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SECOND COLLECTIONS:
 Sept OLR & SG £ 2580 St Agnes: £164
 Sept OLR & SG £2634 St.Agnes:£183
 Second Collection: £1912 Cafod £1351
Upcoming Second Collections:
 15 Oct Prisoners Sunday
 22 Oct World Mission Sunday

Prayers for the Sick
 Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Mike Dring, Richard Kenton, Jean Butler and for all our sick & housebound.
 For those who have recently died:
 Lilian Kiely, Philip Drake, Pat Price, John O'Neil, Bernadette Briggs



Behind every crucifix,
 hidden,
 for we cannot see him,
 stands our Risen Lord.

Hidden in every suffering and pain
 is the joy of closer union
 with him.

His is the victory.
 He invites us to share it.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 15th & 22nd October 2023

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS			
Sat 14 Oct	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Bridget Condon RIP Adoration & Confessions Jordan & Kevin Holmes Attivor
Sun 15 Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm 6.45pm	Teresa Stogdon RIP People of the Parish Carmen Pumar RIP Marie Madigasekera Baby loss service
Mon 16 Oct	OLR	11am	Anne Leatherland
Tues 17 Oct	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Angela Romeo
Wed 18 Oct	OLR	11am	Co-workers' intentions
Thur 19 Oct St Philip Howard	OLR	11am	Dec'd members of Duggan & Clarke families
Fri 20 Oct	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Maria Teixeira RIP Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Sat 21 Oct	OLR OLR OLR	10.30am 6pm	KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE Followed by Confessions Lucas – recovery from illness
Sun 22 Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Fr Paul Baker, Margaret Corrigan & Marie RIP People of the Parish Benedict Mabel & Claude RIP Connie Ratcliffe RIP
Mon 23 Oct	OLR	11am	Gilberto da Silva RIP
Tues 24 Oct	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: In thanksgiving for all Priests
Wed 25 Oct	OLR	11am	Richard Harder RIP
Thur 26 Oct	OLR	11am	Concetta Lieghio RIP
Fri 27 Oct	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Deceased members of Newman family Latin Mass: Maria & Esmeralo Fernandes

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

WHEN I WAS IN PRISON YOU VISITED ME - (MT 25: 36)

This Sunday concludes the end of a special week of prayer for prisoners and their families. I celebrate Mass every 3rd Saturday at HMP Lewes and will often mention something from the visit in my parish Sunday sermon. This is because I always feel touched by the experience of ministering in prison and remembering the words of Jesus from Matthew 25 quoted above. Before I felt called to the priesthood, I studied a Law degree and spent quite a lot of work experience time sitting in criminal trials. Often I was struck by the plight of those “in the dock”, all those powerful mitigating circumstances of their often difficult and very broken lives. But by the grace of God go I, go any of us! We are a parish that wants to commit to being ever more welcoming, especially to those who might easily be stigmatised and pushed to the edges ... ex-prisoners being a powerful example. We are registering as a parish to be part of The Welcome Directory (www.welcomedirectory.org.uk) an organisation that helps faith communities become places where people leaving prison can find acceptance. God Bless us and all who pass through the doors of our churches. Fr Kevin

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

PARISH DIARY OCTOBER

Sun 15 Oct – Ecumenical Baby Remembrance Service – 6.45 pm at OLR

Mon 16 – Contemplative Prayer Group – 4.00 pm – OLR Parish Meeting Room

Wed 18 – Co-Workers of Mother Theresa Meeting – 09.30 – 2.00 pm – OLR Hall

Thurs 19 – Mother Prayers – OLR Parish Meeting Room, after Mass

Sat 21 – Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Meeting – 09.00 – 12.00, OLR Hall

Sat 21 – Lumen Christi Meeting – 4.45 pm, OLR Hall

Wed 25 – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group – 7.15 pm, OLR Hall

Fri 27 – Parish Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – see below

Fri 27 – Parish Quiz – 7.15 – 9.30 pm, OLR Parish Hall

Tues 31 – Monthly EDGH Hospital Mass – Hospital Chapel 12 noon

Sat 4 Nov – Annual Remembrance Mass for all deceased parishioners, especially those who have died during the past year – 10 am OLR followed by refreshments in the hall.

