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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
23rd & 30 January 2022 - Year C

Sunday Collection 8/9th Jan

OLR & St Gregory £1960.50
 St Agnes: £150.28

15/16th Jan

OLR & St Gregory £1925.78
 St Agnes: £245.25
 St Agnes Crib £33.68

Prayers for the Sick

Teresa Kitchener, Sybil Glenister,
 Miles Tracey, Pauline Bosley, Pat
 Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie
 Downey, Roy Sleight, John Lec, Joyann
 Green, Agnes Phipps, Emily Jeffreys,
 Joy & Gerald Shakespeare,
 Raj Deepchand

And for all our sick & housebound

For those who have recently died
Mary Connor
May they rest in peace

"Jesus, whom Simeon held in his arms, shows us the patience of God, the merciful Father who keeps calling us, even to our final hour. God, who does not demand perfection but heartfelt enthusiasm"

Pope Francis

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SAT	OLR OLR OLR	22 Jan	10am 11am 6pm	Paul Strydherst RIP Adoration & Confessions Hourly family
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR	23 Jan	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish 3rd Sun Ordinary time Martin Briggs RIP Carmen Pumar RIP Sheila & Richard O'Grady William Hastings RIP
MON	OLR	24 Jan	11am	Lucia Boyle
TUES	OLR St G	25 Jan	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Claudia Merdon RIP The Rosary
WED	OLR	26 Jan	11am	Clare Lees RIP
THUR	OLR	27 Jan	11am	Terry Geaney RIP
FRI	OLR OLR	28 Jan	11am 11.30-6pm 6.30pm	Special intentions of Martha Byrne Adoration Extraordinary Form: Ann Lockwood RIP
SAT	OLR OLR OLR	29 Jan	10am 11am 6pm	Ruby Divito RIP Adoration & Confessions Holy Souls
SUN	OLR St G St A OLR OLR	30 Jan	9.15am 9.30am 11.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish 4th Sun Ordinary time Jim Needham RIP Helen Deadman RIP Maura & Anthony Phipps Margaret Sanders RIP
MON	OLR	31 Jan	11am	Tessa Southon
TUES	OLR St G	1 Feb	7.30am 10.30am	Extraordinary Form: Agostinho Vieira The Rosary
WED	OLR	2 Feb	11am	The Presentation of the Lord: Betty Johnny RIP
THUR	OLR	3 Feb	11am	Jack & Teresa O'Brien
FRI	OLR OLR	4 Feb	11am 11.30-6pm 6.30pm	Michael Butters RIP Adoration Extraordinary Form: Fr Neil Chatfield & family

CONFESSIONS: 11am & 5-6pm Saturday (Our Lady of Ransom)
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Fridays 11.30am – 6pm
PRIVATE PRAYER: every day in Our Lady of Ransom from 8am to 6pm

A PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

The news of Fr Tristan's imminent departure from Eastbourne is certainly a cause of sadness on one level, but it also highlights the fact that we're all "passing through" as pilgrims, with our destiny to be with God forever in his Eternal Kingdom. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February is a great celebration of this fact. Simeon and Anna had waited for decades for this moment, to recognise the Light and Truth in the Christ Child: "at last Good Master you give leave for us to depart in peace!" That's our prayer for our friend Fr Tristan, to be able to depart in peace ... though on this occasion it's thankfully only as far as Guildford! Wishing you all a very Happy Feast of the Presentation that brings the Season of Christmas to a close and the crib to be stowed away for another year.

Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 9.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

PARISH RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD PROCESS: Pope Francis is calling us all to reflect on the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. To give our response to the questions by early February we have 2 opportunities in the Parish:

- A one-off **Group Meeting on Saturday 29th January 10.30-12.30** (after 10 Mass) in the **OLR Hall** to look together at a group response to the questions Pope Francis is asking of us. All are welcome.
- Individuals can make their own private response via a **simple online questionnaire**:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTZKV3L>

FR TRISTAN THANKSGIVING MASS & PARTY: Fr Tristan will be returning to Eastbourne to celebrate the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 27th February followed by a party in the Parish Centre. More details will follow in the next Newsletter of how we will prepare to mark the occasion but **please put the date in your diary!**

EASTBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER: with all the many Covid restrictions in place, the support offered through Churches this winter for rough sleepers, is suspended. During the cold weeks, will be referring individuals into emergency accommodation. This will involve quite a cost. We will be supporting as a parish, but if you would like more information or to make a private donation please visit thier website on: <https://www.kingdomwaytrust.org/winter-night-shelter>

“ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH” A new series of talks for parishioners and others - a chance to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to all or any of the talks.

- **Thursday, 3rd Feb.** Science and Religion - is there a conflict? speaker : John de Waal.
- **Thursday, 17th Feb.** The simplicity of Prayer - speaker: John Kimberley
- **Thursday, 3rd March** - Can War ever be Just? - speaker: Fr Kevin.

Sessions last an hour and start at 7.30pm in the OLR Parish Centre - with a break halfway for refreshments.
Details of more talks in March in the next Newsletter

EASTBOURNE FOODBANK The Foodbank were very appreciative of parishioners’ generosity for the food and gifts donated before Christmas. We are intending to resume regular collections on the first weekend of each month starting on 5th/6th February. Thank you again for your support.

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!

PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: let us keep in our prayers the 7 adults who are on the RCIA journey of faith; for the teenagers who have begun their Lumen Christi journey of faith; and for the 42 young children preparing for First Reconciliation and Communion in the summer.

JANUARY OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

- 1st Prize £103 - Jean Peterken;
- 2nd Prize £64 - Agnes Phipps;
- 3rd Prize £51 - Clare Smith;
- 4th Prize £25 - Molly Phipps (Gift Voucher win!)

ALPHA 2022: We will be commencing our second parish **online Alpha Course** via Zoom on Wednesday 9th March. **Alpha** is an acclaimed international programme that explores the Christian faith and is aimed at anyone who wants to examine their faith more deeply and develop a closer personal relationship with Jesus. If you are interested and would like to know more, pick up an **Alpha** information leaflet at the back of the church which provides full details.

FEAST OF ST AGNES: Sunday 23rd January at the 11.15am Mass at St Agnes. This will be followed by a light lunch celebration in the hall. To reflect our multicultural community we would love people to bring a dish representing their native cuisine. If you would like to bring food or be involved in the Mass, please contact Marylou on Marylou.cockshoot@gmail.com or 07833 641617

St Thomas a Becket School Mission Statement: feedback is being sought in the coming weeks from all who have links with the school, to help them formulate their new Mission Statement. Please contribute to a short questionnaire <https://forms.gle/3RshX1CLXFjVKZHKA>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 29th July – 4th August 2022:

Anyone interested in going as an able/sick pilgrim or helper on this year’s pilgrimage please visit the Diocesan website for further details: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/>
If you would like to travel to Lourdes as a Redshirt helper and you are in year 10 or 11, there may be some support available to help towards costs. Please contact the parish office 723222 for further information.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 7 Feb All items for this issue to be sent in by Feb 1st.
Mass Intentions: When requesting a Mass, please keep it short due to space: e.g.: family of/deceased members of... etc but not multiple names for one Mass. Thank you.