



PARISH COLLECTION

5 Jan £2693
12 Jan £2488

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

9 Feb Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
16 Feb Racial Justice Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley, and Juliette Romeo and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Barry James, Andrea Flack and Catherine Grime and for their families at this difficult time

FR CHARLES' ARRIVAL

I had a lovely "zoom" meeting with Fr Charles who is really looking forward to being with us soon. He aims to be here for the weekend of 1st Feb. One practical matter – if anyone has a small car not being used that you would be willing to lend for Fr Charles, or even to sell to the parish for his use, that would be great!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - ST AUGUSTINE

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me Holy Spirit,
That my work too may be holy.
Attract my heart Holy Spirit,
That I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me Holy Spirit,
That I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me Holy Spirit,
That I may always be holy.

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 19 and 26 January 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18 January	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Ann-Marie Scothern
Sun 19 January	St G	9.00 am	Henry Bradley RIP
Second Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
in Ordinary Time	St A	11.30 am	Liz Roncone RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Richard and Sheila O'Grady RIP
Mon 20 January	OLR	11.00 am	Dermot Geelan RIP
Tues 21 January	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS
Wed 22 January	OLR	11.00 am	Mary and Liam Power
Thurs 23 January	OLR	11.00 am	Robin Butler RIP
Fri 24 January	OLR	11.00 am	Sr Kathleen
Sat 25 January	OLR	10.00 am	Concepcion Tamondang RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Helen Deadman RIP
Sun 26 January	St G	9.00 am	Fr Mariano Ambrosi RIP
Third Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
in Ordinary Time	St A	11.30 am	Carmen Pumar RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Margaret and John Forde
Mon 27 January	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Carpenter RIP
Tues 28 January	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS
Wed 29 January	OLR	11.00 am	Paul Linger RIP
Thurs 30 January	OLR	11.00 am	Terry Gaffney RIP
Fri 31 January	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Barry James RIP
Sat 1 February	OLR	10.00 am	Bi-monthly Bereavement Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30-11.00 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

"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!"

The Gospel reading of the Marriage Feast at Cana is overflowing with meaning and encouragement for us. It's the very first "sign" given by Jesus, as he begins his public ministry in St John's Gospel. As with all the "signs" named by St John, it points to the superabundance of God's love and mercy – ultimately to the Cross and Resurrection. God holds nothing back of His goodness made visible in Christ. This sign directs us to open our lives to the outpouring of Grace that comes through Jesus – the Grace named by St Paul in the Second Reading as the many Gifts of the Holy Spirit! Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother, stands in her rightful place directing us to listen to her Son and do everything he tells us. We remember last week, at Jesus, Baptism, the clear and simple directive of the Father to "Listen to Him!" Listening, the true meaning of obedience, draws us deeper and deeper into God's life now and eternally. As with greater pace we now come together as Deanery parishes into a single "community of communities", let our prayer and action be built on deeply listening to the voice of Jesus and openness to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. 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

Sat 18 Jan – First Holy Communion Class, OLR Hall, 9.00-10.15
Sun 19 Jan – Feast of St Agnes, Patron of St Agnes Church
Sat 25 Jan – RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 9-10.15am
Sat 25 Jan – Lumen Christi (Confirmation Group), OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45pm
Mon 27 Jan – SVP Meeting, PMR, 6.00 – 7.00pm
Wed 29 Jan – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9
Sat 1 Feb – 10.00am Bereavement Mass for recently deceased parishioners' families, followed by refreshments in the Hall

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 28 January, 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.

THE GIVING TREE: A massive thank you to all our Parishioners for the very generous response to the 2024 Giving Tree, exceeding last year's record with over 400 Gifts to our chosen charities. All were extremely grateful for the support. Here is a direct quote from Hazel Court School *'The joy on their faces as they received their gifts from Father Christmas was truly heart-warming and brought so much magic to the end of term celebrations. The generosity of the parishioners made a significant difference to the festive atmosphere, creating memories that our students and staff will cherish.'* Your personal charity has demonstrated the love in action that Christ asks of us all.

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. The normal Saturday morning Reconciliation for parishioners will not be available until 5.00 pm that day.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY MON 27 JANUARY: This year's Event "Never Again – For a Better Future" marks 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz - The Shackleton Room, Welcome Building, The Congress Theatre, Eastbourne from 6.30-8.30pm – free entry. All are welcome.

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. Come as an Assisted Pilgrim, Young/Adult Helper, Clinician or Chaplain.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our young children, 3 years and above, have their own Liturgy during Sunday morning Masses. We try to provide an experience where they can participate actively at their own level while also following parallel activities to those in the liturgy in the church. If your child is nervous, you are welcome to support them until they feel comfortable.

OLR IN-HOUSE CATERING FOR FUNERALS: A full service is offered in OLR Parish Hall. For details of this excellent service, please contact the Parish Office.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm
ST AGNES LUNCH: Next Lunch - Thurs 13 Feb 13, 12.30pm. All welcome!
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; is live streamed for those unable to come to church.

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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – 26 JANUARY: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the day instituted by Pope Francis for the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" - Pope Francis.

SOME SPIRITUAL PROMPTS

PRAYER THE SOURCE OF ALL WE DO: We are hearing a lot recently about how prayer is the foundation of Jesus' ministry, the very cornerstone of his earthly mission and the source of his strength; for example, after the feeding of the 5000, after the healing of one of the lepers and before choosing the Twelve, Jesus spends long periods in prayer, demonstrating its central, crucial role in his ministry. Do we need to devote a bit more time to our prayer?

HOW TO HONOUR THE LORD OF THE SABBATH: Our daily work is simply to climb the steep road that leads from earth to Heaven. Smile and be kind to everyone. Sanctity is simply to carry out God's will perfectly minute by minute. And what is God's will for us? God wants us to be meek, humble, patient, charitable and courageous. A great challenge for 2025!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS, LANGNEY – SATURDAY 25 JANUARY, 12.30pm.

Eastbourne Churches Together extends a warm invitation to all to an inter-denominational church Service, preceded by lunch at 12.30pm. This year, the theme is "Do you Believe this" due to the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. For full details please see: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025>.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE: An opportunity is coming up for those with responsibility for the care of young people to undertake a Course, accredited by MHFA England, with other Catholics from across the Diocese, and with trainee chaplains from St Mary's, Twickenham. Anyone interested in this field please see full details at www.mhfaengland.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School
T: 01323 737221 – www.stthomasbecketcatholicschool.co.uk

St Richard's Catholic College (11-16)
T: 01424 421421 – www.strichardssc.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.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 2 Feb 2025. All items needed by 29 January.