HMP LEWES CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers needed to join the Chaplaincy team and provide support to the Catholic community for Saturday 9am Masses – 20-30 prisoners, two Chaplaincy team members, a rota of three priests and three musicians. The commitment – that you can attend the Saturday Mass on an approximate monthly basis or more frequently as you wish; you will be collected at the gate at 8:20 am and escorted back at 10:30. If you are interested, please let Fr Kevin know and he will put you in touch with one of the Chaplaincy team for an informal and no-obligation conversation. Parking available.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: Friday 27th Oct (9.30am -5pm) to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation (West Grinstead) – 30 places on coach, bring packed lunch. £10 per person. Please contact the Parish Office urgently by Friday 20th to reserve a place.

SAINTS & SINNERS CONCERT OLR – SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

7.30pm with refreshments interval midway. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals), Elisha Dring (singer) and special guests. Donation (suggest £5 to £10) on the night, with money raised going towards a local charity.

LOURDES REDSHIRT TEAM are now fundraising for 2024 pilgrimage. If you have any unwanted gifts or alcohol, we would be delighted to have them, please deliver into office, or give to Maura after Mass. Dates for your diary:

Fri Oct 27 Parish Quiz (please see poster at back of churches).

Tickets on sale after Mass £5 each. See poster at back of church.

Sat Dec 2nd Christmas Fayre, (more info to follow).

Sun Dec 17th Christmas Carol service & social gathering after.

OLR MONEY CLUB: Next draw: This Sunday, 15th October; new Members welcome, Registration Forms & Subscription Renewal details at back of churches.

ST AGNES LUNCH: St Agnes lunch Thursday 9th November 12.30pm. Two course meal £4.00. All Welcome.

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.

THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE: Pope Francis has issued a new document *Laudate Deum* a sequel to his *Laudato Si* eight years ago. The Pope makes clear that the motivation for his letter arises from the insufficient action across the world in these intervening years, and its impact, especially on the most vulnerable. The Holy Father speaks of climate change as a global reality, and the responsibility that we all have for this change. The Holy Father examines in detail the many causes of this phenomenon, including the demands on natural resources that arise in an increasingly technocratic age – something that it is easy to overlook – and he relates this to the desire for power that is so often a part of our human desire, seeking to place ourselves in God's place. He speaks of the current situation in international politics and outlines the journey made by the COP conferences, noting the difficulties to come to agreements, noting their poor implementation. We may feel overwhelmed by the task ahead but the Holy Father addresses this also, pointing out that little things can make a difference and calling us to cultural change, especially for those of us living in richer nations.

PARISH SMALL CHARITIES PROJECT: we have been blessed with many generous legacies and as part of our mission of outreach to those in need we will make available £15K of parish funds to be made available in 30 X £500 donations to small scale charitable projects proposed by parishioners. **THESE SHOULD BE:** small scale registered charities local or further afield, consistent with our Catholic values (though don't have to be religious based charities), not already being supported through parish collections or fundraising. **Please send your proposals to the Parish Office in writing, with a small explanation of the charity, by Friday 27th October.**

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: On **Saturday 21st October** we welcome the Southern Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) to celebrate **Mass with us in OLR at 10.30am** (please note Mass time changed from usual 10am). The Order supports in many ways the "Living Stones" of the Holy Land, the people who maintain and keep the Catholic Faith alive, often under very difficult and dangerous conditions and without adequate resources. The Order also sponsors students for the priesthood, parishes and schools and numerous catholic charities as well as helping to maintain the holy sites for future generations. All are welcome to this celebration.

Remembrance Concert - Sun 5th 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.

GIFT AID: If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price at nickprice8@hotmail.com or 07711243419. **Next Newsletter:** will be issued on 29 Oct. All items for this issue to be sent in by Tues 17 Oct.

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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