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PARISH COLLECTION

14 Sept £2,658 - 21 Sept £2598

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday £582

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

5 Oct – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

12 Oct - Prisoners' Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pat Avann, Pauline Bosley,
Lynne Rogers and Antoinette Mercieca
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Ann Farmer
and for her family at this difficult time

NEW PARISH UPDATE

Our New Parish will operate from **2 Hub centres** (the Eastbourne end and the St Leonard's/Hastings end). We already have an excellent **Leadership Group** up and running in each Hub, made up of clergy and lay reps from each church. When we reach Advent, end of November, we will have a **Single Newsletter** for all churches in each Hub; all our Catechists will be working together across churches to deliver **Sacramental programmes**; we will have **Stewardship Groups** in each Hub, expertise drawn from across our churches, to oversee care of our many buildings in a strategically joined-up way; we will be consulting with you all about revised **New Mass Schedules** in each Hub, taking account of fewer priests and giving good variety of times for everyone. Please keep all this work in your prayer and for more detailed info see: <https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>. God bless, Fr Kevin (on behalf of the clergy team)

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER –28 September and 5 October 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 27 September	OLR	6.00 pm	Philip Sommers RIP
Sun 28 September	St G	9.00 am	Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East
26th Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year C	St A	11.30 am	Intentions of Brenda Hilliam
	OLR	5.30 pm	Eileen McCauley RIP
Mon 29 September	OLR	11.00 am	Elizabeth Peters RIP
Tues 30 September	OLR	11.00 am	Anne Sheridan RIP and deceased members of the Glynn Family
Wed 1 October	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mrs Cobb
Thurs 2 October	OLR	11.00 am	Caryll Loftus RIP
Fri 3 October	OLR	11.00 am	Good Health & Welfare of Kathy Kelley & Bob Doyle
Sat 4 October	OLR	10.00 am	Health and Happiness of Darina Wheatley
	OLR	6.00 pm	Bernard Sanderson RIP
Sun 5 October	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
27th Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	Roy Sleigh RIP
Year C	St A	11.30 am	Maria Anita Castro RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Martin Bromley
Mon 6 October	OLR	11.00am	REQUIEM: ANN FARMER RIP
Tues 7 October	OLR	11.00 am	Patrick McSparrow RIP
Wed 8 October	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Kelly RIP and Mark Kelly RIP
Thurs 9 October	OLR	11.00 am	In thanksgiving, Femi Fox
Fri 10 October	OLR	11.00 am	Sheila Blacoe RIP
Sat 11 October	OLR	10.00 am	Francis Fitzsimmons RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

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

CONFESSIONS: 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

INAUGURATION OF FIRST NEW PARISH: last week Brighton & Hove Deanery became the first New Single Parish – we will follow soon! To see an uplifting short 3 minute video of the Inauguration go to www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/a-new-parish-for-arundel-brighton

Detachment not Attachment

Today's readings present a notable contrast. The readings appear to be tough on wealth and material possessions. In the first reading, Amos the Prophet of social Justice warns those who take consolation in material possessions that all that we own does not persist after our earthly life. But rather, we should store up treasures for ourselves in heaven by putting at the service of humanity the riches and wealth God has given to us. The gospel reading on the other hand, condemned the rich man for ignoring the needs of Lazarus, the poor man sitting at his gate. The rich man feasted lavishly while neglecting the basic needs of Lazarus. The rich man was so attached to his wealth that he was blinded by it. The name of the rich man was not given in the gospel, meaning that it could be any of us who may be too attached to anything that we own. St. Paul, in the second reading, calls us to see righteousness, to share our resources with those in need so that we can be free from any reproach. 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 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Mon 29 Sept – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Thurs 2 Oct – Mothers' Prayers, PMR, after 11 am Mass
Fri 3 Oct – CAFOD Family Fast Soup Day, OLR Hall, 11.45 – 1 pm
Sat 4 Oct – FHC Class Group 1, OLR Hall 9-10 am
Sat 4 Oct – FHC Class Group 2, OLR Hall 10.30 -11.30 am
Sat 4 Oct – Blessing of Pets, after 10.00 Mass, OLR
Mon 6 Oct – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Wed 8 Oct – Meeting of West Hub Leadership Team – 5.30 pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 30 Sept, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to David and Nishani and to Ugo and Immaculater, two couples recently married at OLR. May the Lord bless them with a long and happy life together.

