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PARISH COLLECTION

9 June £2,826 16 June £3,095

2nd collection: Day for Life £743

Upcoming Second Collections:

30 June Peter's Pence

14 July Sea Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet,
Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare,
Juliette Romeo, and all those in
hospital or housebound.

For those who have recently died:

Fr Laurence Quin-Morris,
Mary Woods, Encarnación Pizey,
Ronald John Wilson,
Heide Maria Smith,
Maria Louise Fernandes
and for their families at this difficult time



May a greater awareness
of the essential contribution
that the elderly make
to the spiritual and material wellbeing
of every society
help to counter
the "throwaway culture"
and foster the bonds of charity
and fraternity
between the generations.
Pope Francis

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 23 and 30 JUNE 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 22 June	OLR	10am	Parish Bereavement Mass
St John Fisher & St Thomas More	OLR	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
	OLR	6pm	John Kimberley RIP and Sue Kimberley
Sun 23 June	St.G	9am	People of the Parish
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time	OLR	10.15am	Deceased Members of OLR Choir
	St. A	11.30am	David McMeekin RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Wellbeing of Sara Tinolo & David Berset
Mon 24 June	OLR	11am	Bridget Towers RIP
The Nativity of St John the Baptist			
Tues 25 June	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Bridget & John Atkins RIP
Wed 26 June	OLR	11am	Janusz Grebowska RIP
Thurs 27 June	OLR	11am	Edith & John Ashworth RIP/Thomas & Bessie Dugnell RIP
Fri 28 June	OLR	11am	Eithna Bennett RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	Latin Mass: Retired Priests of the Diocese
Sat 29 June	OLR	11am	Lillian Brown RIP
	OLR	6pm	Brenda Harding
Sun 30 June	St.G	9am	People of the Parish
St Peter and St Paul	OLR	10.15am	Elizabeth Cullen RIP
	St.A	11.30am	Flora Pumar RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Bridget Condon RIP
Mon 1 July	OLR	11am	Bryan Barrow RIP
		12 noon	Wedding: John Villanueva & Anne Alarilla
Tues 2 July	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Wed 3 July	OLR	11am	John Kimberley RIP
Thurs 4 July	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: Mary Woods RIP
Fri 5 July	OLR	9am	Janusz Grebowska RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	Latin Mass: Delia Markham RIP

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

ROSARY: Tuesdays 10.30am St G & Sunday after 9am Mass; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass. **DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER:** Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm

"WHY ARE YOU AFRAID? HAVE YOU STILL NO FAITH?"

I hope that you may have managed a visit to the excellent New Vision Art Exhibition of British religious art, held at the Emmanuel Church in Upperton Rd. There were some great paintings. One of my favourites was almost the final painting, in the section on the Miracles of Jesus. The painting depicted the Gospel scene of Jesus in the boat in the middle of the night, calming the storm, and restoring (relative) peace to the terrified disciples! What the painting showed was huge violent waves crashing across the boat, a scene of chaos and terror. Mark began his Gospel declaring Jesus as *Son of God* and he then demonstrates this truth as the Gospel unfolds. This storm scene shows Jesus completely at peace in the midst of his Father's universe (even the storms), trusting all shall be well. The scene would have given courage to the early Christians in Rome, Mark's audience, as they faced the ravages of the storm that was the persecution of the Roman Emperor. Jesus, says Mark, is right in the eye of the storm ... in control and already victorious.! To us today the Lord, gently, poses the same question: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

God bless us all with strong faith, firm hope and generous love – Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom.

PARISH DIARY 4 July – 18 July 2024

- Thurs 4 July** - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR
Mon 8 July - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm
Mon 8 July - SVP 6pm PMR
Wed 10 July - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm
Mon 15 July - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm
Mon 15 July - Padre Pio Prayer Group 7.30pm
Wed 17 July - Co-Workers after PMR – after 11am Mass
Thurs 18 July - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR
Thurs 18 July - Fr Kevin talk - 7pm-8pm OLR Hall (see below)

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Next Mass: Tuesday 25 June at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel.
If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE: This weekend, please urgently pray and fast for the end to abortion/euthanasia. This is the last day of prayer and fasting for LIFE before the General Election, an election which could well result in an even more pro-abortion government than we have already had. Please Invite others to join the day on <https://www.facebook.com/events/1037436687798327/>
Find out where your MP candidates stand on abortion and ask them to sign the Both Lives Pledge. It only takes 30 seconds using the easy-to-use tool at www.righttolife.org.uk/bothlives

