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#### **PARISH COLLECTION**

29 Sept £2886, 6 Oct £2728

CAFOD £1704

#### **Forthcoming Second Collections:**

13 October - Prisoners Sunday

20 October - World Mission Sunday

10 November - Retired Priests Fund

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Pauline Bosley,

Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare,

Juliette Romeo, Liz Mason

and all those in hospital or housebound

#### **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Gwen Cooke, Mary Long and

for their families

at this difficult time

#### **PRISONERS' SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**

We remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. PACT supports prisoners offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There is a Second Collection in aid of this important work.

*"I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me."*

*Mt 25:36*

### **FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 13 and 20 OCTOBER 2024**

#### **MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 12 October	OLR	10.00 am	Delia Markham RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Saulius Eidukas RIP
<b>Sun 13 October</b>	St G	9.00 am	Encarnacion Pizey RIP
<b>28th Sunday</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
<b>in Ordinary Time</b>	St A	11.30 am	Frank Nealan RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Fred Byrne RIP
Mon 14 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady and St Lucy
Tues 15 Oct	OLR		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 16 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 17 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Bridie Gleeson RIP
Fri 18 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Pat Price RIP
Sat 19 Oct	OLR	10.00 am	June Bonner RIP; Teaching Mass
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Alistair and Nicola Thorne
<b>Sun 20 October</b>	St G	9.00 am	Ellen Smith RIP
<b>29th Sunday</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
<b>in Ordinary Time</b>	St A	11.30 am	Carmen Pumar RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Stan and Connie Ratcliffe
Mon 21 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Burkett
Tues 22 Oct	OLR		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 23 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Clare and Ron Brazier - Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 24 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Gilberto da Silva RIP
Fri 25 Oct	OLR	11.00 am	Richard Hooker RIP

#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30-11.00 am;

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction; Saturday 10.30 am-12.00 noon Benediction

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 10.40-11.50 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)

#### **PREPARING TO BE A NEW PARISH TOGETHER**

On 19 November the Deanery Clergy will meet with the Diocesan Team, who will begin guiding us into the formal process towards our becoming a new Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye. There's no denying it sounds a daunting task, but together all of us will be able to start taking steps to get in place what will be needed for this to work. Already behind the scenes good conversations and meetings are beginning and we have had well attended open meetings across the deanery. The most important task is for us all to PRAY with OPEN and POSITIVE HEARTS. I am confident that if we do this, we will not just be pleasantly surprised but even AMAZED at the good that can be done together to build the Church and share the Gospel in new and exciting ways. There are inevitably many "unknowns", but we will move at a pace that allows us to do things well and properly, and always for the upbuilding of people and community, and for the welcoming and inclusion of people who are distanced from their faith or who have never yet heard the call of the Gospel. Regular updates will come through in the weeks ahead and opportunities for everyone to play their part in the journey we will be on together. As well as in our communal gatherings, please keep this intention very much in your personal prayer. 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, you too are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

### PARISH DIARY

**Mon 14 Oct** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30pm  
**Mon 14 Oct** – Padre Pio Prayer Group, PMR, 6.00-7.00pm  
**Thurs 17 Oct** – Mothers' Prayers Grp, PMR, after 11.00 Mass  
**Mon 21 Oct** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30pm  
**Wed 23 Oct** – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00pm  
**Sat 26 Oct** - RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 09.00-10.15am

### HOSPITAL MINISTRY

**NEXT MASS:** Tuesday 29 October, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

**PARKING AT OLR:** Please note that First Communion classes and Lumen Christi group take place at 09.00am and 4.45pm on some Saturdays. Parking may be restricted but please do NOT double park. Access is needed at all times.

### SAVE THE DATES

**NEWMAN CIRCLE AGM: Thur 17 Oct, Christ The King, 6.30pm,** followed by Mass and a talk by Fr Neil on St John Henry Newman. 9pm close. All are welcome.

**REMEMBRANCE CONCERT: Sun 3 Nov (2.30pm) in OLR:** Remembering all those who have died in wars and conflicts. With the Eastbourne Silver Band and many guests from across our local community. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the hall.

**CAN YOU HELP?** We are appealing for parishioners who have the skills to fulfil 2 important paid professional roles. [1] **SURVEYOR** who can be called upon, on a need's basis, to give advice and guidance on building works; [2] **ACCOUNTANT** who can give a few hours a week in the parish office to overseeing our accounts and authorising receipts and payments. **Please contact Fr Kevin if willing and interested – many thanks.**

**REPOSITORY HELP REQUIRED:** To keep the Repository open we urgently require volunteers prepared to commit to open the Repository before and after mass for about half an hour at least one Sunday a month, ideally working in teams of two. This is a sociable, pleasant and relatively easy job. Initial training will be given. If you feel you can help, please contact the Parish office or Elizabeth - [elizabeth.dudley@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.dudley@gmail.com).

**STOP THE LEGALISATION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE:** On 16 Oct, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. The timing makes it probable for a vote before Christmas. The Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for from conception until natural death. While the bill may have wide support, it is not supported by the Church's teaching on the dignity of life. Please contact your MP today via: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now)

### ST AGNES

**Please be aware that a recent accident involving a car hitting the main entrance area of the Hall will mean that the Hall will be out of use for the coming weeks, until safely repaired. Thanks be to God nobody was hurt, and bricks and mortar can be repaired!**

**POLISH MASS:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 6.00 pm

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**THURSDAY HOLY HOUR FOR OUR NEW PARISH:** 10-11am Adoration and Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace & Benediction

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Sacred Heart Chapel, Thurs after 11 Mass

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP:** Please note new start time for 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, now **6.00 pm**.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:** We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**MATTHEW 25 MISSION – WE NEED YOUR HELP:** We are now facing a potential funding crisis and need your help in order to continue the 31 years of valuable work of helping struggling people and families to access some of life's basic necessities, accommodation and opportunities for a better future. Some of them have multiple complex needs. If we were to fail, this would be devastating and have a knock-on-effect for Eastbourne as a whole. Could some of you kindly gift aid £10 a month, to help secure the funding needed? Your generosity can truly help save lives - A regular donation will help needy local Eastbourne people get the help they need. To donate please go to: <https://www.matthew25mission.org/support-us>. Thank you.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY :** On Sunday 20 Oct parishes worldwide will be celebrating World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. There is a Second Collection so please take and use the Missio envelopes and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

### PAINTING & DECORATING OF OLR HALL AND PASSAGEWAY:

Please note that during October, the toilets, hall and passageway may be out of bounds at times. This work is possible, thanks to your kind support of the monthly money draw. New application forms are at the back of the churches.

**SAT 26 OCTOBER – THE BIG SING:** – Worth Abbey, 2-3.45pm. Come and help us celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lourdes Pilgrimage in our Diocese with pilgrims from times past and the more recent. Other activities too. To book, go to [www.abdiocese.org.uk/LourdesPilgrimageAnniversaryBigSing](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/LourdesPilgrimageAnniversaryBigSing)

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note that 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 [pfc.eastbourneolr@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourneolr@abdiocese.org.uk).

**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** 27 October. Please send any items by 23 October. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.