provide an efficient secretarial service and personal assistance to the Parish Priest and clergy and good communication and administration within the parish. If you would like further details or wish to apply for this role please contact Fr Kevin directly by email: [kevin.dring@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kevin.dring@abdiocese.org.uk). The **closing date for applications is 9 am on Friday 31st March**. Once an appointment has been made Mary, who has served the parish faithfully over many years in this role, will continue working on Friday mornings in an associated but new role.

**EASTBOURNE FOOD BANK** are very grateful for all donations made by parishioners. Please continue to support their efforts as part of your Lenten observance to help those less fortunate.

**GIFT AID:** If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com)

**Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 2nd April. All items for this issue to be sent in by 28th March.