

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU  
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**PARISH COLLECTION**  
27/28 April £2460; 4/5 May £2980  
Sudan Appeal £1231

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
12 May -World Communications Day  
26 May – Missionary endeavour of the Diocese

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

**For those who have recently died:**  
Stella Rabbetts, Clive Deakin,  
Valerie Bengé  
and for their families at this difficult time



Let the grace of your Baptism bear  
fruit in a journey of holiness.  
Let everything be open to God and  
to this end choose Him, choose  
God again and again.  
Do not be discouraged, for you  
have the power of the Holy Spirit to  
make it possible,  
and holiness, after all, is the fruit of  
the Holy Spirit in your life.

**Pope Francis**

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 12 and 19 MAY 2024**

<b>MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS</b>			
Sat 11 May	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Jimmy Smith RIP <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Judy Rowlands RIP
<b>Sun 12 May</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	St.G OLR St. A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Dec'd members of Knights of St Columba Katy McDonagh RIP Solomon Thomas RIP
Mon 13 May	OLR	11am	Bill Gerlich RIP
Tues 14 May	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Wed 15 May	OLR	11am	Co-workers of St Mother Teresa
Thur 16 May	OLR	11am	Charlie Collier RIP
Fri 17 May	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Agostinho Jorge Vieira RIP
Sat 18 May	OLR OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am <b>5pm</b> 6pm	For all Parishioners <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> <b>Holy Hour with Adoration</b> Filomena Forte RIP
<b>Sun 19 May</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Teresa Stogden RIP Breda & Jim Witherow RIP Private Intention People of the Parish
Mon 20 May	OLR	11am	Reginald Reed RIP
Tues 21 May	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Fr Luke & Fr Sijo
Wed 22 May	OLR	11am	David McMeekin RIP
Thur 23 May	OLR	11am	Ellen Smith RIP
Fri 24 May	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	M.J. Joseph RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Mary Mother of Jesus

**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**

**BEGINNINGS IN PRAYER**

Last Thursday, 9 May, we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord 40 days after his Resurrection. Next Sunday, 19 May we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the birth of the Church. In those days between the Ascension and Pentecost the Apostles were not idle, but rather gathered in prayer with Mary, the mother of the Lord. It shows us again how prayer is always that necessary preparation for God to act in us and through us. Jesus began his public ministry with 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert and rejecting the wiles of the devil. Often in the gospels we hear how in the morning the Lord was not around and they would find him praying. Before choosing the 12 Apostles Jesus spent the night in prayer, and his passion began with prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Today the Church prays the Divine Office, 7 times of prayer throughout the day and night. We too, as followers of Jesus must pray every day. We want God to act in us and through us too. From prayer we learn that we are not alone, but we pray to always do the Father's will, to live in communion with Jesus and to beg for the Holy Spirit to transform us as he transformed the first Apostles at Pentecost. And always we remember Mary is with us. Once again, Come Holy Spirit, our need is great. God bless you, Fr Bruno

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

## **PARISH DIARY 13 May- 20 May 2024**

**Mon 13 May** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm  
**Mon 13 May** - Padre Pio Prayer Group, PMR – 7.30pm  
**Wed 15 May** - Co-workers Meeting after 11am Mass PMR  
**Wed 15 May** - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**Thurs 16 May** -“The Gift” – 11.40 – 1.15pm, OLR Hall  
**Fri 17 May** - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR  
**Sat 18 May** - RCIA 9am-10.15am OLR Hall  
**Mon 20 May** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm

### **HOSPITAL MINISTRY:**

**Next Mass:** Tuesday 28 May at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel.  
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”:** We encourage all our parishioners to continue praying together with those doing the Course, that the Holy Spirit lead and guide our Parish and Diocese towards Pentecost and in our steps towards becoming a Moderated Parish.

### **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**

At Children's Liturgy our young children think and talk about the words of Jesus. Through art and talking about Jesus they are developing a good understanding of how Jesus loves and knows us all by name. “Love is kindness and sharing” they say, and they bring their work to the Altar, sharing with the congregation and offering their gifts to Jesus in the Mass. We would love to have more of you come and share this time with us.

### **ECUMENICAL OUTREACH**

**UNITED CHURCHES PENTECOST SERVICE:** Sun 19 May, 11am at Eastbourne Bandstand. Bring a packed lunch and witness sea baptisms afterwards.

**PRAY EASTBOURNE: Sun 19 May – Thurs 23 May** – Come along to Churches Together Prayer walk for our town and the wider Eastbourne area. Join as and when you are able. Full details on leaflets at the back of the Church.

**NEW VISION ART COLLECTION: Sun 19 May -Thurs 13 June**, 11-4, Tues-Sun, Free Entry. Come and see many wonderful pieces from the renowned Methodist Modern Art Collection (of religious art) by famous British artists, hosted at the new Emmanuel Church, Upperton Road. This is a great opportunity too to visit our new sister Church in Old Town.

### **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.  
**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**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).

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

**ROME CALL FOR AI ETHICS:** - In his message for the 58th World Day of Communications, this coming Sunday, 12 May, Pope Francis has expressed his concern about the increasing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) in society. He adds: “AI is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society,” adding that “these changes affect everyone.” In the light of this apparently fundamental shift in human interactions, the Pope asks: “how can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?”. AI, he says, presents both an opportunity and a threat. “Human beings alone” are capable of making sense of information and in the wrong hands AI becomes “perverse when it distorts our relationship with others and with reality” and even has the potential to create “disturbing scenarios.” Others go much further warning that AI has a perfectly feasible ability to wreak havoc with humanity, and even bring about its annihilation. See extended article on AI by Joseph Kelly, [www.thecatholicdirectory.co.uk](http://www.thecatholicdirectory.co.uk)

### **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.

### **VISIT TO WINTERSHALL –THE LIFE OF CHRIST- 21 JUNE**

This wonderful depiction of the life of Christ is performed every summer and last year a group of parishioners thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Anyone interested to go this year please see poster at back of the Church. [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk).

**DEC THE HALL:** The team are pleased to announce that the next project will be the painting of the hall, toilets, passageways. Meeting room & kitchen. Support this project by joining the monthly money draw (forms at back of churches) or by buying a gift voucher, available from office or Maura.

**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).

**Next Newsletter:** will be issued on **26 May**. Please send any items in by **15 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.