



PARISH COLLECTION

22 Dec £2692,
29 Dec £2560

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

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

CHRISTMAS THANKS

Thank you all very sincerely for your love, cards, gifts and Christmas Offering. Thanks to EVERYONE, in their varied contributions, for making our celebrations so Joyful, Prayerful and welcoming to visitors

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

And for all our beloved dead

A NEW PRIEST FOR THE PARISH

We look forward very much to welcoming Fr Charles Onyeka Ezejide, from Abuja Diocese in Nigeria, who will be joining us in early February. Please pray that all the preparations for his coming go smoothly!

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

On 24th December Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year Door in St Peter’s beginning a year of special prayer and pilgrimage. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”, a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. We will keep this important theme alive in our prayer and provide updates on how we can celebrate this special Year of Jubilee. See Official Prayer over the page.

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 5 and 12 January 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 4 January	OLR	6.00 pm	Deena Davis, thanksgiving; Zion’s 1 st birthday
Sun 5 January	St G	9.00 am	Martin Briggs RIP
Epiphany of the Lord	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Grace Canelle-Dance RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Joan Louis and Adrian Marolf RIP
Mon 6 January	OLR	11.00 am	Stan and Connie Ratcliffe RIP
Tues 7 January	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS
Wed 8 January	OLR	11.00 am	Fr Christopher Bergin
Thurs 9 January	OLR	11.00 am	Michael Pooley RIP
Fri 10 January	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Toby Andrews RIP
Sat 11 January	OLR	10.00 am	Joe de Lord RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Zion Abraham’s 1 st birthday
Sun 12 January	St G	9.00 am	Ron Hotter RIP
Baptism of the Lord	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Grace Canelle-Dance RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Sean Geelan and Family
Mon 13 January	OLR	11.00 am	Joseph Cusak RIP
Tues 14 January	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS
Wed 15 January	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 16 January	OLR	11.00 am	Charles Morgan RIP
Fri 17 January	OLR	11.00 am	John Da Silva
Sat 18 January	OLR	10.00 am	Children of Cecilia Vieira

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

FACING THE NEW YEAR WITH HOPE

As we pass into this new year, 2025, we do so in the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Hope we begin as Church. We will face many challenges, global, personal, within our families, and within our parish as we take on a new “shape” as a much larger “community of communities”. All of these we face in the power of the Lord’s strength, love and wisdom. In the words of St Francis de Sales ...
Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen

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 – JANUARY 2025

Sat 4 Jan – RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 9-10.15am
Sat 11 Jan – Lumen Christi Group, OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45pm
Wed 15 Jan – Co-workers of Mother Teresa, PMR, after Mass
Wed 15 Jan – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00 pm, new members welcome
Thurs 16 Jan – Mothers' Prayers, (praying for children and grandchildren), PMR, after Mass
Sat 18 Jan – First Holy Communion Class, OLR Hall, 9.00-10.15
Wed 22 Jan – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00 pm, new members welcome
Sat 25 Jan – RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 9-10.15am
Sat 25 Jan – Lumen Christi (Confirmation Group), OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45pm

CRIB OFFERING 2024: TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S A&B CRISIS FUND: The CCS helps families across our diocese in many different ways. Please donate at the Crib or via www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 28 January, 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.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: to Jack Evenhuis, Daniella Eseosa and Yoriche Odike Baptised this weekend and to their parents and godparents: Welcome to the Family of the Church.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

We are delighted to announce that we will be displaying a substantial part of the Blessed Carlo Acutis International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles here in our Church during Eastertide. This amazing Exhibition reinforces to parishioners and visitors the meaning of transubstantiation and the real presence of the body of the Lord in the Holy Mass. What a privilege and joy awaits us. OLR Church, Saturday 26 April to Sunday 11 May.

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.

LIFE CHARITY: In modern times, with all the troubles our society faces on a daily basis, women across our nation are finding themselves expecting a child with fear, confusion and no-one they can trust to help them continue with their pregnancy and experience the miracle of motherhood. At Life, our aim is to save as many women from abortion as we can, by offering compassionate emotional and practical support. More info see <https://getinvolved.lifecharity.org.uk>

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Sat 25 Jan, St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill, 11-4.00pm. Led by Bishop Richard. Sign up at: formation@abdiocese.org.uk

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

POPE FRANCIS' JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

PRAYER FOR WISDOM AND INSIGHT: There are two kinds of wisdom, worldly and heavenly. We need some of the former but a rich harvest of the latter.

Heavenly wisdom is practical, down to earth and expressed through our actions: 'But wisdom is proved right by all her children' (Luke 7:35).

'The wisdom that comes from heaven is pure, it is peace loving, considerate, full of mercy and good fruit; impartial and sincere' (James 3:17)

God is more anxious to bestow his blessings than we are to receive them.

Pray to the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit to pour out the gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

CHRIST THE KING: "Cinderella" is being performed in the Hall at Christ The King Church. For tickets £5 (adults), £3 children), Ring Parish Office – 01323 760048, all proceeds will go to *Matthew 25*.

Sat 18 Jan – 2.00pm and 7.30pm & Sun 19 January – 2.00 pm.

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: 19 Jan 2025. All Items needed by 14 Jan