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PARISH COLLECTION

16 Mar £2601

23 Mar £2791

CAFOD £1221

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

18 April Holy Places of Palestine

11 May World Day of Prayer for Vocations:

The education of future Priests

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley,

Sean Duggan, and all those in hospital or housebound

**FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES
AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME**

“Those who have made mistakes often feel reproached in their own hearts. Distance, indifference and harsh words do not help.

Therefore, according to the Father, we have to offer them a warm welcome that encourages them to go forward with hope”

Pope Francis

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 30 March and 6 April 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29 March	OLR	6.00 pm	Maria Jose da Silva & Teresa Barros RIP
Sun 30 March	St G	9.00 am	Ellen Smith RIP
Fourth Sunday of Lent	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
LAETARE SUNDAY	St A	11.30 am	Mary Pooley
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Sylvia Orindu
Mon 31 March	OLR	11.00 am	Daniel Ellis Peters
Tues 1 April	OLR	11.00 am	For Vocations to the Priesthood
Wed 2 April	OLR	11.00 am	For our new Parish
Thurs 3 April	OLR	11.00 am	Gerald and Joy Shakespeare RIP
Fri 4 April	OLR	11.00 am	Deceased Knights of St Columba & their wives
Sat 5 April	OLR	10.00 am	For recently bereaved parishioners and their families
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Daniel Rowe, in thanksgiving
Sun 6 April	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Fifth Sunday of Lent	OLR	10.15 am	Deceased members of OLR Choir
	St A	11.30 am	Wesley and Tency RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Giulia Zaccagnini RIP
Mon 7 April	OLR	11.00 am	Bernadette Meares RIP
Tues 8 April	OLR	11.00 am	Gerald and Joy Shakespeare RIP
Wed 9 April	OLR	11.00 am	Joyce and Patrick O’Dolan
Thurs 10 April	OLR	11.00 am	For Peace in the World
Fri 11 April	OLR	11.00 am	Joan Garbet RIP
Sat 12 April	OLR	10.00 am	John Kimberley RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday 10.30-11.00 am

Thursday Holy Hour 10-11 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, Wednesday and Thursday Masses

DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER: OLR open daily 8.00 am-6.00 pm

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

THE PRODIGAL CHILD – THE MERCIFUL FATHER

This Sunday’s Parable, the longest but most loved and quoted of all Jesus’ parables, teaches us that God’s love is always experienced in true freedom. The Father freely allows the sons to relate to him as they choose, one squandering everything and the other remaining but resentful and distant from the Father’s heart. It’s the story of all of us. God has given each and every one freedom, without exception, and no matter how wrongly or badly we exercise our freedom God will not take it back. Instead, God waits patiently for us “to come to our senses” and then runs to meet us and welcome us back with open arms. What is most important in the Parable is not so much what it tells us about ourselves as what it tells us about God – a Merciful Father who’s greatest joy is found in our homecoming ... however and whenever that be ! 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 – APRIL 2025

Wed 2 Apr – Lenten Reflection 4, OLR Hall, 11.30-12.30
Thurs 3 Apr – Deanery Reconciliation Service, OLR, 7pm
Sat 5 Apr – Parish Lenten Retreat, after 10am Mass
Mon 7 Apr - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Wed 9 Apr – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 12 Apr - RCIA Session, OLR Hall, 09 -10.30 am
Mon 14 Apr - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Mon 14 Apr – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6-7.00pm
Wed 16 Apr – Co-workers of Mother Teresa, PMR, 11.30 am
Thurs 17 Apr – Mothers’ Prayers Group, PMR, after 11am Mass
Wed 23 Apr – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30pm
Thurs 25 Apr – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at OLR begins
Sat 26 Apr – First Holy Communion Class, OLR Hall, 9 am
Sat 26 Apr – Lumen Christi Group, OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45 pm
Mon 28 Apr - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 29 April, 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.