CAN YOU OFFER HOPE AND A LIFELINE TO THOSE IN CRISIS AT BEACHY HEAD? – Then consider joining the Beachy Head Chaplaincy team to help their valuable mission – many volunteers are needed to make a difference in this lifesaving work. Please see the Poster at the back of the Church. www.bhct.org.uk

COULD YOU HELP SUPPORT THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY? The Weekend Drop-in provides a warm and welcoming place for those who are lonely, isolated or live on the streets. They are provided with a place to relax and receive refreshment at The Way, Seaside Road, Eastbourne. If you are available for a 3 hour shift, approximately once a month during the day on either a Saturday or Sunday and could volunteer to serve our guests and demonstrate God's love in this practical way please contact Graham on 07932 407730 or graham@kingdomwaytrust.org. The Weekend Drop-in is a project of Kingdom Way Trust www.kingdomwaytrust.org.

GENERAL ELECTION 4 JULY 2024 – ISSUES TO CONSIDER: To help inform how we vote, the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales have set out a lot of information and guidance on key issues of importance to us as Catholics. See www.cbcew.org.uk/election. The SVP has also teamed up with CAFOD to offer election resources with a particular focus on tackling poverty. For more info see SVP website: <https://svp.org.uk/yearofencounter>

OUR SCHOOLS

ST THOMAS A BECKET SUMMER FAIR : Sat 6 July 11am-3pm at Tickets: £2 online – www.pta-events.co.uk/stab or £2.50 on gate. See poster at back of the Church.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS MEETING: New members always welcome: 07753 613040. (4th Thurs of month at 2.30pm).

THE NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH is on 11 July, 12.30pm.

POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm.

PASTORAL & FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE: is prayed every Thursday, *during Exposition* at OLR between 10.20 – 10.50am. Please come and join in.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING Sacred Heart Chapel - **Thurs** after 11 Mass.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to all our children and young people who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and of Confirmation last weekend. 51 children received Jesus for the first time in our 3 churches and 60 young people were confirmed by Bishop Richard from across our Deanery. We pray that the Holy Spirit guide them in their lives and many blessings to their parents, sponsors, catechists and all who helped them prepare.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MASS: Fr Kevin will say a special Mass for all those parishioners who will be travelling to Lourdes this year. Tuesday 23 July at 6.00 pm at OLR.

TRAVEL TO LOURDES FROM STANSTED AIRPORT: Any pilgrims from Eastbourne flying from Stansted to Lourdes please note that there is a Minibus going to Stansted Airport on 26 July (Return 02 August). If you are interested, please let Caroline know ASAP in the Parish Office. Currently only 6 seats remain.

SOON TO BECOME A NEW PARISH – WHAT'S NEXT? A TALK BY FR KEVIN: (OLR Hall Thurs 18 July, 7.00 pm): Exploring the plans for the coming months on becoming a new Mega (moderated) Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye! What part will you play in this? Refreshments available. All are welcome.

WHERE OLIVE TREES WEEP: This is an excellent documentary film that gives poignant background to the present crisis; set in 2022 in the occupied West Bank. Screening is on Wed 26 June at 6.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall, South Street. <https://whereolivetreesweep.com/>

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE: Apologies to those who have been trying to use the card payment machine in OLR. Unknown to us there has been a technical issue which will be resolved very soon.

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: An all-day event at Aylesford Priory to value and celebrate creative people who experience disability. The day's theme is *Be a Prophet – Go tell everyone!* Sun 7 July, 12 – 5.00, Aylesford Priory, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent **ME20 7BX** (use ME20 7BY for SATNAV)

DAY WITH MARY: Spend a day of Instruction, Intercession and Devotion to Mary, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Arundel Cathedral on 29 June from 09.30am – 4.30pm. See poster at the back of the Church.

JUNE 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Doreen Bergin £110; 2nd Elizabeth Dudley £68; 3rd Jean Peterken £55; 4th Jossy D'Souza £27.

Next draw: Sunday 21 July; New members welcome; Registration Forms at the back of Churches.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note there is currently a 3 month waiting list for Mass Intentions to be said.

GIFT AID: If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 7 July. Please send any items in by 27 June. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.

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.