



**THE EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

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**COLLECTIONS 2024:**

17/18 March OLR & SG £2323.St Ag.:£189

Figures for 23/24 March will be in next Newsletter

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

21 April - Education of future Priests

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Shirley Webster, Juliette Romeo, Stella Rabbets and all those in hospital or housebound

**For those who have recently died:**

Roy Christie & Garry Linden



*God shapes his people; he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts. The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey.*

**Pope Francis**

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU  
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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 31 MARCH AND 7 APRIL 2024**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat 30 March HOLY SATURDAY</b>	OLR	<b>8pm</b>	The Solemn Vigil of Easter People of the Parish
<b>Sun 31 March EASTER SUNDAY</b>	OLR	8am	Latin Mass
	St.G	9am	Zita Vieira & Jose Lino Vieira RIP
	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St. A	11.30am	Melvin Moulding
	OLR	5.30pm	Brian & Anne Cheeseman
Mon 1 April	OLR	11am	Agostino Jorge Alves RIP
Tues 2 April	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Mother of Jesus
Wed 3 April	OLR	11am	<b>Requiem Mass: Garry Linden RIP</b>
Thur 4 April	OLR	11am	Devasia Karian RIP
Fri 5 April	OLR	11am	Intentions of Sarah Brown
	OLR	6.30pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat 6 April	OLR	10am	John Chapman
	OLR	10.30am	<i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>
	OLR	6pm	Louis Marolf RIP Anniversary
<b>Sun 7 April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy</b>	St.G	9am	People of the Parish
	OLR	10.15am	Bernadette Meares RIP
	St.A	11.30am	Armanda Gouveia & Luis Ferreira RIP
	OLR	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Devotions</b>
	OLR	5.30pm	Lilly Paul RIP
Mon 8 April	OLR	11am	Joyce O'Dolan RIP Anniversary
			<b>The Annunciation of The Lord</b>
Tues 9 April	OLR	7.30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 10 April	OLR	11am	Sandra Fusciardi RIP
Thur 11 April	OLR	11am	The Harding Family
Fri 12 April	OLR	11am	Mary Horne RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Ann Whiting RIP

**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**

**EASTER – THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE**

The Easter events heighten the contrast between the *ways of the world* and *God's ways*. The worldly powers that conspired to put Jesus to death ensured that this event would be in a torrent of violence, as if to declare loudly that they were in control. In contrast the Resurrection of Jesus is marked by profound simplicity and gentleness that can be readily dismissed as insignificant or misinterpreted - *an empty tomb and discarded burial cloths*. Even Mary Magdalene initially misread this as theft by Jesus' enemies. But one disciple, identified as the *beloved of Jesus*, looks through the eyes of the heart, understands the signs, and believes. The only way to *see and believe* is through the eyes of love. Jesus' death is the greatest act of love, His Resurrection is the greatest victory of love. Love is God's way, love has the final word, love is victorious!

Wishing you a Blessed and Love filled Easter – Fr Kevin & 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 APRIL 2024

**Mon 1 April** – SVP Meeting - OLR Hall, 6pm  
**Thurs 4 April** – Mother’s prayers – PMR, after 11 am Mass  
**Mon 8 April** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm  
**Mon 8 April** – Padre Pio Prayer Group – PMR, 7.30pm  
**Thurs 11 April** – “The Gift” - 11.40am-1.30 pm, OLR Hall  
**Sat 13 April** – Lumen Christi Meeting 4.45pm-5.45pm  
**Mon 15 April** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm  
**Wed 17 April** – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**Thurs 18 April** – “The Gift” – 11.40 – 1.15pm, OLR Hall  
**Thurs 18 April** – Film Night ‘Risen’ - OLR Hall, 7.00 pm  
**Thurs 25 April** – “The Gift” - 11.40am – 1.15 pm, OLR Hall  
**Sat 27 April** – Lumen Christi Meeting - 4.45-5.45pm, OLR Hall  
**Mon 29 April** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4.00-5.30pm

**EDGH HOSPITAL** : Next Mass: Tues 30 April at 12 noon in the Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

**WELCOME TO SCOTT COLEMAN**: we welcome very warmly Scott Coleman, a seminarian of our Diocese who will be ordained as a Deacon in the summer. Please keep him and all our trainee priests in your prayers, as we pray always for new vocations from within our parishes.

