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**PARISH COLLECTION**

19 Jan £2430

26 Jan £2723

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

9 Feb Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

16 Feb Racial Justice Sunday

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Audrey Draude, Bridget McAndrew, Eileen Duggan and for their families at this difficult time

**A WARM WELCOME TO FR CHARLES**

We are delighted to be welcoming Fr Charles Ezejide as our new Assistant Priest, as he arrives from Nigeria this weekend! We look forward to getting to know him, and to helping him to quickly feel at the heart of our parish community. Welcome Fr Charles and may your time and ministry in Eastbourne be happy and very blessed!

**MAY WE BE BEARERS OF LIGHT**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
as you were presented in the Temple,  
the Light of the Nations,  
may we too be light bearers,  
helping to build Your Kingdom on earth,  
and increasing the number of those  
who dwell in heaven,  
the city of Eternal Light.  
AMEN

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 2 and 9 February 2025**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 1 February	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Ann-Marie Scothern
<b>Sun 2 February</b>	St G	9.00 am	Elizabeth Cullen RIP
<b>Presentation of The Lord</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Katy McDonagh RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Lucia Boyle RIP
Mon 3 February	OLR	11.00 am	Sean Power
Tues 4 February	OLR	11.00 am	James H-D (in getting work)
Wed 5 February	OLR	11.00 am	Andrew Somerville RIP
Thurs 6 February	OLR	11.00 am	Barbara Gildersleeves RIP
Fri 7 February	OLR	11.00 am	Lilly Paul RIP
Sat 8 February	OLR	10.00 am	Theo Scott RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<b>Reconciliation – FHC Children only</b>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Kathleen (RIP) and Patrick Butler
<b>Sun 9 February</b>	St G	9.00 am	Maureen Sangster RIP
<b>Fifth Sunday</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish; FHC Children
<b>in Ordinary Time</b>	St A	11.30 am	Krystyna Makowska RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Donor's Intentions
Mon 10 February	OLR	11.00 am	Kathleen Morgan RIP
Tues 11 February	OLR	11.00 am	Carol Kelly
Wed 12 February	OLR	11.00 am	Michael Hilliam RIP
Thurs 13 February	OLR	11.00 am	Helen and Joe Thomas RIP
Fri 14 February	OLR	11.00 am	Repose of Souls of Roger & Shirley Dalling
Sat 15 February	OLR	10.00 am	Patricia O'Byrne RIP

**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, Sunday after 9.00 am Mass:

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)

**“MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION”**

These words of the elderly Simeon, on seeing the baby Jesus carried in the arms of Mary & Joseph, are a simple and beautiful statement of faith. The Orthodox Church calls this the Feast of the Encounter – 2 elderly faith filled Jews, Simeon and Anna, encountering the fulfilment of all prophecy and the longing of their hearts. The Holy Spirit guides them to the Holy Family and reveals the light and truth and peace radiating from this Holy Child. The immense Joy is also balanced by the prophecy of Sorrow that will pierce Mary's heart, and the sufferings of the Child for the people. What matters, the underlying message for us as for Simeon and Anna, is that God is ever faithful and working to bring about the fulfilment of all His promises and hopes for the Salvation of all peoples, Jews and Gentiles. Today the radical values of Jesus are still a cause of division, a stumbling block for many. May we be “stable blocks”, helping others come to Jesus with trust and openness to His mercy and grace. So ends the Season of Christmas, the Cribs come down for another year, and the good work of Mission lies before us! God bless - Fr Kevin

**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 – JANUARY 2025

**Thur 6 Feb** – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11.00am Mass  
**Sat 8 Feb** - Baptism Meeting One, 09.00 – 10.30, OLR Hall  
**Sat 8 Feb** - FHC First Reconciliation, OLR Church, 10.00-12.00  
**Sat 8 Feb** – Rite of Election, Arundel Cathedral for RCIA  
**Sat 8 Feb** – Lumen Christi (Confirmation Group), OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45pm  
**Mon 10 Feb** – Padre Pio Group Meeting, PMR, 6.00 – 7.00pm  
**Wed 12 Feb** – Kairos Charismatic Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00pm  
**Thur 13 Feb** – St Agnes Lunch, St Agnes Hall, 12.30pm  
**Sat 15 Feb** – RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 09.00 -10.15  
**Thur 20 Feb** – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11.00am Mass  
**Wed 26 Feb** – Kairos Charismatic Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00pm  
**Sat 1 Mar** – Evening of Reflection for the young people of the Lumen Christi group with Bishop Richard, 19.30-21.15

