



PARISH COLLECTION

8 Dec £2669,
15 Dec £2581

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Christmas Crib Collection:
Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

This is your personal gift to your Parish Priest and is part of his annual income. Please use the envelopes provided and thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jean Lloyd, Pauline Bosley,
and Juliette Romeo
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Toby Andrews and for his family
at this difficult time

A NEW PRIEST FOR THE PARISH

Great news that Fr Charles Onyeka Ezejide, from Abuja Diocese in Nigeria, will be joining us in the new year. I have had contact with him, and he is very much looking forward to being with us. He will be coming for a few years, as part of a new agreement between our 2 Dioceses. We look forward to welcoming Fr Charles at the beginning of February.

"Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness"

Pope St Leo the Great (d. 461)

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 22 and 29 December 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 21 December	OLR	10.00 am	Patricia Smith RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	RCIA Candidates
Sun 22 December	St G	9.00 am	Bryan Barrow RIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent	OLR	10.15 am	Pedro and Gilberto da Silva RIP
	St A	11.30 am	Margaret and Derek Moorton RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Mon 23 December	OLR	11.00 am	Marie Hunt RIP
Tues 24 December	OLR		NO MASS
Christmas Eve	St G	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
<i>Carols from 5.30 pm</i>	OLR	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
<i>Carols from 7.30 pm</i>	St A	8.00 pm	People of the Parish
<i>Carols from 10.30 pm</i>	OLR	11.00 pm	Peace in the World
Wed 25 December	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Nativity of the Lord	OLR	10.15 am	Peace in the World
	St A	11.30 am	People of the Parish
Thurs 26 December	OLR	11.00 am	Altar Servers of the Parish
Fri 27 December	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fiona Brady
Sat 28 December	OLR	10.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of Arnold and Carpenter Families
The Holy Innocents	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Amalia Abad RIP
Sun 29 December	St G	9.00 am	Ben Pineda RIP
The Holy Family	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Sidonio da Silva & Joao A Rodrigues RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Brendan Jude Clifford RIP
Mon 30 December	OLR	11.00 am	Derry Horgan RIP
Tues 31 December	OLR		NO MASS
Wed 1 January 2025	OLR	11.00 am	Peace and Health for All
Mary, Mother of God			
Thurs 2 January	OLR	10.00 am	<i>Adoration and Holy Hour</i>
	OLR	11.00 am	Gwen Cooke RIP
Fri 3 January	OLR	11.00 am	Maria Carmela Cirillo RIP
Sat 4 January	OLR	10.00 am	Michael Aslan RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30-11.00 am

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction (live-streamed),

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

CHRISTMAS PEACE & JOY

Our prayer for the world, for the Church, for our Parish, and loved our ones, is for a fresh outpouring of Christmas Peace and Joy into all our hearts. We firmly believe the Peace and Joy of the Christ child is beyond value and measure, and is God's greatest gift to us, his beloved children. As we celebrate the Nativity and move into a New Year, let us be renewed in our mission to share generously this Gift of Christ with others. The coming months will have lots of challenges as we become a new large Parish, but we know this work is God's work and set on the firmest foundations. Thanks to you all for the generosity shown in the parish, in service to each other and the great support shown to the poor and the needy, near and far. I add a big personal thanks for your support and kindness to me, and cards and good wishes this Christmas. We are very blessed to belong to such a "Church Family"! Welcome to all visitors with us this holiday season and wishing everyone a very PEACEFUL and JOYFUL Christmas. God bless – 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

Thurs 2 Jan – Mothers' Prayers, PMR, after 11.00 Mass
Sat 4 Jan – RCIA Meeting; OLR Hall; 9.00-10.30am

CRIB OFFERING 2024: TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S A&B CRISIS FUND: The CCS helps families across our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives by offering immediate practical support in a variety of different ways as needed. Our Parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny will be used for local children and families in need. Please donate at the Crib or via www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 31 December, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, or you are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Kevin know.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED: from Fri 27 Dec to Thurs 2 Jan. Please only leave urgent messages on the answerphone.

ASSISTED DYING BILL – WHAT NEXT?: please take action **NOW** and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at 3rd Reading.

SAVE THE DATES:

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Sat 25 Jan, St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill, 11-4.00pm. Led by Bishop Richard, with talks on the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, and preparing to minister as a reader, this is an excellent day, not to be missed; Sign up at: formation@abdiocese.org.uk

RE-THINKING ABORTION: Sat 8 Feb, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, 10-5pm. How to help build understanding and talk tactfully and empathetically about abortion in a meaningful way. Mass at 10.00am, followed by discussion and talks on how to accompany people in their time of need. Please bring packed lunch. E: tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk
Or simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2024: Over 400 gifts have been received – a massive result! These will be distributed in the coming days to the 8 Charities. HUGE *Thanks* to all for bringing Christmas cheer to many disadvantaged people this Christmas.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP: Thurs 9 January, OLR Hall, 11.45-12.45. Fr Kevin will present the essentials of how to plan a funeral (your own, or that of a loved one). All welcome.

OLR CAR PARK: DO NOT DOUBLE PARK – this selfish behaviour creates real problems for people who need to leave.

DEC 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB: 1st Amette Ley £100; 2nd Marilyn Clark £60; 3rd Sue Kimberley £50; 4th Pamela Francis £25; £20 each- Maura Phipps, Ann Feeney, Orla Phipps, Ann Bennell & Bernadette Shell. Next draw: Sun 19 Jan; new members are most welcome, registration forms at the back of churches.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month
ST AGNES LUNCH: Please note **NO** Thursday Lunch in January.
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

A FEW SPIRITUAL NUGGETS TO HELP INSPIRE OUR PRAYER

O 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 – 'Prayer of a poor beggar to Jesus')

Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard. *(Jane Austen)*

Know all and you will pardon all. *(St Thomas a Kempis)*

Of all earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart. *(Rev Henry Ward Beecher)*

Give me the benefit of your convictions, if you have any, but keep your doubts to yourself, for I have enough of my own
(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

THE HOLY YEAR – A YEAR OF JUBILEE

The beginning of the Jewish Jubilee was marked by the sound of the ram's horn, in Hebrew 'jobel', from which the Christian name Jubilee derives. In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the landless. In the Church the tradition of the Holy Year began in 1300 with Pope Boniface VIII who foresaw a Jubilee every century.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour. The theme for this year's Jubilee is *Pilgrims of Hope*. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world. In our Diocese, the following diocesan churches have been designated as special places of pilgrimage, where Holy Year Indulgences may be gained at: *Arundel Cathedral*, Arundel BN18 9AY - *Worth Abbey*, Crawley, RH10 4SB - *St Joseph's*, Guildford, GU1 4AZ

MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE JUBILEE: will be celebrated by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral, Sun 29 Dec, 11am - 12.

MASS INTENTIONS: There are large numbers of requests for Masses to be said at St Agnes. If anyone of these would agree to their request to be said at another church or by a retired priest, please contact the parish office.

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 5 Jan 2025. All Items needed by 2 Jan please.