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PARISH COLLECTION

12 Oct £2521 – 19 Oct £2338

PACT £572 – MISSIO £598

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

16 November – Retired Priests Fund

23 November – Arundel Cathedral
Maintenance Fund

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pat Avann, Pauline Bosley,
Lynne Rogers and Antoinette Mercieca
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Fr John Horn, Fr Kevin Taggart OSB
and Audrey Shadbolt

O Lord,

remember not only the men and women of
good will

but also those of ill will.

But do not remember all the suffering they
have inflicted upon us;

remember the fruits we have bought, thanks
to this suffering:

our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility,
the courage, the generosity, the greatness of
heart which has grown out of this;
and when they come to judgement, let all
the fruits that we have borne be their
forgiveness.

Amen.

*This moving prayer, was found
on a scrap of paper in Ravensbrück
Concentration Camp. It is written by Hildegard
Schader, Prisoner No. 31,795*

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 26 October and 2 November 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 25 October	OLR	6.00 pm	Gilbert da Silva RIP
Sun 26 October	St G	9.00 am	Ellen Smith RIP
30th Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year C	St A	11.30 am	Joanne Sheppard RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	In Thanksgiving – Femy Fox
Mon 27 October	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Norma Nines
Tues 28 October	OLR	11.00 am	James McCauley RIP
Wed 29 October	OLR	11.00 am	Rita Cesleviciene RIP
Thurs 30 October	OLR	11.00 am	Andrew Sheppard – recovery from illness
Fri 31 October	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Jonathan Oliver
Sat 1 November	OLR	10.00 am	Parish Mass for all deceased parishioners
	OLR	6.00 pm	Willie Kearns RIP
Sun 2 November	St G	9.00 am	Jeffrey Lipscomb RIP
Feast of All	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Saints	St A	11.30 am	Armanda Gouveia RIP and Luis Ferreira RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Jenny Cordero & Fr Luke Orjiako
Mon 3 November	OLR	11.00am	Stella Cooper RIP
All Souls			
Tues 4 November	OLR	11.00 am	Alf Rowland RIP
Wed 5 November	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Gena Hegarty
Thurs 6 November	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS – Diocesan Clergy Training
Fri 7 November	OLR	11.00 am	Mathew Joseph RIP
Sat 8 November	OLR	10.00 am	Marie-Therese Goldberg – speedy recovery
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10.30-11.00 am

Wednesday Rosary for Peace 10.25-10.50 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, Tuesday and Thursday Masses

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

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

SAINTS AND SINNERS ARE WELCOME!

Today's Gospel reading presents the parable of two men who went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who considered himself a "saint". And the other was a tax collector, who considered himself a "sinner". The fact that they were both in the temple to pray at the same time underlines the fact that the church, which is the temple of God, welcomes all, both saints and sinners. In the church, saints are strengthened and encouraged while sinners are purified and redeemed. What this demonstrates to us today is that no one should feel left out in the church - all are welcome. No one should feel too sinful not to come to the presence of God. In God's presence, we ought not to look down on anyone but pray for the grace to always do God's will. The book of Sirach tells us that God will judge without partiality. He will give everyone a chance to work out their salvation. Saint Paul, in the second reading, hopes that we will seize this opportunity that God has given us today to do his will so that on the last day we will be crowned with righteousness. Come to Jesus now, because you are welcome! *Fr Charles*

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 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Sat 25 Oct – RCIA First Meeting, OLR Hall, 9.00 – 10.15
Sun 26 Oct – Table Sale of Christmas Cards, OLR, 10.15 am
Mon 27 Oct – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Mon 27 Oct – SVP Meeting, PMR, 6-7 pm
Sat 1 Nov – Parish Mass for Deceased Parishioners, OLR, 10 am
Sun 2 Nov – Silver Band Remembrance Day Concert, OLR, 2.30 pm
Mon 3 Nov – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Thurs 13 Nov – St Agnes Lunch, St Agnes Hall, 12.30 pm
Sat 15 Nov – FHC classes, OLR Hall, 9-10 and 10.30 -11.30 am
Sat 15 Nov – Lumen Christi Group, 3.30-6.45 pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 28 Oct, 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.

