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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 26th November & 3rd December 2023

COLLECTIONS:

12 Nov OLR & SG £2,362 St Agnes: £230
19 Nov OLR & SG £2,372 St. Agnes: £203
Arundel Cathedral: £459

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

10 Dec Flowers for Christmas

Prayers for the Sick

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Richard Kenton, Jean Butler, Kenneth McCann, Amelia Weyman and for all our sick & housebound.

For those who have recently died:

Melvin Moulding



What we must rediscover is the discipline of silence, not an absolute, unbroken inarticulacy but the discipline of letting go of our own easy chattering about the Gospel so that our words may come again from a new and different depth or force from something beyond our fantasies.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 25 Nov	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Menino Fernandes RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Dec'd Family & friends of Arnold & Carpenter family
Sun 26 Nov Christ the King	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mary & Harold Barlow Wedding Anniversary People of the Parish Reg Sullivan RIP Intents of Marion Atulya & Dairmund Collins
Mon 27 Nov	OLR	11am	William and Peggy Boyd RIP
Tues 28 Nov	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Our Lady for prayers answered
Wed 29 Nov	OLR OLR	11am 2pm	Joanne Sheppard RIP Funeral Service Melvin Moulding RIP
Thur 30 Nov	OLR	11am	Fr Luke Orjiako recovery from illness
Fri 1 Dec	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Parish Mass for the Bereaved Latin Mass: Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving
Sat 2 Dec	OLR OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 1pm 6pm	Dennis Farrer RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Wedding Carmel O'Connor & Robert Wicks Holy Souls
Sun 3 Dec 1st Sunday of Advent	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Raymond & Barbara Rand RIP Armanda de Caires Gouveia RIP Valerio & Luigia Abro RIP
Mon 4 Dec	OLR	11am	Jordan & Kevin Holmes in thanksgiving
Tues 5 Dec	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Wed 6 Dec	OLR	11am	Wlodzimier Glapiak RIP
Thur 7 Dec	OLR	11am	Bridie Gleeson
Fri 8 Dec The Immaculate Conception BVM	OLR OLR OLR	6.30am 11am 6.30pm	Rorate Mass: Marco Ferioli Dec'd members of O'Brien & O'Keefe family Sung Latin Mass: Fr Bruno Ordination Anniv.

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

Today's feast of Christ the King brings the Church's liturgical year to a close. In celebrating our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe we recognize the supreme saving power of the Cross of Jesus and the dignity that is his as the Son of the Father and Saviour of the world. We also glimpse the final goal of the mystery of Salvation, our sharing in God's own life in Heaven. God's kingdom though is not just for some time in the future but begins even now: 'The kingdom of God is among you'. We hear today how those who belong to the kingdom of God are not the powerful and successful of this world but rather those who follow Christ through a life of faith, love and of service. Just as he did not come to be served but to serve this is what we try to do. His kingdom is, 'a kingdom of truth and life, ... of holiness and grace, ... of justice, love and peace [Preface of today's Mass].' When we live for these things, we are building up his kingdom. Next Sunday we begin the beautiful season of Advent. May God bless you in this time of endings and beginnings, Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY

Mon 27 Nov – SVP Meeting, Parish Meeting Room (PMR) – 6pm

Tues 28 Nov – EDGH Mass 12 noon in the Chapel. Please note there will be no Hospital Mass in December

Thurs 30 Nov – “Invited” Session 1, OLR Hall, after 11am Mass

Sat 2 Dec – Advent Fayre, OLR Hall, 11am – 3 pm

Sat 2 Dec – Lumen Christi Meeting, OLR Hall, 16.45 – 17.45 pm

Mon 4 Dec - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4 - 5.30pm

Wed 6 Dec – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, OLR Hall, 7.30pm

Thurs 7 Dec – “Invited” Session 2, OLR Hall, after 11am Mass

Thurs 7 Dec - Mothers Prayers, PMR, after 11am Mass

Sat 9 Dec – Baptism Class, 12.30 – 1.30 pm, in OLR Church

Sat 9 Dec – FHC Class, OLR Hall, 9 – 10.30am

Sun 10 Dec – Children’s Liturgy, OLR during 10.15am Mass

Mon 11 Dec - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm-5.30pm

Mon 11 Dec – Padre Pio Prayer Group, PMR, 7.30 pm

OLR CAR PARK: Please be aware the hall and car park often will be used on Saturday mornings & evenings for Parish Sacramental programmes. This will limit available spaces when coming to Mass. **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK.** Thank you for your understanding.

