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PARISH COLLECTION
 16 Feb £2500
 23 Feb £2532
 Racial Justice £531
UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:
 16 March CAFOD Lenten Fast Day
 18 April Holy Places of Palestine

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 2 and 9 March 2025
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
 Castor Arafiles and for his family at this difficult time

Sat 1 March	OLR	6.00 pm	Gaetano Cirillo RIP
Sun 2 March	St G	9.00 am	Michael Glynn RIP
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Michael Hilliam RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Peter Stevenson RIP
Mon 3 March	OLR	11.00 am	Bromley Family
Tues 4 March	OLR	11.00 am	Anne Killilea
Ash Wednesday	OLR	11.00 am	Joan Garbet RIP
5 March	OLR	7.00 pm	Fr Charles Intentions
Thurs 6 March	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Eileen Duckett RIP
Fri 7 March	OLR	11.00 am	Vocations to the Priesthood
Sat 8 March	OLR	10.00 am	Peter Wood RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Delia Markham RIP
Sun 9 March	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
First Sunday of Lent	OLR	10.15 am	Alan Cullen RIP
	St A	11.30 am	Benedict, Mabel & Claude RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Mike Dring
Mon 10 March	OLR	11.00 am	Anthony Woodhouse RIP
Tues 11 March	OLR	11.00 am	Cummings Family
Wed 12 March	OLR	11.00 am	John Walker RIP
Thurs 13 March	OLR	11.00 am	Joan Kennedy RIP
Fri 14 March	OLR	11.00 am	Vocations to the Priesthood
Sat 15 March	OLR	10.00 am	Gerald & Joy Shakespeare RIP
		10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

Everything Works Together for Charity

All these endeavours for fasting are concerned not about the rejection of various foods as unclean, but about the subjugation of inordinate desire and the maintenance of neighbourly love. Charity especially is guarded: food is subservient to charity, speech to charity, customs to charity, and facial expressions to charity. Everything works together for charity alone.

St. Augustine

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

A HOLY SEASON OF RENEWAL

This Wednesday we begin the Holy Season of Lent, 40 days (and nights!): *prayerful renewal, intensified engaging with the grace of conversion, more open hearted and handed generosity in service of the poor and most needy, wherever and whoever they be.* I love our cycle of liturgical Seasons, like the seasons of nature, as we move through the cycle of dying and rising always against the Horizon of Hope we are given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the true centre of our lives. Flowers are removed and the Churches are bare, not a barren bareness but an anticipation of being clothed in the light of God's glory through the dying and rising of Jesus. We too pray for that grace to let go and bare our hearts uncluttered before God as we anticipate being clothed once again in the light of Christ. May we all journey together in humility and true charity (see St Augustine's great words in the box above). Wishing you all a very Blessed Season of Lent. Fr Kevin

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 – MARCH 2025

Mon 3 Mar – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Wed 5 Mar – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9
Thurs 6 Mar – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11.00 Mass
Sat 8 Mar – RCIA Candidates to Rite of Election, Arundel Cathedral
Mon 10 Mar - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Mon 10 Mar – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6-7.00pm
Thurs 13 Mar – Talk on the Holy Land, OLR Hall, 7-8.30pm
Fri 14 Mar – CAFOD Lent Fast Soup Day, OLR Hall, 11.30-1.30
Mon 17 Mar – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Wed 19 Mar – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30 -9

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 25 March, 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 7 MARCH: at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne BN21 1UE at 1.30 followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome to this Ecumenical meeting (formerly Women’s World Day of Prayer).

FR KEVIN’S 60th BIRTHDAY: I look forward to celebrating my Birthday with all who would like to come along to OLR Hall on Sat 22 March after the 6pm Mass. Please add Food Contributions on the lists at back of churches if you can. **Please: No presents ... just your PRESENCE!** Fr Kevin

YOUTH LED FUNDRAISER FOR FLAME 2025: All are invited to come into OLR Hall after the 10.15 Mass today for Pancakes and Bacon/sausage Baps plus Raffle to support our young people going to Wembley for this special Event.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH: 10-18 March - We will read the short Reflection and the Novena prayer at Weekday Masses - all invited to join in – Copies will be at the back of the Church.

PARISH TALK - REAL LIFE IN PALESTINE & GAZA: Thur 13 March: Lesley Dawson of Bethlehem University will give a talk on her experiences living and working in Bethlehem and Gaza from 1988-1999 and visiting regularly since. Based in the West Bank with an Ecumenical Theology group, Lesley met Christian groups and individuals in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Nablus and Hebron including peace activists in an Israeli town on the edge of Gaza. Come and join us for this interesting talk in OLR Hall, 6.45 for 7.00 pm. All welcome.

MEN’S WAY OF THE CROSS – OVER THE HILLS & THROUGH THE NIGHT: Eastbourne Catholic Parishes are organising a Way of the Cross event for men. All invited. Starts Fri 11 April, 9.00pm at Our Lady of Ransom with hearty breakfast at the end (about 6.00 am)

FEBRUARY 2025 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st Cora Douch - £100 from Gift Voucher; 2nd Teresa Burke Simpson - £60; 3rd Aloysius Joseph - £50; 4th Maura Phipps - £25. Next draw: Sunday 16 March; new members welcome, registration forms at the back of churches. Gift Vouchers from £5 available from Maura.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wed of the month, 2.30pm
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

THE SEASON OF LENT

PLEASE PRAY FOR Katie Allam, Sarah-Jane Brooke, Gillian Farina, Sarah McCurdy, Fabienne Rauter and Chris Whippy, who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

“WALK WITH ME” once again these beautiful devotional booklets will be available and Children’s Calendars – **if you are a couple please share a booklet!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

OUR LADY OF RANSOM: After 11am Mass – Fridays

ST GREGORY’S: 10.30 am – Tuesdays

ST AGNES: 7.30 pm – Mondays

LENTEN REFLECTION & COFFEE: Wednesdays of Lent (Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 2) 11.30-12.30 (after 11am) 4 excellent recorded talks on the Bible, Holiness and Discipleship by the great spiritual writer Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI. All are welcome!

WEEKLY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES AT ST AGNES; throughout Lent starting Thurs 6 March at 12.30 in the hall.

PARISH LENT RETREAT – SAT 5 APRIL: Fr Kevin and Fr Charles will offer a half day (in house) Retreat at Our Lady of Ransom: 10am Mass, Adoration and Confessions, 2 short Reflections, finishing at 1.00pm with Benediction. Those who would like to can then come into the Hall for packed lunch and coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend), and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!

FRI 14 MARCH CAFOD LENT FAST DAY SOUP LUNCH, OLR Hall 11.30-1.30pm. Come & enjoy a simple lunch of soup and a roll.

FRI 14 MARCH CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: Focuses on Lokho, a farmer in Northern Kenya where she and other farmers faced a 40-month drought. All Lokho’s animals died, and fearing the worst she reached out to a CAFOD partner for help who found a solution. Now they feed themselves and sell what is left over. To donate online go to www.cafod.org.uk.

JOIN CAFOD’S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR: You are invited to join UK Catholics in CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk to support Kenyan communities, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis. To sign up go to : <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

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

St Richard’s Catholic College (11-16)
T: 01424 421421 – www.strichardsc.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 pfceastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 16 March 2025. All items needed by 12 March at the latest please.