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**PARISH COLLECTION**  
 13/14 April £3166; 20/21 April £2770  
 Education future Priests £962.37

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**28 April -Cafod Emergency appeal- Sudan**  
 26 May -World Communications Day

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 28 APRIL & 5 MAY**


**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet,  
 Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare,  
 Juliette Romeo, Clive Padden and all  
 those in hospital or housebound.

**For those who have recently died:**  
 Simon Hardy, Robert Langhorn,  
 John Kimberley, Stella Rabbetts,  
 Janusz Grebowski  
 and for their families at this difficult time

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 27 April	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Hannah Ben & Lucy Cummings <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Sini Jolly
<b>Sun 28 April</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	St.G OLR St. A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Deceased members of OLR Choir Carol Kelly A terminally ill friend
Mon 29 April	OLR	11am	Wellbeing of Maureen Doyle
Tues 30 April	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Delia Markham RIP
Wed 1 May	OLR	11am	David McMeekin RIP
Thur 2 May	OLR	<b>11am</b>	<b>REQUIEM: Robert Langhorn RIP</b>
Fri 3 May	OLR OLR	<b>11am</b> 6.30pm	<b>REQUIEM: John Kimberley RIP</b> <b>Latin Mass:</b> Delia Markham RIP
Sat 4 May	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	George Harding RIP <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Michael Dalling
<b>Sun 5 May</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Claire Burke RIP Armanda Gouveia & Luis Ferreira Katherine Malone RIP
Mon 6 May	OLR	11am	Delia Markham RIP
Tues 7 May	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Florence & John Stonehouse
Wed 8 May	OLR	11am	Mariquinha Almeida RIP
<b>Thur 9 May</b> <b>The Ascension of The Lord</b>	OLR OLR	11am 7pm	Pat Price RIP John Kimberley RIP
Fri 10 May	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Martin & Margaret Malone RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Delia Markham RIP



**Diocesan Prayer**  
**Lord, the Word Who Is Life**  
 may all the people of our Diocese  
 grow in openness  
 to the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 so that through a growth in  
 understanding and courage,  
 and truly open to your call,  
 we may bear powerful witness  
 to all around us,  
 For you are Lord for ever and ever,  
 Amen

**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**

**BE BOLD IN FAITH AND LOVE!**

Over these weeks of Easter we are listening to the Acts of the Apostles every day describing “our roots”, “our beginnings”, as Church. We are the distant (many-generations-on) family of the Apostles and first Christians. We have received from them our “family story”, the beliefs and traditions and customs that identify who we are as believers in Jesus the Risen Lord. They are always with us, “alive in the Lord” just as we are alive in the Lord! There is no separation. Today we read of Saul who becomes Paul, arch-persecutor who is slain and reborn by Christ’s love on the road to Damascus and becomes arch-defender of the Church. He loved Christ and the Church with a love stronger than death, a response to the very love of Christ Himself for us. Paul gave his all with utmost joy. As we look ahead and to the big challenges that we will face in these coming months, as we prepare to become a single Parish from here to Rye, let us pray for that Spirit filled confidence and love that marked the life of the early Church – “for He is the Vine and we are the Branches!

God bless – Fr Kevin

**TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom).**

## **PARISH DIARY 27 April – 11 May 2024**

**Sat 27 April** - Lumen Christi Meeting - 4.45-5.45pm, OLR Hall  
**Mon 29 April** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm  
**Wed 1 May** - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**Thurs 2 May** - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR  
**Thurs 2 May** - “The Gift” – 11.40 – 1.15pm, OLR Hall  
**Sat 4 May** - RCIA 9am-10.15am OLR Hall  
**Thurs 9 May** - “The Gift” – 11.40 – 1.15pm, OLR Hall  
**Sat 11 May** - Lumen Christi Meeting 4.45pm-5.45pm. OLR hall.

### **HOSPITAL MINISTRY:**

**Next Mass:** Tuesday 28 May at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel.

**Prayer Service:** Led by our Parish Sunday 5 May, 3.30pm -- please come and join us!

If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

**PRAYING FOR “THE GIFT”:** Even if you are not attending the Course, all parishioners can join in by praying together with those doing the Course, that we place our Parish and our Diocese in the guiding hands of the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us, to enlighten our hearts and our minds, to instil in us a real confidence in his divine promises and infuse us with a strong, living faith to act justly and love tenderly.

**PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** on Saturday 18 May a Parish Pentecost Celebration will take place at OLR with Holy Hour from 5pm and a multi-cultural Mass at 6pm. In the Mass we will Baptise and receive Tara Dias and Olutayo Hewett into the Church. Afterwards we will have a shared Supper and Party in the Hall. Contributions of multi-cultural already plated COLD FINGER FOOD will be gratefully received (i.e. Not requiring heating or cutlery to be eaten). Drinks will be provided. We have also especially invited those new parishioners who have registered in the parish in the past 2 years. We hope you can be part of the celebration!

### **CHILDREN’S CORNER - FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Do you like cartoons? You can find a selection of animated clips available to parents and children to enjoy on YouTube. Just look up and type in the Gospel Reference (eg. This Sunday’s Gospel): ‘John 15: 1-8 for children’, and the selection comes up. Parents can check them first if they wish but they are a useful and fun way for children to listen to what Jesus is saying to us in the Gospel.

**A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER:** With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4 May to learn more.

### **ST AGNES**

**GRANDPARENTS MEETING:** New members always welcome: 07753 613040. (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month at 2.30pm) The next St Agnes lunch is on Thurs 16 May at 12.30pm.

**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

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING** Sacred Heart Chapel - Thurs after 11 Mass.

### **A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The journey from Eastertide to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, in the light of the new Pastoral Plan, the whole Diocese is invited to come together for prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life but especially to the priesthood.

**SUGGESTED PRAYER ITINERARY:** Read each day about Jesus, our Shepherd (Jn 10,1-10) and pray for the priests of the Diocese.

**5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF EASTER:** Let us pray for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world. Read about the *Spirit of truth* (Jn 14, 15 -21).

**6<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF EASTER:** Let us pray for greater numbers to respond generously to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass. Read about the *Spirit of sacrifice* (1 Peter 4, 13-16).

**7<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF EASTER:** Let us pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying. Read about the *forgiveness of sins* (Jn 20, 19-23) and

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our Diocese, to produce many vocations. Read about the *variety of spiritual gifts* that make up the Church (1 Cor 12, 3-13).

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN AND MISSION IN OUR DIOCESE AND THE CHURCH – A TALK BY SUE PETRITZ (OLR Hall Thurs 20 June, 7.00pm).**

Our next event as part of our Faith Development Programme, will be a most interesting talk to be given by Sue Petritz, Diocesan Lead for the National Board of Catholic Women. Sue will share her long experience of working with this organisation and the challenges ahead with the new Pastoral Plan and there will be chances for questions and good discussions. Refreshments on offer too! All are welcome.

### **SOON TO BECOME A NEW PARISH – WHAT’S NEXT? A TALK BY**

**FR KEVIN: (OLR Hall Thurs 18 July, 7.00 pm):** Exploring the plans for the coming months on becoming a new Mega (moderated) Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye! What part will you play in this? Refreshments available. All are welcome.

### **30 APRIL - DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE 2024:**

This year we focus on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church. Let us all keep this intention in our prayer.

**TOWN HALL CAR PARK IS CLOSED** to OLR parishioners on **Sunday 5 May** due to a meeting with Councillors and executives.

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price [pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk). NEW Gift aid envelopes are available at the back of each Church. **Next Newsletter:** will be issued on **12 May**. Please send any items in by **2 May**. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.

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**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.