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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

11TH & 18TH DECEMBER 2022: THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Sunday Collections:

26/27 Nov OLR & SG £2290- St.A£251
03/04 Dec OLR & SG £2664 -St.A £250

Second Collections:

10/11 Dec: Flowers for Christmas
17/18 Dec: Friends of The Holy Land

The Christmas Offertory Collection:

**Your personal gift to the Clergy.
Please use the envelopes
provided. Many thanks!**

Prayers for the Sick

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, and for all our sick & housebound.

For those who have recently died:

Colin Hilliam, Marion Moulden,
Agnes Phipps, Philip Duffy,
Elsie Fingleton

Our Lady of Guadalupe



I am the Mother of God and the
Mother of all humanity.

Listen and understand, my littlest son,
let nothing frighten and afflict you or
trouble your heart.

Words spoken to Juan Diego

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10 Dec	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Angela Romeo RIP Cosmo Alchin RIP
Sun 11 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Deceased family & friends of Bennell family People of the Parish Intentions of Fr John O'Sullivan Valerio & Luigia Abro RIP
Mon 12 Dec	OLR	11am	Margaret Kennedy RIP
Tues 13 Dec	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Barbara Barnard RIP
Wed 14 Dec	OLR	11am	Repose of the soul of Fr Michael Perry
Thurs 15 Dec	OLR	11am	Michael Barnett RIP
Fri 16 Dec	OLR OLR OLR OLR St.G	6.30am 10am 11am 6.30pm 7pm	Rorate Mass: Veronica Penfold RIP Eilis Cahill - nb: note earlier Mass St Thomas A Becket School Carols Extraordinary Form: Eva Burke Taize Service
Sat 17 Dec	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	James, Eileen, Timothy & Noel Latiff Agostinho Vieira RIP
Sun 18 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	St.G OLR St.A OLR OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 3pm 5.30pm	Marshall Bartram RIP Barbara & Raymond Rand Bill Turnbull RIP Parish Carol Service People of the Parish
Mon 19 Dec	OLR	11am	Pedro da Silva & Gilberto da Silva
Tues 20 Dec	OLR St.A	7.30am 11am	Extraordinary Form: Antonio Fusciardi Requiem : Colin Hilliam RIP
Wed 21 Dec	OLR	11am	Requiem: Agnes Phipps RIP
Thurs 22 Dec	OLR OLR	11am 12pm	Brian Barrow RIP Requiem: Philip Duffy RIP
Fri 23 Dec	OLR OLR OLR	6.30am 11am 6.30pm	Rorate Mass: Michael Butters RIP Tessa Southon Extraordinary Form: Jack O'Brien 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; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass

THE JOY OF THE LORD

What are we seeking, desiring, hoping for in life? What brings us true joy, true happiness? Easy questions to ask but not so easy to answer. We know instinctively there are moments where our hearts light up: the smile of a baby, the spontaneous affection of a child, the kindness of a stranger, being in the presence of those we love. We also know how joy can easily slip from our grasp and we fall into sadness. In this mid-point of Advent, the Church turns us confidently towards JESUS as the source of our JOY. When we receive Him into our hearts, we become aware of being unconditionally loved and forever. We begin to understand that everything that has ever given real joy in our lives points us to Christ and to the life of Heaven. The Joy of the Lord is our strength! Peace & Blessings - Fr Kevin

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY 10.15 AM AND WEEKDAY MASSES GO TO: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS: 12pm on the last Tuesday of each month. **NEXT MASS 27th Dec** in the hospital Chapel to pray with and for the staff and patients. (If you know somebody who will be in Hospital and would like a priest to visit please let us know).

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY A&B Crisis Fund: There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our **Crib offering** to support this important work. You can donate at the Crib or via: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Peter Rand will be giving a short presentation on the weekend 17/18 Dec. on the work of FHL in supporting the Christian communities. This will be an appropriate focus the weekend before Christmas. There will be a collection to support this important work.

DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS, LED BY BISHOP

RICHARD: Saturday 21 January 2023 at St Bernadette's church, Tilgate, Crawley – for Ministers of the Word 11am – 4pm. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up at: [ChurchSuite Events](#); email: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk

OLR MONEY CLUB: Next draw - Sunday 18th December - join us in the hall after the 3pm Carol Service for festive treats, hamper raffle, etc. We have now reached our £7000 'Dec the Hall' fundraising target thanks to your generous support! New Members always welcome - forms at the back of churches.

TAKE PART IN THE PARISH GIVING TREE: "Parish Giving Tree" - The deadline for returning the Gift (with its Tag sellotaped on) was to be 11th December. Good news is we are still able to take Gifts at OLR at Sunday Masses on 18th December inc Vigil (17th). As the Giving Tree will have been moved by then please leave the Gift in the same area as before.

WINTER HOMELESS SUPPORT: we will be working with other churches to provide food and friendship to a group of vulnerable homeless who will be housed locally through the winter months. Our commitment will be to cover an eve a week (probably Thurs) We will need 6 vols each week to prepare food and hospitality so the more the better. **Please simply register interest with Caroline (Pastoral Assistant) via the Parish Office and more information will follow soon.**

OLR CHURCH CAR PARK: as tempting as it can be to double park if you arrive and the car park is full – please try not to, as you can be blocking somebody who needs to leave before the end of a Service or a Priest who may be called out in an emergency.

ST AGNES CHURCH: There are no lunches at St Agnes in January. **Polish Mass:** Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

- **RORATE MASSES – Rorate Masses:** candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall.
- **CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY SALE:** on Sunday 11th Dec at OLR from 9.45 – 11.45 in the Porch
- **TAIZE SERVICE** Friday 16th December at 7pm at St Gregory's followed by refreshments
- **PARISH CAROL SERVICE:** Sunday 18th December at 3pm IN OLR. Join us for festive treats, hamper raffle, etc - free entry, see poster. If any children would like to come dressed as a Nativity character and join in the children's carol please come to the church at 2.40pm for a practice. This will be a great parish festive get together with friendship and fun for EVERYONE. Don't miss it!
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH MASS TIMES:** as an outreach to others, please take as many as you can to distribute to friends, neighbours etc, especially Catholic Parishioners who have not yet come back to Mass since the pandemic.

FAITH ENRICHMENT TALK: 22 Dec - "Why be a Catholic?" - John Kimberley in OLR Hall from 7.30 – 8.30 pm. All welcome.

A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023 will take place from July 28th to Aug 3rd. If you would like to find out more and how we can link up as a parish group please contact Maura on 01323 430532

SPECIAL PRAYER RESOURCES FOR ADVENT: Some inspirational ideas for a special encounter with the Lord Who Comes: <https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/shapingtheday> with the Benedictine monk Christopher Jamison or, listen to <https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie/music-of-the-week.html> to hear Graham Kendrick sing his well-known song "The Servant King".

PARISH OPEN CHURCH: we have begun the monthly Saturday OPEN CHURCH at OLR. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the wider community! Volunteers still needed to welcome our visitors. **If you are willing to help for an hour every 2 months**, please give your name to Caroline in the Parish Office to join the rota.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS: St Stephen, celebrated on 26th December, is the patron saint of Altar Servers. This year we will be enrolling some of our servers into the guild of St Stephen at the 10am Mass on Saturday 7th January at OLR. God bless them.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 24 Dec. All items for this issue to be sent in by 20 Dec. **Mass Intentions Note:** There is currently a three month wait for Masses. Please be patient as your Mass intention will appear!
Sunday 10.15am Mass is generally for the People of the Parish.

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. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!