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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY & 2023**

Sunday Collections:  
7/8 Jan OLR & SG £ 2194 - St.A £269  
14/15 Jan OLR & SG £2379 -St.A £282  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Pax Christi £446  
Upcoming Second Collections:  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund  
5<sup>th</sup> March : Cafod Fast Day:

**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:**

Dorothy Healey, Jim McKie.  
Ann Reynolds, Fred Byrne, Nicholas Raoux

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 21 Jan	OLR OLR OLR	10am <b>10.30am</b> 6pm	Jack Atkins RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Kevin & Ellen Marae
<b>Sun 22 Jan</b> <b>Third Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary time</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Martin Briggs RIP People of the Parish Benedict & Mabel Norah Manini
Mon 23 Jan	OLR	11am	Annie McCann RIP
Tues 24 Jan	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Lucia Boyle RIP
Wed 25 Jan	OLR	11am	Roy Sleight RIP
Thurs 26 Jan	OLR	11am	Good health of Nisha Jose
Fri 27 Jan	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Sick & Retired Clergy of the Diocese <b>NO MASS</b>
Sat 28 Jan	OLR OLR OLR	10am <b>10.30am</b> 6pm	Carmen Pumar RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Paddy & Bridget Duggan RIP
<b>Sun 29 Jan</b> <b>Fourth Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary time</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Bryan Barrow RIP People of the Parish Helen Deadman RIP Marie Mooney RIP
Mon 30 Jan	OLR	11am	Fr David King
Tues 31 Jan	OLR	7.30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 1 Feb	OLR	11am	Barbara & Mary Kelly RIP
Thurs 2 Feb	OLR	11am	Drew Gordon RIP
Fri 3 Feb	OLR OLR	<b>11am</b> 6.30pm	<b>Requiem: Dorothy Healey RIP</b> <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Sheila Lyons RIP

**CONFESIONS:** 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

**Conversion of St Paul - 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**January**

“Paul ... a man of unruly temperament, learning, not without difficulty, what it means to take upon himself the yoke of Jesus, to become an apprentice to a Master who could handle him and teach him how to obey his calling”

Donald Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury 1974-80

**Praying with the Gospel**

In the first reading on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the ancient prophecy from Isaiah of a great light coming to the people that lived in darkness. Jesus is this light of the world, and this Sunday, after 30 quiet, hidden years, Jesus begins his public preaching. The life-giving words of Christ have been treasured by Christians throughout the ages and truly are something we can base our lives upon and allow them to renew our minds and guide our lives. St Augustine said, ‘We should hear the Gospel as if Our Lord were present and speaking to us. ...The very words that came from Our Lord’s lips were written down and kept and preserved for us.’ There are so many words in the world today, but only Christ has the words of eternal life. As we begin this new year, I encourage each of you to join those many Christian brothers and sisters of ours who throughout the world make time each day to reading, meditating and praying with the gospel of Jesus Christ. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

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

**MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS:** 12pm on the last Tuesday of each month. **NEXT MASS 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BEACHY HEAD CHAPLAINCY:** Do you have compassion for the lost and broken? Would you be able to give 5 hours a week? ...Get involved as a Volunteer Chaplain. Find out more about the work of Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team [www.bhct.org.uk](http://www.bhct.org.uk) Contact: Karen Elkington on 07792 788606 or e-mail [karen.elkington@bhct.org.uk](mailto:karen.elkington@bhct.org.uk) for further information.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS:** facilitated by David Beresford (Catholic Bible School) exploring how to build relationships with young people that allow effective communication of the faith, creative ways of helping young people to develop a prayerful relationship with the Lord, etc. The course takes place on **25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 25<sup>th</sup> March** and costs £30 for both days. It is even accredited to enable it to contribute towards the CCRS. To find out more and register your place, follow this link [Youth Ministry Training Course \(CCRS\) \(25-Feb-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

**A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** 2023 July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> (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. All information is available on A&B website. ([lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.

Orla and Toby Phipps are holding a coffee and sausage buttie morning after Mass on Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> plus a cake sale to help them travel to Lourdes as young helpers in July. Any donations of cakes and your support will be greatly appreciated.

**FUNDRAISING:** if you have any gifts left over from Christmas that you may not need, please consider donating them, by leaving in reception, to be used as raffle prizes for our fundraising events during the coming year.

**WINTER HOMELESS SUPPORT:** We have now started supporting a house for the most vulnerable homeless, sponsored by the churches of Eastbourne. We will be providing food one evening a week. We have a number of volunteers but if you would be interested to help please contact Caroline in the Parish Office.

**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. Unfortunately, cars are still being blocked in.

**ST AGNES CHURCH:** Next Lunch: Thursday 9th February 12.30pm. Weekly Soup lunches start on Thursday 23rd February 12.30pm  
**Polish Mass:** Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm

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

**MATTHEW 25:** Dr Lesley Dawson will be speaking on the work of Matthew 25 -- a local charity that supports homeless, unemployed and otherwise vulnerable people in Eastbourne. The meeting, arranged by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle, will take place at **Christ the King parish room, Princes Road, Eastbourne BN23 6HT on Monday 30th January commencing at 7.30 pm.** All parishioners and friends welcome.

**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 – 10.55. Do come and join in.

**RESUMPTION OF PRAYERS BEFORE MASS FOR READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS:** As from the weekend 4/5 February, we will resume our prayers before Mass. Please come to the Sacristy 10 minutes before start of Mass.

**LONDON MARATHON** Parishioner, Maria McCabe is running in the London Marathon and needs to raise £1800. She is also holding a disco charity night for Orbis, a flying eye hospital [covering the poorest parts of the World] on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of March at The Crown and Anchor. Tickets £12.50 on Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February. Maria will be at OLR 10:15 Mass and St Agnes after 11:30 Mass and OLR after the 5:30 Mass on these dates.

**JANUARY 2023 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £116 - Pamela Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £72 - Maura Phipps, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £58 - Richard Burbidge, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £29 - Kate Bennell, Next draw - Sunday 19th February. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches.

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

**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 to those who have already done this.

**PARISH OPEN CHURCH:** The monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**THANK YOU:** Fr Anthony Chantry Missio National Director – “Thank you all for the kind gift of £1,201.82 for the Missions. You and your parishioners are helping to create a vibrant Catholic Church for the future through your prayers and financial support”

**Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 5 Feb. All items for this issue to be sent in by 2 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.**

**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!