HMP LEWES CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS: If anybody is still interested in becoming a Volunteer to provide support to the Catholic community for Saturday 9am Masses. The commitment – that you can attend the Saturday Mass on an approximate monthly basis, please let Fr Kevin know and he will put you in touch with one of the Chaplaincy team.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: **Wed 3 January 2024**, 9am to 10am in the Parish Hall

FILM NIGHT: The **next** event is **Thurs 14 December** at 7pm in the Parish Hall with a gentle film entitled *Nativity Story* to lead us towards Christmas. Watch this space for further events in the New Year.

HUGE THANKS FROM MATTHEW 25 MISSION for all our support and an invitation for coffee and mince pies in the Gather Room, Beacon Centre 29 & 30 Nov to meet volunteers and launch the *Share The Love 500* appeal (see poster at back of the Church).

LOURDES REDSHIRT TEAM are now fundraising for 2024 Pilgrimage. If you have any unwanted gifts or alcohol, please bring on Sun 26 Nov with preloved scarves, cakes, preserves & sweets. **Our Advent Fayre is on 2 Dec in the Hall 11am-3pm.** Santa arrives at 12 noon! Come & visit him in his grotto, gifts for children AND adults! Lots of fun.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE OLR Sunday December 17 at 3pm & social gathering afterwards & Christmas money draw. No charge but raffle with Choir donated hamper and other prizes, to help local families in need at Christmas.

OLR MONEY DRAW NOVEMBER: 1st John Taylor £106; 2nd Jean Martin £66; 3rd Pamela Francis £53; 4th Anne Knowles £26. Next draw: **Sunday 17 December** after the 3pm Carol Service. Some subscriptions have now expired - has yours? Gift vouchers £5 each.

WILLINGDON SCHOOL OF DANCING - “JOYEUX NOEL”: Tickets £13 (on sale in The Welcome Centre) Winter Garden, Sunday 10 Dec at 2pm and 6.30pm, supporting Matthew 25 & Memory Lane charities.

ST AGNES LUNCH: St Agnes Pre-Christmas lunch - 14 December 12.30pm- **please contact** Pauline, for details & bookings, on 735937

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.

WHEN IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMING? In an amazing photograph of the hand of Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro being hit by lightning, we have an illustration of the raw power of Jesus Christ flashing down from heaven to earth. Jesus himself likens his coming to lightning. The power of Truth upon his second coming will be that magnificent and more. But we don’t need to wait to see it; all we need is eyes to see the many signs of how God is already working among us through his Son and the Holy Spirit. “The kingdom of God is among you” – just believe it. Go to www.christianart.com to see Elias Schafferle’s stunning photograph. Jesus does not give a straight answer but says that it does not matter when the kingdom comes; what does matter is the nature of the kingdom. That nature however is already present in each one of us no need to wait it is already here, reigning deep inside each of our souls. Jesus paints an interesting picture of lightning for his Second Coming, for just as we see lightning coming so it will be when Jesus returns with more glory and power than any lightning can bring.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

“INVITED” - PARISH ADVENT PRAYER SESSIONS: The Diocese have provided a great resource to help us prepare for Christmas. There will be 4 x Parish sessions, every Thursday, beginning 30 November after the 11am Mass in OLR Hall. Each session will be approximately 1 hour, with a 30 minute film with great speakers and testimonies followed by an opportunity for us to pray and reflect together. Tea and coffee will be served: come along and bring your friends. All are welcome! Anyone who cannot attend in person, can receive a link to the talks to watch later.
Go to - <https://www.ab.diocese.org.uk/invited>

“WALK WITH ME”: please help yourself to a copy of the “Walk with Me” Daily Advent Devotions book in the porch (one per family) and Advent Calendars for children.

RORATE MASSES: candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall.

REPOSITORY SALE: the Sunday 3 Dec Christmas cards and gift items on sale in the OLR porch from 9-11.30

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE: on Friday 15 in St Gregory’s at 7pm

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT: on Saturday 16 Dec for parishioners and any others. Fr Paul Jennings will lead the half day retreat. Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno will assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10am Mass, then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available plus Fr Hugh), 11.30 am. Short Talk – 12pm packed lunch in hall – 1pm Short Talk, then Adoration and Confessions. Finishing at 2.30pm with Benediction. ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend!) and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!

Cafod Gifts: a great way to support those in poorer countries: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2023. Please remember that the deadline for returning the Gift (with the Gift Tag sellotaped on) to the church is **10 December**.

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

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 10 Dec. All items for this issue to be sent in by **Thurs 30 Nov. Entries after this date cannot be guaranteed.**

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.