



OUR LADY OF RANSOM, ST GREGORY AND ST AGNES

CHURCH NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2026



Sunday 1 February 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY (A)	St G OLR St A OLR	09.00 am 10.15 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Mary Smillie People of the Parish Catharine Doolan RIP Myles Nolan RIP
Monday 2 February	OLR	11.00 am	Alice Smith
Tuesday 3 February	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Rogers RIP
Wednesday 4 February	OLR	11.00 am	Cesar Dante Bortagaray Lopez
Thursday 5 February	OLR	11.00 am	Katie McDonagh RIP
Friday 6 February	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Liam Power
Saturday 7 February	OLR OLR	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Barbara Gildersleeves RIP Lucia Boyle RIP
Sunday 8 February FIFTH SUNDAY (A)	St G OLR St A OLR	9.00 am 10.15 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Elizabeth Cullen RIP Irene Moir RIP Maureen Sangster RIP
Monday 9 February	OLR	11.00 am	Michael, Raquel and family
Tuesday 10 February	OLR	11.00 am	Dermot Geelan RIP
Wednesday 11 February	OLR	11.00 am	Na Jose RIP
Thursday 12 February	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Nicola Divito
Friday 13 February	OLR	11.00 am	Muriel and Edmund Yates RIP
Saturday 14 February	OLR OLR	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Intentions of RCIA Candidates Installation of Bishop Richard Archbishop of Westminster
Sunday 15 February SIXTH SUNDAY (A)	St G OLR St A OLR	9.00 am 10.15 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Luke Roberts: Ongoing training for the Priesthood People of the Parish Mary Prendagast RIP Intentions of Philomena Fidele
Monday 16 February	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Charlotte and George Vegh
Tuesday 17 February	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: LEONEL GASPAR RIP
Wednesday 18 February	OLR	11.00 am	Jim Needham RIP
ASH WEDNESDAY	OLR	7.00 pm	Enid Joy Smith RIP
Thursday 19 February	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: CATHERINE CUSACK RIP
Friday 20 February	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Caroline Rother
Saturday 21 February	OLR OLR	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Intentions of Betty Lord John and Freda Deadman RIP
Sunday 22 February 2026 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)	St G OLR St A OLR	9.00 am 10.15 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Tracy & Stephen Hopps - 50 th Wedding Anniversary Betty Sydenham RIP Holy Souls
Monday 23 February	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of William and Dorothy Marden
Tuesday 24 February	OLR	11.00 am	Roy Sleigh RIP
Wednesday 25 February	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: EILEEN WALSH RIP
Thursday 26 February	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Sean Duggan
Friday 27 February	OLR	11.00 am	Bridie Monaghan RIP
Saturday 28 February	OLR OLR	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Thomas and Alia RIP John O'Connor RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10.30-11.00 am

Wednesday Rosary for Peace 10.25-10.50 am before Mass

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction

Saturday 10.30 am-12.00 noon Benediction

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

ROSARY: St G - Tuesdays 10.30 am

OLR – after Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Masses

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

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: Month of January £10,539; Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund £414, Friends of the Holy Land £720, and a Parish donation was made to Pax Christi and to the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: 8 February – Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund; 1 March – CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day;

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Ana Ramsey, Pat Avann, Pauline Bosley, Antoinette Mercieca and all our sick and housebound

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Eileen Walsh, Leonel Gaspar, Catherine Cusack, Anne Johnstone and for their families & friends at this difficult time.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

“WALK WITH ME” BOOKLETS: These beautiful devotional booklets will be available & Children’s Calendars – Couples please share.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

OUR LADY OF RANSOM: After 11am Mass on Fridays

ST GREGORY: 10.30am Tuesdays

ST AGNES: 7.30 pm Tuesdays

PARISH LENT RETREAT: Saturday 14 March, after 10.00am Mass with short reflections from Fr Kevin and Fr Charles,

Adoration and Reconciliation finishing 1.00pm with Benediction

CAFOD FAMILY FAST SOUP DAY: Friday 27 February, OLR Hall, 12.00 – 1.00 pm, Enjoy a bowl of soup & a roll, all welcome

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Tuesdays, 24 Feb, 3, 10, 17, 24 March from 11.45–12.45. Content details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those on the RCIA course going to the Rite of Election 21 February, being received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of initiation and for our Children making their First Confessions on 7 Feb.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 4 Feb – West Hub Leadership Team meeting – OLR Hall, 5.30- 7.30 pm

Thurs 5 Feb – Mothers’ Prayers – PMR, after 11 am Mass

Sat 7 Feb – Baptism Preparation Class – OLR Hall, 9 -10 am

Sat 7 Feb – FHC Childrens’ First Reconciliation after 10 am Mass. **NB: NO CONFESSIONS SATURDAY MORNING on 7 FEBRUARY**

Sat 14 Feb – RCIA Session – OLR Hall, 9.00- 10.30 am

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: The monthly Hospital Mass will not be continuing for the time being due to a lack of attendance. If anyone is going into hospital please let us know so we can ensure Sacramental visits. If you are in hospital or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please tell Fr Kevin or Fr Charles.

MASSIVE THANKS FOR THE GIVING TREE: Six charities received our gifts: Eastbourne Foodbank; Eastbourne Woman and Children Refuge; Matthew 25 Mission; Eastbourne Refugee Centre; Summerdown School & HMP Lewes Chaplaincy. 400 Gifts from our very generous Parishioners arrived in time for Christmas. All of them were so grateful and truly overwhelmed. A huge Thank You to all.

JANUARY DRAW WINNERS: 1st Eileen & Dorothy Walsh £100; 2nd Anthony Phipps £60; 3rd Doreen Bergin £50; 4th Teresa O’Brien £25; Next draw: Sunday 15 February after the 10.15 Mass; Registration Forms for new members at the back of churches.

ST AGNES: Grandparent’s meeting 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm – Next one is 11 February 2026

12 February last Monthly Thursday lunch 12.30pm. Two course meal - no booking required. Our weekly Lenten soups of bread, cheese, tea and coffee commence Thursday 19 February, 12.30pm, in aid of St Wilfrid’s Hospice. All welcome.

GOVERNMENT SCRAPS ‘NAME AND SHAME’ FOR SERVING COMMUNITY SENTENCES: PACT is delighted to report that Clause 35 has been removed from the Sentencing Bill to protect children and families. This would have allowed the publication of details of those doing unpaid work as part of a community sentence. Congratulations to PACT and all who campaigned for this.

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 9.30 - 12.30 AT EMMANUEL CHURCH: Introduction to Mental Health First Aid led by Lynette Baldwin and Rev Paul Tabraham for church leaders/those in parish ministries to have better general awareness. They will share biblical/spiritual perspectives and a general overview on the most common issues faced together with suggestions and solutions. Refreshments available. Please let our Parish Office know if you are interested in attending.

HELP MARY’S MEALS WITH THEIR THREE MILLION MEALS A DAY: Mary’s Meals now serves more children every day than the combined populations of Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham. With just £19.95 they can feed a child for a whole school year. To donate to Mary’s Meals, please go to: <https://email.marysmeals.org.uk>. Thank you.

LIFE - RESPONSE TO ABORTION STATISTICS: The UK government have released the abortion statistics for 2023. These show that abortion is constantly increasing and becoming an accepted part of life. Visit www.lifecharity.org.uk for further details.

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