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**PARISH COLLECTION**

12 May £2,675; 19 May £2,690  
 World communications £480

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

26 May – Missionary endeavour of the Diocese. 9 June-SVP Appeal  
 16 June - A Day for Life

**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 Benge, Anne Reynolds, Summer and Isabella Leon, and for their families at this difficult time

**Moving towards Becoming a Moderated Parish**

In the autumn (November) we will formally begin the journey into becoming a **Single Parish** from Eastbourne to Rye, bringing together what are now 8 separate parishes. The clergy are already reflecting on the good resources we can share, how to work closely together, how to collaborate in mission, and identifying good leadership from within our communities. As the journey unfolds, we will all have a part to play. May the Holy Spirit bless and guide us every step of the way.

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 26 MAY and 2 JUNE 2024**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 25 May	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	John H.D. Wishes for future career <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Intentions of Gabriel Guckian
<b>Sun 26 May</b> <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	St.G OLR St. A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mark Sagrott People of the Parish David McMeekin RIP Leoncia & Ricardo Fadriquela RIP
Mon 27 May	OLR	11am	Peter & Jo Durrant RIP
Tues 28 May	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Richard & Sheila O’Grady RIP
Wed 29 May	OLR	11am	Bryan Barrow RIP
Thur 30 May	OLR	11am	Breda Murray RIP
Fri 31 May <b>Visitation of BVM</b>	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	John Kimberley RIP <b>Sung Latin Mass:</b> Fr Kevin
Sat 1 June	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Joe Bradley RIP <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Peter Hill RIP
<b>Sun 2 June</b> <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Delia Markham RIP People of the Parish Armanda Gouveia & Luis Ferreira RIP Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Mon 3 June	OLR	11am	John Kimberley RIP
Tues 4 June	OLR <b>St. A</b> OLR	7.30am <b>11am</b> <b>2pm</b>	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Lucas McIlhargey <b>Requiem Mass: Stella Rabbetts RIP</b> <b>Requiem Mass: Anne Reynolds RIP</b>
Wed 5 June	OLR	11am	Joe Bradley RIP
Thur 6 June	OLR	11am	Douglas Ramsay RIP
Fri 7 June <b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Marian & Arthur Douch RIP <b>Sung Latin Mass:</b> Anna & Basia

**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

**THE HOLY TRINITY**

How do we begin to understand the Mystery of the Holy Trinity? One of the key words the Church uses when talking about the mystery of God is the word **GIFT** – we receive God as Gift, and all things associated with God are received and experienced as Gift. God is pure Love, as we’ve been hearing through the Gospel and Letters of St John over the final days of Eastertide. True Love (*and God is the Truest form of Love*) will always be **FREE GIFT**. So, we receive the mystery of the Trinity as a revelation through the Scriptures and above all through the life, teaching, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. All is gift and all is an expression of pure love.

That’s why the Holy Trinity (*3 persons in 1 Godhead*) makes perfect sense: **LOVE MUST BE A COMMUNITY!** How can we experience love in isolation, how can our experience of God not be an experience of community? We all have the imprint of God in our soul, and that is an imprint of belonging to community, to God and to each other, as God’s beloved family.

Loneliness and isolation are terrible scourges and suffering for many people. A great part of the mission of the Church – in proclaiming the Gospel - is to proclaim that everyone belongs together in God, without exception – as we hear in St John’s Gospel “*Jesus died to gather together the scattered children of God*” (Jn: 11:52)

Happy Feast of the Holy Trinity – Fr Kevin

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

## **PARISH DIARY 29 May- 10 June 2024**

**Wed 29 May** - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**Mon 3 June** - SVP OLR PMR 6pm  
**Thurs 6 June** - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR  
**Sat 8 June** - Lumen Christi OLR Hall 4.45pm -5.45pm  
**Mon 10 June** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR- 4.00-5.30pm  
**Mon 10 June** - Padre Pio Prayer Group, PMR – 7.30pm

### **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.

**NEW CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN THE UK:** Selden College, a new Christian university is soon to open in the UK. For further details and more information on this exciting venture, see [www.seldencollege.co.uk](http://www.seldencollege.co.uk)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED CHILDREN:** Sage, Desiree, Archie, Lorenzo, Millicent, Theo, Zion, Austin, Olutayo and to Tara who was baptised and received into the Church at Pentecost.

**RE-COMMISSIONING OF ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** At all the Masses on 8/9 June all the Eucharistic Ministers will be invited to make their annual renewal of their commitment to continue distributing Holy Communion both at Mass or to our sick and housebound parishioners.

**DAY WITH MARY:** Spend a day of Instruction, Intercession and Devotion to Mary, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Arundel Cathedral on 29 June from 09.30am – 4.30pm. See poster at the back of the Church.

**DEANERY CONFIRMATION:** Any musicians/singers are invited to join the celebration at OLR on Sat 15 June at 11am. To be involved you must be able to attend the rehearsal at 4pm on Sat 01 June at OLR - please contact Marylou to confirm your place and voice/instrument - [marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC MARITIME CHARITY STELLA MARIS:** (was called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tues 28 May 7:30pm - 9:00pm**.-visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024)

**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 at the new Emmanuel Church, Upperton Road.

**APRIL 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:** 1st Alex Mthobi £111; 2nd Maura Phipps £69; 3rd Elizabeth Dudley £55; 4th Angela Rawlinson £27; Easter bonuses £20 Mary Olohan, Jamie Capon, Anne Knowles, Aloysius Joseph, Robert Dixon.

**MAY 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:** 1st Doreen Bergin £110; 2nd Norman & Audrey Rogers £68; 3rd Alex Mthobi £55; 4th John Taylor £27. Next draw: Sunday 16th June; 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).

**THE NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH** is on Thurs 13 June 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.

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY:** Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity and Pope Francis issues a sobering spiritual challenge for the week ahead, one that touches the essence of Mission. He encourages us to look at ourselves, stressing that our words must translate into actions. This is why, the Pope says, "celebrating the Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other, not for himself, provokes us to live with others and for others". We must also ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in: do I, who profess faith in God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, truly believe that in order to live I need others, I need to give myself to others, I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or with my life?" In other words, in everyday life, am I too a reflection of the Trinity?" Does the Sign of the Cross that I make every day, remain just a gesture for its own sake, or does it inspire my way of speaking, of encountering, of responding, of judging, of forgiving?" Reflecting on these words in prayer might really help us as we discern our own role and attitude on the road to our Moderated Parish.

**SVP APPEAL:** The Annual SVP Appeal takes place on 9 June. The work of SVP reaches out to all afflicted by poverty in all its forms. This work is only made possible by your prayers but also by your generous financial assistance. Heartfelt thanks to all.

**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 9 June. Please send any items in by 28 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.