


**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU**  
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**Parish Clergy: Fr Kevin Dring (Parish Priest) Fr Bruno Witchalls (Assistant Priest)**

**Sunday Collections:**  
**21/22 Jan OLR & SG £2352 St.A £258**  
**28/29 Jan OLR & SG £2210 St.A £296**

**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:**  
 Jim McKie, Fred Byrne,  
 Nicholas Raoux



**Sometimes prayer is inner struggle.**  
**Sometimes it is simply surrendering our whole being to God in silence, with no words**  
 Brother Roger of Taizé

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**  
**5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

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| Sat 4 Feb                                   | OLR<br>OLR<br>OLR          | 10am<br>10.30am<br>6pm              | Mass for the recently Bereaved of the Parish<br>Adoration & Confessions<br>Friends & Benefactors of O'Brien family |
| Sun 5 Feb<br>Fifth Sunday<br>Ordinary time  | St.G<br>OLR<br>St.A<br>OLR | 9am<br>10.15am<br>11.30am<br>5.30pm | People of the Parish<br>Elizabeth Cullen RIP<br>Armanda de Caires Gouveia RIP<br>Margaret Piegrove RIP             |
| Mon 6 Feb                                   | OLR                        | 11am                                | Requiem: Nicholas Raoux RIP  |
| Tues 7 Feb                                  | OLR                        | 7.30am                              | Extraordinary Form: Lily Paul RIP  |
| Wed 8 Feb                                   | OLR                        | 11am                                | Virginia Gorna RIP   |
| Thurs 9 Feb                                 | OLR                        | 12 NOON                             | Requiem: Jim Mckie RIP   |
| Fri 10 Feb                                  | OLR<br>OLR                 | 11am<br>6.30pm                      | Jack Atkins RIP<br>Extraordinary Form: Maureen Sangster RIP  |
| Sat 11 Feb                                  | OLR<br>OLR<br>OLR          | 10am<br>10.30am<br>6pm              | Barbara Gildersleeves RIP (Our Lady of Lourdes)<br>Adoration & Confessions<br>Ann & Ken Smiley RIP                 |
| Sun 12 Feb<br>Sixth Sunday<br>Ordinary time | St.G<br>OLR<br>St.A<br>OLR | 9am<br>10.15am<br>11.30am<br>5.30pm | Pat McDonnell & family<br>People of the Parish<br>Michael, Juliana & Elroy<br>David Brazier RIP                    |
| Mon 13 Feb                                  | OLR                        | 11am                                | Requiem: Frederick Byrne RIP   |
| Tues 14 Feb                                 | OLR                        | 7.30am                              | Extraordinary Form: Fr Michael Creech RIP  |
| Wed 15 Feb                                  | OLR                        | 11am                                | Leonia De Freitas RIP  |
| Thurs 16 Feb                                | OLR                        | 11am                                | Jim Needham RIP  |
| Fri 17 Feb                                  | OLR<br>OLR                 | 11am<br>6.30pm                      | Agostinho Vieira RIP<br>Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls   |

**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**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES** is venerated under this title by the Church due to her apparitions that occurred in Lourdes, France. The first apparition of 11 February 1858, of which Bernadette Soubirous (age 14) told her mother that a "Lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle, on the edge of the town, while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar apparitions of the "Lady" were reported on 18 occasions that year, until the climax revelation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception took place. On 18 January 1862, the local Bishop of Tarbes endorsed the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. On 1 February 1876, Pope Pius IX officially granted a decree of canonical coronation to the image as Notre-Dame du Saint Rosaire, performed by Cardinal Pier Francesco Meglia in the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica on 3 July 1876. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> will be her Feast and on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a diocesan collection to support sending the sick and most needy to Lourdes this summer. Some parishioners, including myself, will also be blessed to participate in this Pilgrimage, carrying with us the prayers of all in the parish. We invoke her powerful intercession, especially for all parishioners and loved ones who are sick. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us! God bless, Fr Kevin

**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 28 FEB** 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.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** would like to thank all parishioners who raised £1,696.90, through their collections, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.

**RESUMPTION OF CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Good news! Our **Children's Liturgy** starts again on 12 February in all three churches during the morning Masses (St Greg's will start on a different date, to be announced). Initially this will be once a month. Many thanks to our Census for some "new" catechists ably assisted by some of our "old" volunteers. 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 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.

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** on Saturday 11th February at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club at 8am when Sue Lockhart who worships at St John's, Eastbourne will be sharing her Thought for the Day. To book please call Dennis on 07808 731166 [e.dennisthompson618@gmail.com](mailto:e.dennisthompson618@gmail.com). The 11<sup>th</sup> March speaker will be Fr Kevin Dring.

**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.

**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

**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. 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 Sunday's 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.

**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!**

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2023:** We have some spare Directories this year, with extensive information on the Diocese. If anyone needs one (for a small donation) please contact the parish office.

**A SPIRITUAL EXERCISE TO HELP OUR PRAYER:** As a backdrop to prayer, simply pick out, pray and ponder on just two of the Beatitudes from our recent Gospel of Matthew (Ch. 5) – one that affirms you and one that challenges and calls you to go further. "How do I embrace the values of the Beatitudes in my life today"?

**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.

**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 19 Feb. All items for this issue to be sent in by 14 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!