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SECOND COLLECTIONS:
 Sept OLR & SG £2565 St Agnes: £121
 Sept OLR & SG £2500 St. Agnes: £122
 Second Collection: Prisoners Sun £636

Upcoming Second Collections:
 4/5 Nov - Retired Priests Fund [GA]
 18/19 Nov - Arundel Cathedral [GA]

Prayers for the Sick
 Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Mike Dring, Richard Kenton, Jean Butler, Kenneth McCann, Amelia Weyman and for all our sick & housebound.

For those who have recently died:
 Audrey Wilcox, Bernadette Briggs, and Michael Hanmer



What I kept, I lost.
 What I spent, I had.
 What I gave, I have.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 29th October & 5th November 2023

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS			
Sat 28 Oct	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Anthony Woodhouse RIP Adoration & Confessions John Martin RIP
Sun 29 Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Deceased members of the Humby family People of the Parish Reg Sullivan Anthony & Treesa Davis RIP (Anniversary)
Mon 30 Oct	OLR	11am	Alfred Ojuri
Tues 31 Oct	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Joseph Walsh RIP
Wed 1 Nov ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation	OLR OLR	11am 7pm	Antonio Fusciardi RIP Cornelius Hurley
Thur 2 Nov ALL SOULS	OLR	11am	Requiem: Bernadette Briggs RIP
Fri 3 Nov	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Frank & Jean Morelli RIP Latin Mass: Our Lady for prayers answered
Sat 4 Nov	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Annual parish Mass for the Bereaved Adoration & Confessions Tom Lawrence RIP
Sun 5 Nov 31st Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Ray & Tessa Purcell RIP People of the Parish Armanda de Caires Gouveia Remembrance Concert Connie & Stan Ratcliffe
Mon 6 Nov	OLR	11am	Delia Markham RIP
Tues 7 Nov	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Wed 8 Nov	OLR	11am	Patrick & Claire McSparrow RIP
Thur 9 Nov	OLR	11am	Rocco Fusciardi RIP
Fri 10 Nov	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Patricia Beeson RIP Latin Mass: Wlodzimier Glapiak RIP

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

This week we begin November. After celebrating All Saints on the 1st day of the month, on the 2nd of November, All Souls' Day, Masses throughout the world are offered for all the faithful departed. The offering of Mass, which makes present the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary and extends the infinite graces of that moment to the present, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfils the commandment of charity towards the dead. The Church then asks us to pray for all the faithful departed throughout the rest of the month. Even after death, links with our loved ones are not broken. Praying for the repose of their souls is the best and most loving thing we can do for them now. Praying for them at Mass is especially important. On Saturday 04 November our 10am Mass will be offered for all deceased parishioners and especially for those who have died in this past year. On the reverse side of the newsletter you will also find the times when we will be blessing the graves of the faithful departed in the various cemeteries here in town. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. God bless you, Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY NOVEMBER

Mon 30 Oct – Contemplative Prayer Group – 4.00 pm – OLR Parish Meeting Room

Mon 30 Oct SVP Meeting OLR hall 6pm

Tues 31 Oct -EDGH Hospital Mass 2pm in the Chapel. Please note: There will be NO Hospital Mass in December.

Thurs 2 Nov – Mother Prayers – OLR Parish Room, after Mass

Sat 4 Nov – Lumen Christi Meeting – 4.45 pm – 5.45pm, OLR Hall

Sat 4 Nov- Saints & Sinners concert OLR 7.30pm-9.30pm

Mon 6 Nov - Contemplative prayer group meeting room 4-5.30pm

Wed 8 Nov Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group – 7.15 pm, OLR Hall

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

PARISH MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS - SAT 4TH 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.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT- SUN 5TH NOV (2.30PM) IN OLR:

with Eastbourne Silver Band and guests, for all those who have died in wars and conflicts. Refreshments afterwards in the hall.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Saturday 11th Nov Cemeteries:

Willingdon 12.30pm, Ocklynge 1.15pm & Langney 2.15pm

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY & PARISHIONERS – TUES

14TH NOV (12NOON) IN STAR OF THE SEA PARISH, HASTINGS:

with clergy and parishioners from other parishes of the deanery. All are welcome.

SAINTS & SINNERS CONCERT OLR – SATURDAY 4THNOVEMBER

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 Matthew 25 Project.

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: **Sat Dec 2nd** Christmas Fayre, (more info to follow). **Sun Dec 17th** - Christmas Carol service & social gathering after so **no** teas after Mass.

OLR MONEY CLUB: OCTOBER 2023 WINNERS:

1st - Maura Phipps £80; 2nd - Stephen Bergin £50; 3rd - Margaret Coope £40; 4th - Orla Phipps £20. Next draw: Sunday 19th November 2023. Several subscriptions expired in Sept 23 - did yours?

DEC THE HALL team would like to thank everyone for their continued support in raising funds for the improvement of our parish centre. The new project for 2024 is painting of the hall/kitchen/passageways/toilets. If you would like to join the monthly money draw, forms from back of churches. Or gift vouchers are available from reception (or Maura) which would make lovely Christmas presents starting at £5 each.

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.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY - Pope Francis teaches: Even now we experience a communion between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven through our union with those who have died. The souls in heaven assist us with their prayers, while we assist the souls in purgatory through our good works, prayer, and participation in the Eucharist. As members of the Church, the distinction is not between who has died and who is living, but rather who is in Christ and who is not. There is a deep and indissoluble bond between those who are still pilgrims in this world – us – and those who have crossed the threshold of death and entered eternity. All baptized persons here on earth, the souls in Purgatory and all the blessed who are already in Paradise make one great Family. This communion between earth and heaven is realised especially in intercessory prayer.

THANKS TO PARISH: Sincerest thanks to parishioners for their kindness and generous response to the Comboni Missionaries' Appeal. With our assurance of remembrance in our Community Masses and prayers, Fr Martin Devenish.

PARISH SMALL CHARITIES PROJECT- EXTENSION 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 - small scale registered charities local or further afield, consistent with our Catholic values. **We have received 15 nominations so are extending the deadline for submissions for another few weeks so as to reach our target of 30 projects - please send your proposals to the Parish Office in writing, with a small explanation of the charity.**

OLR CAR PARK: Please be aware the hall and car park will be often used on Saturday mornings for First Holy Communion, Baptisms and RCIA classes. This will limit available spaces when coming to Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2023 IS COMING. In all of our Parish Churches on the weekend of 25/26 November the Christmas Giving Trees will once again appear. There will be Gift Tags for the 6 selected charities to allow Parishioners to choose a gift to give at this special Holy time of the year.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Thursday 16th November at St Thomas a Beckett School. **Pre-booked** timeslots available: 9.00 am, 2pm and 6pm. To book a slot ring the school on **01323 737221**.

FOOD BANK. Thank you for your continued generosity of food donations for the food bank. However please **DO NOT** leave clothes or bedding as these cannot be passed on.

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 12 Nov. All items for this issue to be sent in by Thurs 2 Nov.

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.