THANK YOU FROM MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA: “Many thanks for your kindness in allowing an Appeal Collection to be taken in your Parish. The £1688.68 is greatly appreciated and as a token of our gratitude, we shall be offering up Mass for you all in the sure hope that God will bestow His Blessings on your Parish community.”

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FOR ST THOMAS A BECKETT

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor. You must be a practising Catholic and have a keen interest in education and young people. If you can spare a few hours to support the school, please email Fr Kevin at eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk or sbyrne@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

VISITATION OF NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND RELICS OF SS JACINTA & FRANCISCO – SAT 8 NOV: As part of the Centenary of the Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion celebrations, the pilgrim Virgin Statue and the Relics will be at Arundel Cathedral from 10-4.30pm on Sat 8 Nov. For more info and full details of the timetable of all the events of this special day, visit: <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>.

GOD & THE “SECULAR WORLD” – SUN 9 NOV - 12.45-4.15pm: A talk by Charles Wookey, founder of a charity that acts for change in business using the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The aim is to equip lay people to bring faith and life together so we can live out our Christian Mission in society. The Fitzherbert Community Hub, St John the Baptist Church, Brighton, BN2 1AP. Tea, coffee & cake provided but bring a packed lunch. See poster in the porch.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - MON 10 NOV – 7-9 pm: Our next event will be a joint evening with the Newman Society, with a talk to be given by Fr Charles on “*The Tensions between Faiths In Nigeria*”. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Please note that **no parking** will be permitted in the Town Hall car park on Sun 9 November as the Councillors, gathering for the Municipal Remembrance Celebrations need all the space available.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm
NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH: Thurs 13 Nov, 12.30pm and last bookings for Christmas meal. All welcome. Contact Pauline 07724 162207, for further information.

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE: is prayed every **WEDNESDAY**, during Exposition at OLR between 10.25 – 10.50am

FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION: from after 11am Mass until Benediction at 6pm, live streamed for those at home.

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

POPE LEO’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

That believers in different religious traditions work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

VATICAN MESSAGE INVITES HINDUS AND CHRISTIANS TO NURTURE PEACE IN OUR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES:

On 28 October 2025, we mark the 60th Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, ‘In Our Time’, the declaration of the Second Vatican Council that encouraged Catholics around the world to engage in dialogue and collaboration with people of other religious traditions. It is still considered a foundational text for this important dialogue. The Hindu feast of Deepavali (Diwali) fell on 20 October this year – eight days before *Nostra Aetate*’s diamond jubilee.

TABLE SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS - SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER: Both before and after 10.15 Mass, Christmas cards and Goods will be available in the Repository. **CASH ONLY** please.

ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL- OPEN DAY:

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invites parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2026 to our Open Day on **Wed 5 November**. We will be holding three sessions throughout the day - 9am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please contact the school for further information or to be added to one of the sessions. Email - Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk or Phone - 01323 737221.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

PARISH MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS - SAT 1 NOV

(10am): We are inviting all families who have celebrated a Funeral in the past 12 months, but everyone is welcome as we pray for all deceased parishioners. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - SAT 1 NOVEMBER: OLR Garden of Remembrance (after 10am Mass). **Local Cemeteries:** Langney 11.30 am, Willingdon 11.30 am, Ocklynge 12 pm.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT – SUN 2 NOV (2.30pm) IN OLR: With Eastbourne Silver Band and Guests, for all who have died in wars and conflicts. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

OCTOBER 2025 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Molly Phipps £100; 2nd Joan Ritchie £55;
3rd Peter Butler £45; 4th Stephen Bergin £20;
Next draw: Sun 16 November; new members welcome, registration forms at the back of churches.

COME ALL YOU PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES: If you enjoy singing as part of a choir, now is your chance! Please see notice in narthex.

GIFT AID: To add Gift Aid to your donations please contact Nick Price, Parish Treasurer on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk
NEXT NEWSLETTER: 9 November. Items please by 5 Nov latest.