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SECOND COLLECTIONS:

15th Oct OLR & SG £2,400 St Agnes: £180
 22nd Oct: OLR & SG £2,626 St.Agnes:£227

Second Collection: - World Mission
 Sunday £611.00

Next Collection - 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:

Mario Vella, Melvin Moulding



PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Loving God, We seek to live as a vibrant and welcoming Community centred on the Holy Eucharist. We invite others to join us in growing together, in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Recognising that everything is a gift from God, to be treasured and shared, we commit to serving others, to promoting peace and justice, and to caring for creation for the benefit of all. Our Lady of Ransom & Gregory & St Agnes pray for us, Amen.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 12th November & 19th November 2023

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11 Nov	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Anthony Woodhouse RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Paul Miles RIP first anniversary
Sun 12 Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Allen Cullen RIP Audrey Davison RIP Katherine Malone RIP
Mon 13 Nov	OLR	11am	Jordan & Kevin Holmes in thanksgiving
Tues 14 Nov	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Susan & George Geynn RIP
Wed 15 Nov	OLR	11am	Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa
Thur 16 Nov	OLR	11am	Deceased members of the Kennedy family
Fri 17 Nov	OLR OLR OLR	11am 12pm 6.30pm	Maura Cuff RIP Funeral Service: Mario Vella RIP Latin Mass: Ints Kathleen Kelly & Jenny Cordero
Sat 18 Nov	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	In thanksgiving Christina Domingo <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Anne Sheridan RIP
Sun 19 Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Good health of John Zilioli People of the Parish Filomena Forte Evan John Evans, John Chungatha
Mon 20 Nov	OLR	11am	Elizabeth & John Collier
Tues 21 Nov	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Michael Wainwright RIP
Wed 22 Nov	OLR	11am	Well-being of Sarah Brown
Thur 23 Nov	OLR	11am	Brian & Bridie Geoghegan
Fri 24 Nov	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Kitty & Tom Flynn Latin Mass: Souls in Purgatory

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

REMEMBERING

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 this very day in Ukraine and the Holy Land. 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 the 2nd Reading this Remembrance Sunday, St Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to a profound level of hope and consolation: “We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope!” Our greatest gift to the world, as Christians, is the witness of being true peacemakers, profoundly committed to the Gospel way of “Love and Mercy”, but also amidst the brokenness of life, including war and conflict, to hold up confidently the hope of eternal peace and rest. God bless them and all our beloved dead with that beautiful gift of LIFE and PEACE! Fr Kevin

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

PARISH DIARY NOVEMBER (Month of The Holy Souls)

Mon 13 Nov – Contemplative Prayer Group, Parish Meeting Room (PMR) – 4-5.30 pm
Mon 13 Nov – Padre Pio Prayer Group, PMR– 7.30 pm
Wed 15 Nov – Co-workers of St Mother Teresa – 11.00 -2.30 pm
Thurs 16 Nov – Mothers’ Prayers –PMR after 11.00 am Mass
Thurs 16 Nov – Faith Development Talk “*Setting the Prisoner free: The Work of Chaplaincy in HMP Lewes*” – Parish Hall – 7.30pm
Sat 18 Nov – RCIA Meeting – 9am-10.15 am – PMR
Sat 18 Nov – Lumen Christi Meeting – Parish Hall - 4.45pm – 5.45pm
Sun 19 Nov – Children’s Liturgy, during 10.15am Mass
Mon 20 Nov - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm-5.30pm
Wed 22 Nov – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Sun 26 Nov – Children’s Liturgy, during 10.15am Mass
Mon 27 Nov – SVP meeting, PMR, 5pm
Tues 28 Nov – EDGH Mass 12 noon in the Chapel. Please note there will be NO hospital Mass in December

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY & PARISHIONERS Tuesday 14 Nov (12noon) in Star of the Sea Parish, Hastings, with clergy and parishioners from other parishes of the deanery. All welcome.

HMP LEWES CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers needed to join the Chaplaincy team and provide support to the Catholic community for Saturday 9am Masses – 20-30 prisoners, two Chaplaincy team members, a rota of three priests and three musicians. The commitment – that you can attend the Saturday Mass on an approximate monthly basis or more frequently as you wish; you will be collected at the gate at 8:20 am and escorted back at 10:30. If you are interested please let Fr Kevin know and he will put you in touch with one of the Chaplaincy team for an informal and no-obligation conversation. Parking available.

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**.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: **Wed 3rd January 2024**, 9am to 10am in the Parish Hall.

LOURDES REDSHIRTS: A huge thank you to all who supported the Parish Quiz in October. £514 was raised towards sending young people as helpers to Lourdes. A great effort!

LOURDES REDSHIRT TEAM are now fundraising for 2024 pilgrimage. If you have any unwanted gifts or alcohol, we would be delighted to have them. Dates for your diary: **Saturday December 2nd - Urgent appeal** for cakes, preserves, pickles, sweets, bottles and gifts. Also preloved scarves. Bring donations to Welcomers on Sundays 12th, 19th, 26th Nov.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE OLR Sunday December 17th - & social gathering afterwards at 3pm so **no** teas after the 10.15am Mass.

OLR MONTHLY MONEY DRAW: 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: Pre Christmas lunch **Thursday 14th December 12.30pm**. £8.00. 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.

Sometimes we need something a little different, maybe a little quirky even, to help lead us into our own unique way of praying and communicating with God. Here is a selection of such prayers, poems and contemplative thoughts the essence of which all lead us to our Loving Creator and Sustainer God:

A prayer poem with nature “Shimmering Leaves”
Golden red with the fire of autumn, when the air is crisp and the sun a pale eye, watching. I am a scholar of the senses, a theologian of the tangible. Spirit touches me and I touch Spirit each time I lift a leaf from my path, a thin flake of fire golden red, still warm from the breath that made it. – From a Native American Poet

The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness – Pope Francis

FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – (formerly Faith Enrichment Talks). The first in our new and exciting programme of events will take place on **16th November** in OLR Parish Hall. We are privileged to have the Catholic Chaplain at HMP Lewes coming to speak to us on “*Setting the Prisoner Free: the Work of Chaplaincy in HMP Lewes*”. 7.30 pm start with refreshments in the interval. A warm welcome awaits you all at this interesting talk.

FILM NIGHT: The **next** event will be a on Thurs **14th December** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall with a gentle film entitled Nativity Story to lead us towards Christmas. Watch this space for further events in the New Year.

“INVITED” DIOCESAN ADVENT EVENT. Starting on Thursday 30th Nov (then 7th, 14th, & 21st Dec) we are all **invited** to join our Parish preparation for Advent in the Parish Hall after Mass for a short film, prayer and reflection - 11.30 -12.30. Bring a friend with you. Those unable to attend will be able to receive a link to watch later at home. More details to follow.

JOIN THE CARMELITE FRIARS ON A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT: to prepare to welcome the Word who is Life – a Word that we will hear and see and touch as we engage with Scripture, poetry, music and art. Each session will offer reflective material and input, together with time for sharing and building community together, all so that the message of Christ, in all its richness, may find a home with us (*Col 3:16*). Free on Zoom, Register at <https://www.carmelite.uk.net>

OLR CAR PARK: Please be aware the hall and car park often will be used on Saturday mornings for First Holy Communion, Baptisms and RCIA classes. This will limit available spaces when coming to Mass. **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK.** Thank you for your understanding.

THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2023 IS COMING. In all 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.

REPOSITORY SALE: on Sunday 19th November from 9.45am – 11.45am in the OLR Porch

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

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 26 Nov. All items for this issue to be sent in by Thurs 16 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.

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