



**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM** 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU

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**PARISH COLLECTION**

2 Mar £2533

9 Mar £2826

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

16 March CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

18 April Holy Places of Palestine

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley, Sean Duggan,  
and all those in hospital or housebound

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Fr Terence Maclean Wilson,  
Fr Ollie Heaney and Dorothy Scarth  
and for their families at this difficult time

**THE CROSS IN YOUR LIFE**

From eternity, the eternal wisdom of God has prepared the Cross which comes to you as a precious gift from his inmost heart. Before he sends it to you, he carefully examines it. He considers it from every aspect with his divine knowledge. He tests it with his wise justice. He warms it with his loving arms. He weighs it in both his hands to see whether it be a single inch too large, a single ounce too heavy. He blesses it with his holy name and anoints it with his consolation. One last time he looks to your strength and endurance. Finally, it comes to you out of heaven – *YOUR CROSS* - a greeting from God to you and a sign of his fatherly love and compassion.

**St Francis de Sales**

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 16 and 23 March 2025**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 15 March	OLR	6.00 pm	Carly Davies RIP
<b>Sun 16 March</b>	St G	9.00 am	Graham Lipscomb, Good Health
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Mary Sheppard 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	OLR	5.30 pm	Ben Cummings RIP
Mon 17 March	OLR	11.00 am	Willie Roche RIP
Tues 18 March	OLR		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 19 March	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 20 March	OLR	11.00 am	<b>REQUIEM: Castor Arafiles RIP</b>
Fri 21 March	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Christine Hanson
Sat 22 March	OLR	10.00 am	Intentions of Fr Kevin
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Emma Jay
<b>Sun 23 March</b>	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	OLR	10.15 am	Intentions of Fr Kevin
	St A	11.30 am	Juan Carlos Ferreira RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Edwina Lucani & Family
Mon 24 March	OLR	11.00 am	Fr Terence McLean-Wilson RIP
Tues 25 March	OLR	11.00 am	Fr Ollie Heaney RIP
<b>The Annunciation</b>			
Wed 26 March	OLR	11.00 am	James Hellier RIP
Thurs 27 March	OLR	11.00 am	Francis Joseph Fitzsimmons RIP
Fri 28 March	OLR	11.00 am	Teresa Stogden RIP
Sat 29 March	OLR	10.00 am	For the sick and housebound
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday, Wednesday 10.30-11.00 am

Thursday Holy Hour 10-11 am before Mass

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction

Saturday 10.30 am-12.00 noon Benediction

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 10.45-11.45 am and 5.00-5.45 pm (OLR)

**ROSARY:** St G - Tuesdays 10.30 am

OLR – after Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses

**DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER:** OLR open daily 8.00 am-6.00 pm

**LIVE-STREAMED MASSES:** [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)

**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain was such an important event in our salvation history. It affirms Jesus as the son of God and the fulfilment of the covenant of God with the people of Israel. Jesus, Peter, James, and John went up the mountain to pray, and there he was transfigured before them. The face of Jesus became dazzlingly white. The voice of God thundered from heaven, imploring us, "Listen to him." The Church of today represents that place of transformation. Hence, let us be transformed in God's presence and desiring to behold his face as Peter exclaimed, "It is good to be here." This is also a prelude to our Deanery coming together, in the months ahead, as a Single New Parish community, where we can all say as members of this New Parish, "It is good to be here". God bless, Fr Charles

***A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO JOIN US FOR MASS, ESPECIALLY TO ANY VISITORS. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AFTER MASS SO THAT WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!***

### PARISH DIARY – MARCH 2025

**Mon 10 Mar** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm  
**Mon 10 Mar** – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6-7.00pm  
**Wed 12 Mar** - Lenten Reflection 1, OLR Hall, 11.30-12.30  
**Thurs 13 Mar** – Talk on the Holy Land, OLR Hall, 7-8.30pm  
**Fri 14 Mar** – CAFOD Lent Fast Soup Day, OLR Hall, 11.30-1.30  
**Mon 17 Mar** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm  
**Wed 19 Mar** – Lenten Reflection 2, OLR Hall, 11.30-12.30  
**Sat 22 Mar** – Fr Kevin’s Big 60 Party, OLR Hall, 7.15-9.00pm  
**Sun 23 Mar** – EDGH Combined Chapel Service with Christ the King, 3.00pm

### HOSPITAL MINISTRY

**NEXT MASS:** Tues 25 March, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed. in advance. please let Fr Kevin or Fr Charles know.

**FR KEVIN’S 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:** I will be 60 on the 20<sup>th</sup> but look forward to celebrating with all who would like to come along to OLR Hall on Sat 22 March after the 6pm Mass. Please add Food Contributions on the lists at back of churches if you can. **Please: No presents ... just your PRESENCE!** God bless, Fr Kevin

**GOVERNMENT CUTS TO FOREIGN AID:** CAFOD has warned these cuts will mean people fleeing conflict will not be sheltered, children will not receive medical aid or vaccinations and millions in extreme poverty will die. To request that our MP raise these issues in Parliament please email him at: [josh.barbarinde.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:josh.barbarinde.mp@parliament.uk).

**MESSAGE FROM XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES:** Very grateful thanks for the very generous collection of £1885 raised from the recent Mission Appeal from and the assurance of prayers.

**NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 10-18 March** - We will read the short Reflection and the Novena prayer at Weekday Masses - all invited to join in – Copies will be at the back of the Church.

**I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME:** The impact on a child of a parent going to prison can be distressing and long-lasting. **Pact** is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, their children and families and works with schools to identify and support young people in navigating the “hidden sentence” they often serve alongside their loved ones in custody. Please support Pact this Lent with your prayers and/or donate at <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/>

**MEN’S WAY OF THE CROSS – OVER THE HILLS & THROUGH THE NIGHT:** All men are invited to join in this Churches Together 5–6-hour night Stations of the Cross along Beachy Head to renew men’s dedication and vocation as people of faith on Friday 11 April 2025. Gather at OLR Church 9-10 pm; 10-11pm Mass and start of the walk; 4-6am back at OLR for 15 mins silent Adoration followed by a hearty breakfast in the Parish Hall. All welcome

**JOIN CAFOD’S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR:** You are invited to join UK Catholics in CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk to support Kenyan communities, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis. To sign up go to : <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

### ST AGNES

**GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month, 2.30pm  
**POLISH MASS:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 6.00 pm

### PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**THURSDAY HOLY HOUR FOR OUR NEW PARISH:** Adoration and Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace and Benediction, 10-11am

**FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION:** from 11am Mass until Benediction at 6pm, is live streamed for those unable to come to church.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Sacred Heart Chapel, Thurs after 11 Mass

### THE SEASON OF LENT

*“Sanctity has to do with gratitude. To be a saint is to be fuelled by gratitude – nothing more and nothing less”.*

**Fr Ronald Rolheiser**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY** for our 7 candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

**OUR LADY OF RANSOM:** After 11am Mass – Fridays

**ST AGNES:** 7.30 pm – Mondays

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS & COFFEE:** Wednesdays of Lent (Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2) 11.30-12.30 (after 11am Mass); 4 excellent recorded talks on the Bible, Holiness and Discipleship by the great spiritual writer Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI. All are welcome!

**WEEKLY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT ST AGNES;** throughout Lent starting Thurs 6 March at 12.30 in the hall in aid of children with disabilities around Bethlehem

### DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP RICHARD:

Thurs 3 April, 7pm at Our Lady of Ransom. The Bishop, to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope, will be leading a Lenten Service of Reconciliation in every Deanery. Please come and support this important prayer opportunity as we move together towards becoming a new Single Parish

### PARISH LENT RETREAT – SAT 5 APRIL:

Fr Kevin and Fr Charles will offer a half day (in house) Retreat at Our Lady of Ransom: 10am Mass, Adoration and Confessions, 2 short Reflections, finishing at 1.00pm with Benediction. Those who would like to can then come into the Hall for packed lunch and coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend), and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!

### FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION [11.30 am – 6 pm]:

for this wonderful opportunity of prayer to continue we need more people to commit to being on the Rota so that we can ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left untended in the church. If willing, please email the parish office stating the hour you would like to be present at. God gives us 168 hours in every week; can you give just one hour back to adore the Lord who loves us so much? Thanks and God bless.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School  
T: 01323 737221 – [www.stthomasbecketcatholicschool.co.uk](http://www.stthomasbecketcatholicschool.co.uk)

St Richard’s Catholic College (11-16)  
T: 01424 421421 – [www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note that signed Mass cards are available during Office Hours from the Parish Office.

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact [pfceastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfceastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk).

**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** 30 March 2025. All items needed by 26 March at the latest please.