



PARISH COLLECTION

24 Nov £2401; 1 Dec £2811
Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund
£546

Upcoming Second Collections:

Christmas Crib Collection:
Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: This is your own personal gift to your Parish Priest and is part of his annual income. Please use the envelopes provided.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jean Lloyd, Pauline Bosley,
And Juliette Romeo
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Michael Hilliam and Gerald Shakespeare
and for their families
at this difficult time

NEW PARISH UPDATE

Please take a copy of the short letter explaining the plans that will begin to take effect after Christmas.

“Advent is a continuous call to hope. It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ”

Pope Francis

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 8 and 15 December 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 7 December	OLR	10.00 am	Isabella in Canada
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Fr Bruno – Anniversary of Ordination
Sun 8 December	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Second Sunday of Advent	OLR	10.15 am	Raymond and Barbara Rand RIP
	St A	11.30 am	Armanda Gouveia RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Stan and Connie Ratcliffe RIP
Mon 9 December	OLR	11.00 am	Mai Cronin RIP
Immaculate Conception			
Tues 10 December	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS
Wed 11 December	OLR	11.00 am	Teresa O'Brien
Thurs 12 December	OLR	10.00 am	<i>Adoration and Holy Hour</i>
	OLR	11.00 am	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Fri 13 December	OLR	6.30 am	Rorate Mass: Bruno Vieira
	OLR	11.00 am	Manuel Alves RIP
Sat 14 December	OLR	10.00 am	Irene Moir RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	James H-D
Sun 15 December	St G	9.00 am	Owain Jones RIP
Third Sunday of Advent	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Eileen and Albert Wenban RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Dario Masento RIP
Mon 16 December	OLR	11.00 am	Lilly Paul RIP
Tues 17 December	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Gerald Shakespeare RIP
Wed 18 December	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Carpenter RIP
Thurs 19 December	OLR	10.00 am	<i>Adoration and Holy Hour</i>
	OLR	11.00 am	Joseph De Lord RIP
	St A	12.00 noon	REQUIEM: Michael Hilliam RIP
Fri 20 December	OLR	6.30 am	Rorate Mass
	OLR	10.00 am	Phillip Duffy RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday, 10.30-11.00am; Thursday 10.00-11.00 am

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction (live-streamed)

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

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

The Gospel for Sunday 2 of Advent lists all the “power brokers” of the day (Emperor, Kings, Rulers, Governors) but these are of no relevance to the Gospel writer except as simple “time markers” for what **really matters** – the unfolding of God’s beautiful plan of Salvation for the world. The action of this, the greatest of plans, will begin not in a worldly power centre but in obscurity, through a lone prophetic voice crying in the wilderness. God’s plan to save us unfolds, and will be completed, in littleness, in humility, in poverty. But so too in our own lives, as we open them to God, we discover his saving Grace at work in the simplest, humblest moments and experiences – such is the Divine Logic, so refreshingly different from the logic of the world! 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

Mon 9 Dec – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30
Mon 9 Dec – Padre Pio Group; PMR; 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Sat 14 Dec – FHC Class; OLR Hall; 9.00-10.30am
Sun 15 Dec – Parish Carol Service; OLR; 3.00pm
Mon 16 Dec – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30
Wed 18 Dec – Kairos Charismatic Grp; OLR Hall; 7.30-9.00pm
Fri 20 Dec – Parish Mass at **10.00am**
Fri 20 Dec – Thomas a Becket Carol Service, 11.00am
Sat 21 Dec – RCIA Meeting; OLR Hall; 9.00-10.30am

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 31 December, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, or you are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Kevin know.

ASSISTED DYING BILL – WHAT NEXT?: (1) Please see copies of the Statement from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Bishop Richard, available at back of churches; and (2) please take action **NOW** and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at 3rd Reading. Early analysis after the vote showed at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill have concerns that mean they may vote **NO** at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching to a **NO** vote would ensure it is defeated at the 3rd Reading. Do not delay - make sure your MP know your wishes.

TIME OF REFLECTION & BUILDING COMMUNITY IN OUR NEW

PARISH: For all Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists & Welcomers across our new Hub. Tues 10 Dec, 6.30-7.30pm OLR Hall.

NEW LECTIONARY TALK: An invitation to all parishioners to forge new relationships within our new Parish by joining us in a talk on Zoom given recently by Fr Tony Milner, Scripture Scholar on the New Lectionary, followed by small group sharing. Tues 17 Dec in the Parish Hall at OLR: 6.30-7.30pm (Refreshments from 6.15pm). All most welcome.

To follow daily Mass readings online (free) go to Universalis.com.

OLR CAR PARK: DO NOT DOUBLE PARK – this selfish behaviour creates real problems for people who need to leave.

OLR - IN HOUSE CATERING FOR FUNERALS: For full details of this excellent service please contact the Parish Office.

COME AND GREET SANTA: as he arrives at his grotto in the Parish Centre after 10.15 Mass today! Only £2.50 for a gift!

There will also be a cake sale, CAFOD table, and tombola to raise urgent funds for **CAFOD DEC Middle Eastern Humanitarian Appeal**. All donations of cakes and prizes appreciated.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month

ST AGNES LUNCH: 12 December, 12 for 12.30, **by ticket only**.

Contact Pauline, Evenings on 07724 162207

POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd 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; this will be live streamed throughout Advent.

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE – Tuesday 24 December

5.00 pm – St Gr Vigil Mass

6.00 pm – OLR Vigil Mass (Carols from 5.30)

8.00 pm – St Ag Vigil Mass (Carols from 7.30)

11.00 pm (finishing at Midnight)– OLR (Carols from 10.30)

CHRISTMAS DAY – Wednesday 25 December

9.00 am - St Gr Shepherds' Mass

10.15 am - OLR Shepherds' Mass

11.30 am - St Ag Mass of the Day

A warm welcome awaits you– Why not invite a friend!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

RORATE MASSES: Candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall.

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE: THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER at St Gregory's Church at 7.00pm – bring a friend

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: OLR SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 3PM: and social gathering afterwards with Christmas money draw. No charge but raffle with Choir donated hamper and other prizes, to help local families in need at Christmas. Everyone Welcome! See poster at back of churches.

CAFOD SOUP DAY FOR GAZA: Mon 16 Dec – 11.45-1.00pm please all come and enjoy a simple meal of home-made soup and rolls to support the CAFOD Appeal for the people of Gaza.

CAFOD GIFTS: a great way to support those in poorer countries: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

OLD MISSALS, LECTIONARIES: can be recycled. Take them to the Parish Office marked "Recycling" and we will do the rest.

THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2024: Please remember to bring your wrapped gift, with the Gift Tag attached, back to the churches at any of the Sat or Sun Masses up to **15 December**. Thank you for making many disadvantaged people happier this Christmas.

TOWN CENTRE PRAYER WALK - SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER: As part of the **Pray Eastbourne 2024** initiative we will start by the War Memorial at 10.30am by Cornfield Law. Walkers will stop by all the churches in the area, including OLR, and the prayer is: **'Heavenly Father, may your Kingdom come, may your will be done in Eastbourne as it is in heaven'**. Everyone is invited to join in all or part of the Walk to pray for our town. Prayer guides/routes will be supplied.

MASS INTENTIONS: There are large numbers of requests for Masses to be said at St Agnes. If anyone of these would prefer 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.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 22 Dec 2024. All Items needed by 17 Dec please.