**BEGGARS OUTSIDE CHURCH**: we have had in recent weeks a problem of people begging outside church and being quite intimidating. I explained to them that we support all the charities that are here in Eastbourne to help them but that we do not give money at the door (of the house or the church) as we have no idea of how money will be used. The police have advised there is criminal organisation behind this begging. We are working to resolve this but please **do not give to anyone begging outside the church** – Fr Kevin

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN CHILDREN’S LITURGY AS A CATECHIST**: Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are considering sharing the gospel with young children, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others. For further details and to register for this popular event on 18 May, 10 am – 1.00 pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, (lifts may be available), email: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **OUR SCHOOLS**

#### **ST THOMAS A BECKET GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY!**

Calling ALL EX-PUPILS / CURRENT & PREVIOUS-PARENTS and STAFF . The school PTA will be holding a Charity Event on: SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024, from 7-11pm (Adults Only). Venue: St Thomas a Becket School, Main Hall. Tickets £15pp- includes glass of bubbly (or orange) & canapés on arrival, with Live Music from The Chandeliers, Close-up Magic & a Stocked Bar!  
Buy your tickets at: [www.pta-events.co.uk/stab](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stab)

#### **OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: FEBRUARY 2024.**

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Phipps £112; 2<sup>nd</sup> John & Sue Kimberley £70; 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Ritchie £56; 4<sup>th</sup> Jean Martin £28. Next draw: Sunday 21 April; new members welcome, Registration Forms at the back of churches.

**ST AGNES: GRANDPARENTS MEETING**: New members always welcome: 07753 613040. (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month at 2.30pm)

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**: to our 4 adults (Roger, Michael, Brian and Taz) received into Full Communion with the Church this Easter weekend. We have 2 others who will be received on later dates. Let’s all do all we can to make them feel welcome and part of our parish family.

### **SOME PROMPTS FOR PRAYER IN EASTERTIDE**

**THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY**: is a Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), known as “the Apostle of Mercy”. She was canonized as a saint in the year 2000. Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy takes place on 7 April 2024. Divine Mercy Devotions will be led at 3pm in Our Lady of Ransom by Fr Kevin.

**“AT PRAYER WITH THOMAS MERTON”** : presents on YouTube ‘daily prayers for dawn and dusk’, drawn from the writings of the great 20th century Trappist mystic, Thomas Merton, interwoven with excerpts set to music composed by the sacred music composer Kathleen Deignan. This is a beautiful resource for a contemplative start and finish to each day of the week.

**NEW APP CLICK TO PRAY 2.0**: Pope Francis is extremely enthusiastic about the Internet, which he describes as offering “immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God.” There is now a new version of his mobile app enabling people around the world to come together in daily prayer.

**FOR MEDITATION**: “In committing ourselves to Christ we can become one spirit with him and thereby accomplish his will, in such ways that it will be perfect on earth as it is in heaven”. (Origen)

**NEW LIFE IN THE CITY (18-30 YEAR OLDS)**: join a weekend of living the Benedictine charism of prayer, friendship, and work with inputs and plenty of social time too, staying at an AirBnB in Kemptown. This is an exciting new experience for young people (18-30s) Fri-Sun 26-28 April. Cost £120 all included. [www.lcsb.uk/brighton](http://www.lcsb.uk/brighton) to find out more. Any questions and to book contact Jerome Beards, the weekend organiser at [lcsbdigitalevangelist@gmail.com](mailto:lcsbdigitalevangelist@gmail.com). See Poster at the back of the Church. Places are limited so book early. If interested, the Parish will happily help support towards the cost.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST**. Spaces are now very limited. If still interested please contact the Diocese: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home).

**LOURDES FUNDRAISING**: **Orla and Toby** would like to thank everybody who sponsored them and attended the St Patrick’s day lunch. The great sum of £458 was raised!

**PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY COORDINATOR**: we are seeking a parishioner, with appropriate expertise and experience, to oversee H & S in the parish. This would be a 12 hours per month paid role. If interested, please contact Fr Kevin via Parish Office

**GIFT AID**: If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price at [pfceastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfceastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk). Gift aid envelopes for the new tax year are available at the back of each Church. **Next Newsletter**: will be issued on 14 April. Please send any items in by 4 April. 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.