



**Sunday Collections:**

12/13 Nov OLR & SG £2496 - St.A£326  
19/20 Nov OLR & SG £2309 -St.A £276

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Arundel Cathedral £445

**Second Collection:**

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

**Prayers for the Sick**

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

**For those who have recently died:**

Colin Hilliam and Philip Wardale

**THE PARISH GIVING TREE**

The beautiful Giving Trees are up, one in each church. These Giving Trees enable us to support local disadvantaged people via selected charities for the first 3 Sundays of Advent. Every tag on the Trees states a specific gift which you can select, buy, wrap and sellotape the gift tag back onto the wrapped gift.

Please bring the gift to Church and place under the tree. If you cannot buy the gift, PLEASE return the Gift Tag so that no-one misses out. Further details will follow in the next Newsletter.

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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**

**27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER & 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022: THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 26 Nov	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Jack O'Brien RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Paddy & Bridget Duggan RIP
<b>Sun 27 Nov</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Agostinho Jorge Vieira People of the Parish Annette Acklan Ascinciao de Barros RIP & Julio & Mario Gomes
Mon 28 Nov	OLR	11am	Frances Bourne RIP
Tues 29 Nov	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Joanne Sheppard RIP
Wed 30 Nov	OLR	11am	Bernadette Ryles RIP
Thurs 1 Dec	OLR	11am	Jack O'Brien RIP
Fri 2 Dec	OLR OLR OLR	<b>6.30am</b> 11am 6.30pm	<b>Rorate Mass:</b> Jenny & Rosendo Cordero Weadyslawa Przybylska RIP <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Mother of Jesus
<b>Sat 3 Dec</b> <b>PARISH ADVENT</b> <b>RETREAT 10.30am-3pm</b>	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Bernadette Ryles RIP <b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b> Patricia Reynolds RIP
<b>Sun 4 Dec</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Maria Gurkalo (Anniversary) People of the Parish Armanda Teresa Caires Gouveia RIP Philip Miles RIP
Mon 5 Dec	OLR	11am	Alan Cullen
Tues 6 Dec			<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 7 Dec	OLR	11am	Deceased family & friends of Arnold family
Thurs 8 Dec <b>Immaculate Conception</b>	OLR	11am	Joan Donovan RIP
Fri 9 Dec	OLR OLR OLR	<b>6.30am</b> 11am 6.30pm	<b>Rorate Mass:</b> Catherine Macrae Benefactors & friends of Jack O'Brien <b>Extraordinary Form:</b> Ruby Di Vito

**CONFESIONS:** 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

**DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER:** Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm

This Sunday we begin Advent. We are given four Sundays to help us prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives in a deeper more personal way. At the end of Advent we recall with wonder the first coming of the Son of God in the manger in Bethlehem, and early in Advent we look to his second coming some time in the future. The Saints though also talk of a 'third coming' of the Lord Jesus, that is the here and now. In the anxious times in which we live it can be so easy to be consumed by the cares of life and forget the most essential thing. God loves us and we belong to him. This is the reason for our hope and joy, and for a peace which the world cannot give. To live Advent is to live in the awareness of a presence that changes us. I pray that each of us has a good Advent (and maybe return to confession if we have not been for a while) as we fix our minds and hearts once more on the Lord, the one who alone fulfils the deepest yearnings of our souls. God bless you this Advent, Fr Bruno

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

**MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS:** 12pm on the last Tuesday of each month. **NEXT MASS Nov 29<sup>th</sup>** 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).

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** on Saturday 10th December at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club at 8am when Ian Ford (St John's Church) will be sharing his Thought for the Day.. To book please call Dennis on 07808 731166 or dennisthompson618@gmail.com.

**THANKS TO THE PARISH:** Sr Rose Mary Harbinson thanks everyone for their generosity in the Mission Collection and all money will be used for life-giving projects for many people. ALSO, thanks from Nicholas Khader, from the **Bethlehem Nativity Group** for all who supported the Christian communities by buying the beautiful Olive wood religious articles which raised £4682! If anyone has missed the carvings display, You can place an order online directly from them at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)

**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

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

**NOVEMBER 2022 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:**

1st Prize £116 - Maura Phipps; 2nd Prize £72 - Eileen Geelan; 3rd Prize £58 - Maura Phipps; 4th Prize £29 - Anthony Phipps. Next draw - Sunday 18th December after the 3pm Carol Service. 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.

**CHILDREN'S ADVENT CORNER:** Especially for our Children, how can you help welcome Jesus at Christmas? How about an activity you can do at home during Advent. Look out for the next Newsletter for some suggestions and don't forget the lovely Advent Calendars that are full of great ideas too!

**WINTER HOMELESS SUPPORT:** we will be working with other churches to provide food and friendship at a venue in central Eastbourne 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 to create a rota where you are on once per month. **Please simply register interest with Caroline (Pastoral Assistant) via the Parish Office and more information will follow soon.**

**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.

**ST AGNES CHURCH:** St Agnes Christmas Lunch. Thursday 8th December at 12.30. Tickets £7.50 from Pauline 735937.  
**Polish Mass:** Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT:**

- **PARISH ADVENT RETREAT:** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno will offer a half day (in house) Retreat to enter into the Holy Season and keep our spiritual focus amidst all the distractions! *10 am Mass, 10.30 Short Talk by Fr Bruno then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available) until 12.30 – packed lunch in hall – 1.30 pm Short Talk by Fr Kevin, then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available). Finishing with tea at 3pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!*
- **"WALK WITH ME" ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS AND CHILDREN'S CALENDARS** – please help yourself, no payment needed.
- **RORATE MASSES – Rorate Masses:** candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall.
- **ST AGNES CHURCH:** St Agnes Christmas Lunch. Thursday 8th December at 12.30. Tickets £7.50 from Pauline 735937
- **CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY SALE:** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm Join us for festive treats, hamper raffle, etc - free entry, see poster for details.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH MASS TIMES:** in the coming days we will have available a large quantity of Parish Christmas Cards with all details of Christmas services. 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.

**PARISH OPEN CHURCH:** we have begun the monthly Saturday OPEN CHURCH at OLR. Thanks to all who helped on Saturday. 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.

**TAKE PART IN THE PARISH GIVING TREE:** Make someone happy this Christmas! Pick a tag from the Tree in your Church ([see details on front of Newsletter](#)), buy and wrap it with the tag attached. More tags will be added each week for more gifts to be selected. Thank you to our SVP for making this project possible. More details to follow in next Newsletter.

**CHURCH WELCOME DISPLAY AND PRAYER WALK:** we now have in the OLR porch a Welcome Display with a beautiful Prayer Walk leaflet that guides you through the church. Please feel free to use this resource any time and encourage visitors to do the same.

**Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 11 Dec. All items for this issue to be sent in by 6 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!