### HOSPITAL MINISTRY

**NEXT MASS:** Tues 25 February, 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.

**CAMPER VAN:** With the generous Christmas Offering I have bought a lovely small second-hand camper van - ideal size for one man and a dog! I really look forward to using it in the months ahead. Thank you all for this great gift! Fr Kevin

### CAKE SALE TO RAISE LOURDES FUNDS AND WELCOME

**FR CHARLES:** Orla and Toby Phipps will hold a cake sale on 16 Feb after the 10.15 Mass to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will be Fr Charles’ first celebration of this Mass and so will be an opportunity to welcome and meet him afterwards in the Hall.

### RETHINKING ABORTION: SAT 8 FEB, ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY, 10-5pm:

The aim of the day is to help build an understanding on how to tactfully and empathetically talk about abortion, and to build a better understanding of the full reality of the pro-life agenda. Many women face huge challenges today and *Rethinking Abortion* will be providing sessions looking at the lived experiences and reality of women that led them to choosing abortion. Mass at 10am followed by discussion and talks. Please bring a packed lunch. To register email: [Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk).

**FR KEVIN HAS A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY** in March and to mark the occasion there will be a Parish Party in OLR Hall with a shared supper following the **6.00pm Mass on SAT 22 MARCH!** Watch this space for further details.

**CHILDREN MAKING FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Please remember in your prayers all the children who will be making their First Reconciliation here in the Parish on **Saturday 8 February** after the 10 am Mass. Reconciliation for parishioners will only be available at 5.00pm

### ST AGNES

**GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm  
**ST AGNES LUNCH:** Next Lunch - Thurs 13 Feb, 12.30pm. All welcome!  
**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

### POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

In February, we pray with Pope Francis for the sick who are in the final stages of life, and for their families; may they always receive the necessary medical and human care, and the accompaniment they need.

**“HOPE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY”:** by Pope Francis. The Holy Father has decided that an autobiography, originally planned to be published after his death, should come out to coincide with the Jubilee year. Catherine Pepinster, Catholic commentator and broadcaster writes: “.. this is a book that offers something remarkable: the story of a man, sometimes beset by melancholia, coping with conflict between traditionalists and liberals, well aware of the world’s troubles and humanity’s flaws, yet full of hope, a hope founded on faith. He is one of the most influential leaders of our time but still seems rooted in ordinariness ... He knows humour is an antidote to human misery – and so has a hopeful faith. He writes: “We must not stumble upon tomorrow; we must build it”. The book is now available to buy.

### PRAYER AIDS

A wonderful help is the app *Pray As You Go* – <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>. It has daily short meditations, Scripture and sacred music all prepared for busy lives.

Search [Universalis.com](http://Universalis.com) in your browser for the complete Mass of the day, Divine Office, Rosary, Lectio Divina all in one place for a fee of £10 for life! So easy – everything you need and all perfectly accessible on your phone.

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025: (25-31 July by air).

Applications for this summer's Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open online at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home). Come as an Assisted Pilgrim, Young/Adult Helper, Clinician or Chaplain.

**YOUNG PEOPLE:** If any young Parishioner, Years 10 & 11 (Redshirts) or aged 17 (Purple Shirts) would like to go as helpers and may need some financial help, do not delay, please ring Parish Office asap who will be able to advise on the next steps.

### 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.strichardscscc.com](http://www.strichardscscc.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There are large numbers of requests for Masses to be said at St Agnes. If anyone of these would agree to their request to be said at another church or by a retired priest, please contact the parish office.

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

**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** 16 Feb 2025. All items needed by 12 February please.