

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU**  
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**Parish Office Hours:** from 24 April: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30am-1.30pm  
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**Parish Clergy:** Fr Kevin Dring (Parish Priest) Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priest)


**Sunday Collections:**  
 01/02 April OLR & SG £3,005 St.A £249  
 08/09 April Easter Collection

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April:** Education of future Priests  
**14<sup>th</sup> May:** Missionary Endeavour of Diocese

**Prayers for the Sick**  
 Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Theresa Kitchner Bernadette Briggs, and for all our sick & housebound.

**For those who have recently died:**  
 Brian Over, Fr David Russell (Eastbourne 1982-1988)

*They recognised him in the breaking of the bread.*



At the table of the Eucharist, do we experience the same simple yet so profound gesture of bread blessed, broken and shared as the disciples on the way to Emmaus?  
 Lord, open our eyes too.

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**  
**16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

<b>MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS</b>			
Sat 15 Apr	OLR OLR OLR	10am <b>10.30am</b> 6pm	George & Fanica <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Sarah Chandler RIP
<b>Sun 16 April</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am <b>3pm</b> 5.30pm	Nicholas Raoux RIP People of the Parish Richard Sherlock RIP- Anniversary <b>Divine Mercy Devotions</b> Holy Souls
Mon 17 Apr	OLR	11am	Agostino Vieira RIP
Tues 18 Apr	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Intentions of Jennie Kingston
Wed 19 Apr	OLR	11am	Co-Workers Intentions
Thur 20 Apr	OLR	11am	Roy Sleigh RIP
Fri 21 Apr	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Lynda Mills <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Elizabeth Lague wellbeing
Sat 22 Apr	OLR OLR OLR OLR	10am <b>10.30am</b> <b>1pm</b> 6pm	Veronica Carter RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> <b>Marriage: James Thompson &amp; Ellie Jenkins</b> Dorothy Healy RIP
<b>Sun 23 April</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	John Hauvalian People of the Parish Agnes Phipps RIP Roy Sleigh RIP
Mon 24 Apr <b>Solemnity: St George</b>	OLR	11am	Mick Glynn RIP
Tues 25 Apr	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Good Health of Sarah Brown
Wed 26 Apr	OLR	11am	Anthony Woodhouse RIP
Thu 27 Apr	OLR	11am	Nicholas Raoux RIP
Fri 28 Apr	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Joseph Kennedy RIP <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Billy & Rita Fogarty RIP

**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**

Last Sunday we had the great joy of celebrating Easter, the greatest feast in the liturgical year. The first words at Mass on Easter Sunday are, 'I have risen, and I am with you still, Alleluia'. We could say that the core of our Catholic faith is contained in these words. 'I have risen' – our Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified and died for us, has risen from the dead. He is risen and today lives with a life that death has no power over. Then we hear the words, 'and I am with you still'. He returned despite what we did to him because he is love and love does not walk away from the one it loves. This is our faith, that the Lord is with us still – above all in the Holy Eucharist, by sanctifying grace, and in those who believe in him and keep his commandments. "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). Then we have the word, 'Alleluia' meaning 'Praise ye the Lord'. Yes, may God be ever praised. God bless you this Eastertide, Fr Bruno.

## PARISH DIARY - APRIL/MAY

**19 APRIL:** Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa meeting after Mass

**23 APRIL:** Come and celebrate St George's day with a tea party after Mass. (sweet treats).

**25 APRIL: 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).

**25 APRIL:** Monthly Tea and Social Gathering in the Parish Hall. 2.30-4.00 pm. Cakes, chat and fun. Please sign on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like to come.

**30 APRIL:** Children's liturgy (SEE INSERT)

**7 MAY:** Coronation lunch after 10.15 Mass. Free admittance, but there will be a collection bucket for CAFOD to help the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims. Please be generous.

**EASTER THANKS from FR KEVIN & FR BRUNO:** Many thanks to all parishioners who worked hard over Holy Week and Easter to make our church services so prayerful and welcoming to our many visitors. Thanks also for your very kind cards and gifts and the generous Easter Offering.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLR:** The next Children's Liturgy at OLR will take place on 30 April 2023 – (then fortnightly on 14 May and 28 May.) This is a great opportunity for our younger children to be together to listen to the gospel in easy-to-understand language, and to have some fun doing a related activity. The First Holy Communion children are also invited to attend on Sundays when they don't have a class. Maybe some parents and/or grandparents would be willing to come along too and help the Catechists? Please let Caroline know, via the Parish Office, if you can help for just one hour, once a month. Thank you.

**ST AGNES LENTEN LUNCHESES,** grateful thanks to those who, in different ways, so generously helped to raise £1250.00. for the charity 'Let the Children Live' A Very Big Thank You to You All..

**EASTBOURNE AND BEXHILL NEWMAN CIRCLE:** Our next meeting will be in the parish room at Christ The King on Wednesday **26th April from 7.30 to 9pm.** Rev Fr Neil Chatfield will be speaking on the topic "**The future for our children?**" Tea/coffee etc will be available and all parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend. All parishioners are warmly invited.

**MARCH 2023 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW**  
**Next draw - Sunday 16th April.** New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches. Thanks to you all for funding the Parish Centre flooring and curtains, we are now supporting the Lourdes sick fund until July.

**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

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

### AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO HELP OUR PRAYER

*Love your neighbour as yourself,* says the Lord – How much though do we love Ourselves? Here are some challenging thoughts on which to ponder:

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." *Marianne Williamson*

**TURNING TO THE MYSTICS** with James Finley OFM. A modern take on the timeless wisdom of the Christian mystics through meditation and practice. This is a series of talks for those seeking something more meaningful, intimate, and richly present in the divine gift of their lives. For a link to this series of talks please email Caroline via the Parish Office.

### A CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION FOR THE EASTER SEASON

based on the painting *The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre* by Eugene Burnand (1889)

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/arts-faith-easter-imaginative-prayer-exercise-2/>

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:** the Bishops of England and Wales have now given permission for parishes to be able to resume Holy Communion from the Chalice. The guidance is that each parish make a decision of what seems appropriate. Many parishes in our Diocese plan to wait until at least Corpus Christi (8<sup>th</sup> June) before resuming. Many parishes also are considering reintroducing the chalice only at (smaller) weekday Masses initially. We will follow the sensible suggestion of waiting a little longer, until Corpus Christi, and will update the parish in due course.

**ON A LIGHTER NOTE:** This notice was taken from an actual Church bulletin!

*The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon!*

**GIFT AID:** If any parishioner who has gift aided would like a statement of contributions for the tax year 2022/3 please contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com)

**Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 30 April. All items for this issue to be sent in by 21 April. (new deadline)