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PARISH COLLECTION

23 June £2,873 30 June £2,743

Peter's Pence £990

Upcoming Second Collections:

14 July: Sea Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

For those who have recently died:

Ronald Wilson, Heide Smith,
Denise Hopkins and
Encarnacion Pizey



Lord, the Word who is Life

May all the people of our Diocese
grow in openness
to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in
understanding and courage,
and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness
to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever
Amen

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 7 AND 14 JULY 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 6 July	OLR	10am	John Kimberley RIP
	OLR	10.30am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	OLR	6pm	Intentions of Gabriel Guckian
Sun 7 July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St.G	9am	Martin Briggs RIP
	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St. A	11.30am	Armanda Gouveia & Luis Ferreira RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Health & Welfare of Luisa Prudencio
Mon 8 July	OLR	11am	Terrence Parkins RIP
Tues 9 July	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Wed 10 July	OLR	11am	Wellbeing of Andy Stirk
Thurs 11 July	OLR	11am	Keith Capon RIP
Fri 12 July	OLR	11am	Lilly Paul RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	Latin Mass: Janusz Greboski RIP
Sat 13 July	OLR	10am	Robert Bedwell RIP
	OLR	10.30am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	OLR	6pm	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Sun 14 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St.G	9am	Meg Marsh RIP
	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St.A	11.30am	John Byrne RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Mary Gore 80 th birthday
Mon 15 July	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: Ronald John Wilson RIP
Tues 16 July	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Mary, Mother of Jesus
Wed 17 July	OLR	11am	Fr Chris Bergin (Silver Jubilee)
Thurs 18 July	OLR	11am	Co Workers of St Mother Teresa
Fri 19 July	OLR	11am	Clive Ward RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	Latin Mass: Iria Castro Lara 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

A GOD OF SURPRISES

When somebody from obscure origins suddenly becomes famous, and thrown into the spotlight, we often see journalists and TV crews heading to the neighbourhood where the person grew up, knocking on doors, interviewing the neighbours and asking for reactions: reactions vary from pride in local boy or girl “made good”, surprise, shock, indifference, and some will simply be bitter and jealous. Such is human nature. We see all this in Nazareth when Jesus returns to his neighbourhood, already with a powerful reputation as a wonder worker and preacher. But the dominant reaction is jealousy and rejection. This is key in the Bible – a powerful symptom of original sin, and the plight of nearly every Prophet who comes and speaks the truth in God’s name! Even though Jesus taught powerfully that the truth will set us free ... the truth still hurts! Why? Because He calls us to change, to let go of our preconceived ideas and images of God, a God who can fit neatly into our plans and hopes. Instead, God will always be a God of surprises, challenging us to stretch our vision and expectations and hand over much of our self-control to God’s control. Listen to St Paul in the second reading today, “So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong”. There is a man who has found true freedom, but not without first passing through the profound birth pangs of true conversion. St Paul pray for us to open our lives to the grace of Jesus and in Him find our true God-given freedom!

Fr Kevin

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

PARISH DIARY 18 – 29 JULY 2024

Thurs 18 July - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR
Thurs 18 July - Fr Kevin talk (see below) 7 pm-8pm OLR Hall
Mon 22 July - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm
Wed 24 July - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm
Thurs 25 July - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR
Mon 29 July - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY:

Next Mass: Tuesday 30 July 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.

2025 – A YEAR OF JUBILEE

The Holy Father has named 2025 as a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. “Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year. A time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

To prepare spiritually for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to focus on two key elements:

a) To study the key documents from the Second Vatican Council, held between 1962-1965 which can be viewed on:

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/201209/major-documents-of-vatican-ii/>

b) To focus on prayer.

The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the “holy door” in St. Peter’s Basilica, offering the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE OLR: this machine has been out of action for a few weeks due to technical issues, which have now been resolved. Thanks for your patience!

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.

SAVE THE DATES: Advance notice of some important Diocesan Events to make a note of - details to follow

1 Sept 2024 - Lourdes Pilgrimage Reunion, St Wilfrid’s School, Crawley

21 Sept 2024 - Catechists Day at Worth Abbey School

12 Oct 2024 – (Significant) Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Arundel Cathedral

OUR SCHOOLS

ST THOMAS A BECKET 50th ANNIVERSARY: Bishop Richard together with the whole school, staff, pupils and special friends celebrated a beautiful Mass at OLR on 2 July giving thanks and praise to God for the past 50 years and looking forward in hope to the future. We keep praying for the school in this important year.

ST AGNES

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

THE NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH is on 11th July at 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 join in.

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

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: One of the important, but perhaps misunderstood, gifts of the Holy Spirit is the Gift of Prophecy, but do we consider ourselves as prophet? In the words of Pope Francis, ‘A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others. A prophet is a reflection of Christ’s light [that shines] on the path of brothers and sisters. So, ask yourself: Do I, who am “a prophet by election” through Baptism, speak, and above all, live, as a witness of Jesus? Do I bring a little bit of his light into the life of another person? Do I evaluate myself on this? Do I ask myself: How am I doing with bearing witness? How am I prophesying?’. For more about prophecy in the Church today, read *Lord, Renew Your Wonders – Spiritual Gifts for Today* – by Damien Stayne.

DELVE DEEPER INTO THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS: with world-renowned Scripture scholar Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB and his wonderful reflections on the Sunday Scriptures. These easy-to-follow reflections are suitable for individual or private reflection, families praying together or breaking open the Word in prayer groups. Go to *The Wednesday Word* at www.wednesdayword.org

READERS TIME OF REFLECTION - POSTPONED: until after the summer, in order to have a fuller preparation for using the new Lectionary (Scripture texts for the Mass) which will be launched for use in Advent. Further information in September.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE, OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION:

The Annual Day of Reparation and Consecration takes place on Saturday, 13 July at Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead commencing with Mass at 12 noon. All are welcome.

EDUCATION OVER VIOLENCE: Mary’s Meals has been operating in Haiti since 2006 and currently feeds 206,698 children every school day. Despite the ongoing turbulence, they have managed to purchase and deliver food for the remainder of the school year. Please keep supporting Mary’s Meals, to help them to keep their commitment to children across the world, like those in Haiti, who are living in extremely challenging circumstances. www.marysmeals.org.uk .

SEA SUNDAY: next Sunday 14 July. Every year churches around the world celebrate and pray for seafarers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Please keep them in your prayers.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE 21 JULY: After the 10.15 Mass there will be sausage sarnies and the monthly money draw as usual and also a delicious cake sale. Do come and join us.

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 pf.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 21 July. Please send any items in by 11 July. 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.

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