FR KEVIN’S 60th BIRTHDAY: I want to say a HUGE THANKS to you all for the many cards and good wishes for my recent Birthday. I was very touched! The parish party was an amazing celebration of our community. Thanks to all who organised and came along!

CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION: OLR is thrilled to be hosting this wonderful Exhibition from 25 April to 11 May. Moreover, **Sun 27 April** is the actual day of canonisation of St Carlo Acutis by Pope Francis. To mark this amazing event, we will be celebrating a very special **Mass at 10.15** to which any young people of the Parish, along with the Lumen Christi Group are invited to come and take a leading part. The Exhibition, planned by Carlo himself, consists of over 160 Eucharistic Miracles plus numerous Miraculous Communion. We shall show 23, displayed over 40 panels. Some of the most recent and often where there is strong substantive scientific evidence, are marked as of special interest. For the full exhibition and to know more about Carlo’s remarkable life, put: www.carloacutis.com and/or www.miracolieuucaristici.org into your browser.

LENT ART EXHIBITION: "Journeying Inwards" by Compass Arts at St Mary's Church, Decoy Drive, Hampden Park. The church is open most afternoons. The Exhibition is on until the 12 April.

MEN’S WAY OF THE CROSS – OVER THE HILLS & THROUGH THE NIGHT: Fri 11 April, OLR, 9pm, 10-11 pm Mass, walk on Beachy Head, 4-6am back at OLR for Adoration and hearty breakfast.

THE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEACONS IN THE CHURCH: A talk by Deacon Simon Kirkdale. Thurs 10 April, Christ The King Parish Room, 7.30-9 pm. All welcome.

SPECIAL COFFEE MORNINGS FOR ST WILFRID’S HOSPICE: On Easter Sunday 20 April both at OLR after the 10.15 Mass **and** at St Agnes after the 11.30 Mass. These will include a raffle with all money going to St Wilfrid’s Hospice which needs urgent financial support. All welcome and please be generous.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wed of the month, 2.30pm
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

THE SEASON OF LENT

Speak O Lord because your servant listens. You alone have the words of eternal life; make them descend like dew so that my soul may not become like earth without water

Fr Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH: Please keep praying for Sarah, Katie, Chris, Fabienne, Gillian, Sue and Sarah who are being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

OUR LADY OF RANSOM: After 11am Mass – Fridays

ST AGNES: 7.30 pm – Mondays

LENTEN REFLECTIONS & COFFEE: Wednesdays of Lent (Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2) 11.30-12.30 (after 11am Mass); 4 excellent recorded talks on the Bible, Holiness and Discipleship by the great spiritual writer Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI. All are welcome!

WEEKLY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AT ST AGNES: throughout Lent starting Thurs 6 March at 12.30 in the hall in aid of children with disabilities around Bethlehem

DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP RICHARD:

Thurs 3 April, 7pm at Our Lady of Ransom. The Bishop, to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope, will be leading a Lenten Service of Reconciliation in every Deanery. Please come and support this important prayer opportunity as we move together towards becoming a new Single Parish

PARISH LENT RETREAT – SAT 5 APRIL:

Half-day (in-house) Retreat offered by Fr Kevin and Fr Charles at OLR: 10am Mass, Adoration and Confessions, 2 short Reflections, finishing at 1.00pm with Benediction. Those who would like to, can then come into the Hall for packed lunch and coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend), and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION [11.30 am – 6 pm]:

for this wonderful opportunity of prayer to continue we need more people on the Rota so that we can ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left untended in the church. Please email the parish office. God gives us 168 hours in every week; can you give just one hour back to adore our blessed Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST RICHARD’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE:

In a recent poll of 500,000 parents across the County, St Richard’s is officially the *Happiest School in East Sussex*, topping the poll with a massive 97%, an amazing result. Very well done to Paul Barber, his staff and all who work so hard supporting and encouraging the education and wellbeing of our young people.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: for weekly cash donations are at the back of each church for collection. New parishioners please contact pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 13 April 2025. All items needed by 9 April at the latest please.