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PARISH COLLECTION

27 Oct £2791; 3 Nov £2780

Upcoming Second Collections:

10 Nov – Retired Priests Fund

17 Nov – Xavierian Missionary Appeal

24 Nov – Arundel Cathedral Maintenance

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pauline Bosley, Gerald Shakespeare,
Juliette Romeo, Liz Mason
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Mary Thorlby
and for her family
at this difficult time

OUR JOURNEY TO A NEW PARISH

This month we have 2 important meetings of the Deanery clergy, to begin formally preparing to become a new Single Parish. On 19th we meet with the Diocesan Team. tasked with overseeing and supporting us on what will be a complex and challenging road. Then on 25th we meet as a group with the Bishop to reflect with him on how we need to work differently, as a clergy team, alongside all our parishioners and those

who will be taking roles of leadership in the time ahead. Further news will be shared with you all in regular updates, and most importantly the desire that

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 10 and 17 NOVEMBER 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 9 November	OLR	10.00 am	Patricia Cramp RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Maria Bernadette dos Santos RIP
Sun 10 November	St G	9.00 am	Mick Murray RIP
32nd Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
in Ordinary Time	St A	11.30 am	Melvin Moulding RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Patricia Beeson RIP
Mon 11 November	OLR	11.00 am	Teresa O'Brien – 90 th Birthday
Tues 12 November	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Valerie Downey RIP
Wed 13 November	OLR	11.00 am	Alan Cullen RIP
Thurs 14 November	OLR	11.00 am	Paul Turner – 70 th Birthday
Fri 15 November	OLR	11.00 am	Grace Canelle-Dance RIP
Sat 16 November	OLR	10.00 am	Attracta Connaughton's Health & Welfare
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Janusz Grebowski RIP
Sun 17 November	St G	9.00 am	Carol Sheppard RIP
33rd Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
in Ordinary Time	St A	11.30 am	Pat Crunden RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Celia Egan RIP
Mon 18 November	OLR	11.00 am	Rose McEllin RIP
Tues 19 November	OLR		NO MASS
Wed 20 November	OLR	11.00 am	Dec'd Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 21 November	OLR	11.00 am	Steph Collinson RIP
Fri 22 November	OLR	11.00 am	Clare and Ron Brazier

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30-11.00 am;

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction; Saturday 10.30 am-12.00 noon Benediction

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.40-11.50 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

IN REMEMBRANCE

This weekend we remember the sacrifice of so many men and women, young and old, whose lives have been taken in war and conflict. We remember the dead of the First and Second World wars, but also the tragic loss of life in so many other more recent conflicts around the world, up to and including the ongoing war in Ukraine and ever spiralling conflict in the Middle East. Jesus said, "whoever lives by the sword, dies by the sword". There are no victors in war. But there are certainly many people who act with great heroism and self-sacrifice to try to bring about a just peace and protect the lives of the most vulnerable and innocent. We honour their sacrifice. In today's Gospel Jesus holds up the supreme example of a poor widow giving all she has in a small coin. So much destructive war-energy comes through an uncontrollable hunger for power and wealth. May we seek to be "poor in spirit" and committed to protecting all the widows and orphans, so often the innocent victims of war. May all who have died in wars and conflicts, as well as all our own beloved dead, rest in peace and rise in glory. 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, you too are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

PARISH DIARY

Mon 11 Nov – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30
Mon 11 Nov – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6.00 pm
Sat 16 Nov – RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 9.00am
Mon 18 Nov – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30
Wed 20 Nov – Mother Teresa Group after 11.00 Mass
Thurs 21 Nov – Mothers' Prayers, PMR, after 11.00 Mass
Sat 23 Nov – Readers Formation and Reflection Time, OLR Hall, 11.00am
Sat 23 Nov – Lumen Christi Group, OLR Hall, 4.45pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tuesday, 26 November, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2024: In all our churches on 23 and 24 Nov, the Christmas Giving Trees will once again appear. There will be Gift Tags for the 8 selected charities to allow parishioners to choose a gift to give at this special Holy time of the year.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:

The Bishops of England & Wales gathered for their Autumn Meeting, will be having a Holy Hour on Wed 13 Nov to promote the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in our countries in the face of the assisted suicide legislation before the UK Parliament. They invite every parish to join with them by having a Holy Hour, that same day. Ours will be on **Wed 13 Nov at OLR, 10-11am**. Please join us in facilitating a powerful moment of prayer in our lands promoting the intrinsic dignity of every person.

SAVE THE DATES

'WAITING IN WONDER' YOUNG ADULTS' ADVENT RETREAT: 6-8 Dec 2024, Worth Abbey. Prayer; talks by the monks; reflection; friendship. Cost: £78 - £156 (unwaged)/£156 (waged) To book: www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme; For more info: retreats@worth.org.uk/ 01342 710318

TIME OF FORMATION FOR READERS ON THE NEW

LECTIONARY: Sat 23 November, 11.00 – 12.15 in OLR Hall. All in the Ministry of Reading have been invited.

SANTA'S ON HIS WAY: Santa will arrive at his grotto in the parish centre after 10.15 mass on Sun Dec 8. Receive a present from Santa for only £2.50.

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.

URGENT HELP NEEDED: The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: www.cafod.org.uk/give

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month
ST AGNES LUNCHESES: Next one is Thurs 14 Nov when we will take bookings for the Christmas meal.
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6.00 pm

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR FOR OUR NEW PARISH: 10-11AM
Adoration and Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace & Benediction

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

FILM NIGHT

"Monseñor – The Last Journey of Oscar Romero": Thurs 28 Nov at 6.30pm: in OLR Hall. Refreshments at 6.15pm. Come and join us for this very moving film showing footage from the last three years of the life of this holy priest who worked tirelessly in service to the campesinos of El Salvador, denouncing official corruption in his nationally broadcast sermons until in March 1980 he was shot dead at the altar. He was canonised in 2018.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: The final document of this very important Synod is now available. Speaking with Magisterial value, the document points to the need to shift the language and perspective with which we understand the Church. Moving away from a vision of the universal Church as a kind of multinational corporation, the Church is instead to be seen as a "communion of Churches," with growing contributions from laypersons and women. Click on <https://synod.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/ENG-final-document-Synod-2021-24.pdf>

XAVERIAN MISSION APPEAL – Weekend of 16/17 November:

As a community of brothers from a variety of cultural and continental backgrounds, their mission is to be messengers of God's love and builders of God's Kingdom, showing the wider Church and world community that it is possible to be one as Jesus wills. They act through interfaith dialogue, solidarity with the poor, intercultural pastoral assistance to international cultural communities and mission vocation ministry. Visit [Who We Are – Xaverian Missionaries UK \(xavs.org\)](http://Who We Are – Xaverian Missionaries UK (xavs.org)) for how your generous donation will help their endeavours in these difficult times. Fr John Convery will speak on the work of the Xaverian Missionaries at **all** Masses.

A THANK YOU FROM FR BRUNO: This is an all too brief note for the newsletter to thank you for the love shown me whilst I was serving in Eastbourne, and for the many kind words and gifts I received from you as I recently left to serve in another part of the diocese. The big change has been from one Sunday to the next being in a new part of the Catholic family. What remains the same is the Lord, his Church, the Sacraments, our Lady, and the great task we have in the limited time given to each of us of being ever more united to Jesus Christ and living the Christian way. May God bless you and our Lady protect you and your loved ones. I will remember you at the altar and keep you in my prayers. Thank you again.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that there is currently a 3-month waiting list for Mass intentions to be said.

GIFT AID: If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 24 November 2024. Please send any items by 19 Nov. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed