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PARISH COLLECTION

2 Feb £2697

9 Feb £2580

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund £771

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

16 Feb Racial Justice Sunday

16 March CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley, Sean Duggan, Fr Ollie Heaney and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Audrey Draude, Bridget McAndrew, Eileen Duckett and for their families at this difficult time

As we build foundations for our New Parish let us hold firm to this Vision

"I invite everyone in the Diocese to join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship. May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life; communities of healing, where all are welcomed, their dignity as children of God always recognised; where young people grow in deep love for the Gospel, for the sacramental life of the Church and for prayer; where all know the riches of the Faith and seek to share it with others"

Bishop Richard

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 16 and 23 February 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 15 February	OLR	6.00 pm	Fr Michael Cooley RIP
Sun 16 February	St G	9.00 am	Jim Needham RIP
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Ian Frost – 90 th birthday
	OLR	5.30 pm	Kay Cunningham RIP
Mon 17 February	OLR	11.00 am	Michael Pooley RIP
Tues 18 February	OLR	11.00 am	Fr Peter Rafferty RIP
Wed 19 February	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 20 February	OLR	11.00 am	Isabel Cusack RIP
Fri 21 February	OLR	11.00 am	Peggy Welsh RIP
Sat 22 February	OLR	10.00 am	James H-D – for exam success
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	John & Freda Deadman RIP
Sun 23 February	St G	9.00 am	Helen & Barry James RIP
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Jose Manuel da Silva RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Phyllis Sibley
Mon 24 February	OLR	11.00 am	Bridie Monaghan RIP
Tues 25 February	OLR	11.00 am	Holy Souls of Family RIP of Cecilia Vieira
Wed 26 February	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Audrey Draude RIP
Thurs 27 February	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Bridget McAndrew RIP
Fri 28 February	OLR	11.00 am	Michael McGillicuddy RIP
Sat 1 March	OLR	10.00 am	Intentions of Winnie Barry

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday 10.30-11.00 am

Thursday Holy Hour 10-11 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, 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

"PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD"

I guess we would always hope that friendship comes with trust! We want to trust people but are afraid of betrayal and that they may not show up when we need them most. While we pray and hope for that one true friend who will not betray us, how about making do with the one we are sure will never betray us? God in the readings of today says to us, trust me. Jeremiah in the first reading reminds us that, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord." The assurance of our trust is that Christ said that he will rise from the dead and he did (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

Because we are sure that God is trustworthy, we shall trust in the promises of the beatitudes in the gospel reading.

I trust God and I chose God.

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 – JANUARY 2025

Wed 19 Feb – Co-workers of Mother Teresa, PMR, after Mass
Thur 20 Feb – Mothers' Prayers, PMR, after 11.00 Mass
Mon 24 Feb – SVP Meeting, PMR, 6-7 pm
Tues 25 Feb – Hospital Mass; 12 noon, EDGH Chapel
Wed 26 Feb – Kairos Charismatic Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00pm
Sat 1 Mar – Evening of Reflection for the young people of the Lumen Christi group with Bishop Richard, 19.30-21.15
Fri 14 Mar – CAFOD Lent Fast Day Soup Lunch, OLR Hall, 11.45
Thur 27 Mar - Age Concern Talk on Pension Credit, OLR Hall 11.45 – details to follow

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 25 February, 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.

CAKE SALE TO RAISE LOURDES FUNDS AND TO WELCOME

FR CHARLES: Orla and Toby Phipps will hold a cake sale on 16 Feb after the 10.15 Mass to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes. This will be Fr Charles' first celebration of this Mass and so will be an opportunity to welcome and meet him afterwards in the Hall.

FR KEVIN'S SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: In order that we cover a wide selection of all kinds of foods, inc vegetarian and vegan, for Fr Kevin's party, there is now a Sign-Up Sheet at the back of each Church so that we can all indicate what we would like to bring on the day. Thank you.

YOUTH LED FUNDRAISER FOR FLAME 2025: We are delighted that over 80 of our Catholic youth and their leaders from our Deanery will be attending FLAME 2025 the Catholic youth Congress in Wembley during Lent The £29 ticket price has been paid by the attendees, however they are hoping for support to raise the money to fund the coaches to travel there, over £2000 needed. Fundraising event at OLR: Pancakes and Bacon/sausage Baps - **after 10.15am Mass Sunday March 2** with a Raffle - please support this event. Donations of raffle prizes also welcomed (Please mark Youth Fundraiser and hand in to parish office – Thank you).

SAVE THE DATES

Sat 1 Mar - A DAY WITH MARY – CHRIST THE KING CHURCH: Day in honour of Our Lady with Mass, Family Adoration, Rosary and Confessions.10.00-4.00pm; Bring a packed lunch; See Poster at the back of the Church.

Sat 1 Mar – VISIT OF NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY AND RELICS OF STS JACINTA & FRANCISCO; St Peter's Church, Shoreham; Mass, Rosary, Veneration of the Relics, Talk & Video, Bring packed lunch; 9.45-16.45. See Poster, back of Church

JANUARY 2025 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st Aloysius Joseph £100; 2nd Jo Sutherland £60; 3rd Alison Sheppard £50; 4th Ann Ford £25. Next draw: Sun 16 Feb; new members welcome, registration forms at the back of churches.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wed of the month, 2.30pm
ST AGNES LUNCH: Next Lunch - Thurs 13 March, 12.30pm. All welcome!
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6.00 pm

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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

FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION: from 11am Mass until Benediction at 6pm; is live streamed for those unable to come to church.

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

SOMETHING TO MEDITATE UPON

*Oh Jesus, give me, I pray
the bread of humility
the bread of obedience
the bread of charity
the bread of patience
the bread of seeing you alone
in all things and at all times*

(St Bernadette Soubirous)

WHY SUFFERING?: As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this question often arises. Maybe the best person to answer this deepest of questions is St Paul in whose writings we find a greatly developed meaning of suffering. Pope John Paul II explains why St. Paul writes so much on suffering: "The Apostle shares his own discovery and rejoices in it because of all those whom it can help (just as it helped him) to understand the salvific meaning of suffering" (Salvifici Doloris, 1). Read this short excellent article at www.catholicnewsagency.com

CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY: It takes courage to tell the truth to the powerful as did Bishop Mariann Budde in her address to President Trump when she pleaded with him to show mercy to immigrants, refugees and vulnerable people in the USA. She was a gracious and gentle witness of our Christian faith but faces vilification and death threats. If you would like to send her a message of support her address is: Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Church House, Mount St Alban, Washington DC, 20016-5094, USA.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025: (25-31 July by air). Applications for this summer's Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open online at www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home. Come as an Assisted Pilgrim, Young/Adult Helper, Clinician or Chaplain.

YOUNG PEOPLE: If any young Parishioner, Years 10 & 11 (Redshirts) or aged 17 (Purple Shirts) would like to go as helpers and may need some financial help, **do not delay**, please ring Parish Office asap who will be able to advise on the next steps.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School
T: 01323 737221 – www.stthomasbecketcatholicsschool.co.uk

St Richard's Catholic College (11-16)
T: 01424 421421 – www.strichardscc.com

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that signed Mass cards are available during Office Hours from the Parish Office.

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 30 February 2025. All items needed by 26 February at the latest please.