PARISH MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION: Grief and loss bring many challenges and impact us all in very different ways. Maybe talking with one of our trained bereavement befrienders in our Parish would be of help to you or to someone in your family in their grief journey? You are not alone, and we are here to listen. For more information, please contact Caroline, our Pastoral Assistant, in the parish office – 01323 723222

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH – SAT 4 OCTOBER, 10-3PM, THE ST PHILIP HOWARD CENTRE, CRAWLEY: to look at ways in which we can help parents to bring Jesus into their homes and family life. The Church calls parents to "be the first teachers of the Faith" but how can we help them in picking up this role and the confidence to share their own "witness" of faith with their children. Join us as we explore all this, and bring a packed lunch! To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) . Any questions contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - 14-16 OCTOBER 2025: please contact Cheryl at the parish office for details of the pilgrimage, costs and travel arrangements.

SIGNING FOR SCHOOLS: Fr Kevin will be available for signing school forms for St Richard's on **Wed 8 October** in OLR Parish Hall from 8.45 – 9.15 am and again on **Wed 15 October** from 5.45 – 6.15 pm

CAFOD HARVEST FAST SOUP DAY, FRI 3 OCTOBER, 11.45-1.00pm: Come and have a bowl of hot soup and a roll together in the Parish Centre. All proceeds will go to help CAFOD continue their work helping the poor and needy across the world. Everyone is welcome. You can also help by giving generously to the second collection on Sun 5 Oct. Thank you.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm
NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH: will be on 9 October. All most welcome, contact Pauline 07724162207, for further information"
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6 pm

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE: is prayed every **WEDNESDAY**, during Exposition at OLR between 10.25 – 10.50am

FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION: from after 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

BLESSING OF PETS: SAT 4 OCTOBER AFTER 10.00 MASS: We share God's creation with the animals that inhabit the skies, earth and sea. They share with us in God's Creation. On the feast of St Francis of Assisi, we shall invoke God's blessing upon them and thank God for letting us share the earth with all his creatures immediately after Mass (i.e. 10.30). Please, if you bring a pet make sure you have them fully in your charge at all times! Bishop Richard is conducting a similar blessing at Arundel Cathedral.

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: Do you ever struggle with the Bible being too big? Then this online course is for you. Starting **Wed 1 Oct at 7.00 pm** and for 8 free sessions, the Bible is explained in 12 clear, simple colour-coded periods from Genesis to Revelation. To register online, go to www.comeandsee.org and see the porch posters.

CAR PARK AT OLR: Please note the car park on Sat 4, 18 Oct and 15 Nov will be unavailable, due to FHC classes between **9-11.30 am**. Please do **not** use the car park and do **NOT** double park blocking parents in. More Saturdays will follow in due course. Thank you.

PRISONS WEEK 12-16 OCTOBER: During this very important week we pray for all those affected by the Criminal Justice System, CPS, Police, Prison and Probation Services and for prisoners, their families especially the children. Please see the posters at the back of all our churches and visit www.prisonweek.org. The second collection on **Sun 12 Oct** will be for PACT, the Catholic Charity that supports all affected by imprisonment and on **Wed 15 Oct** we shall offer the Rosary for prisoners and their families.

FILM NIGHT IS BACK: To lead us into Prisons Week, we shall be showing the film "**Dead Man Walking**". Inspired by a true story about life on death row – a truly inspiring watch. Thurs 9 Oct, OLR Hall, 6.15 for tea and coffee, film showing will start at 6.30 pm.

SEPTEMBER 2025 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Jean Martin £100; 2nd Mary Olohan £60; 3rd John & Jean Taylor £50; 4th Amette Ley £25; Next draw: Sun 19 Oct; new members welcome, Registration forms at the back of churches.

OUR LADY'S GROTTO AT OLR: Sadly, all the plants in the grotto have been destroyed by vandals. If anyone has any outdoor plants, especially trailers, please consider donating them. Thank you.

ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL- OPEN DAY:

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invites parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2026 to our Open Day on **Wed 5 November**. We will be holding three sessions throughout the day - 9am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please contact the school for further information or to be added to one of the sessions. Email - Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk or Phone - 01323 737221.

GIFT AID: To add Gift Aid to your donations please contact Nick Price, Parish Treasurer on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk
NEXT NEWSLETTER: 12 October. Items please by 7 October latest.