



**Sunday Collections AUGUST**

OLR & SG £6,478- St.Agnes: £709  
Standing orders: £5,669

Upcoming Second Collections:

17 September Mission Sunday  
24 September Comboni Frs Mission Appeal

**Prayers for the Sick**

Sybil Glenister, Pauline Bosley, Pat Higgins, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Richard Kenton, and for all our sick & housebound. For those who have recently died:, Maureen Connor, Pat Price, Maria Teixeira



**PARISH MISSION PRAYER**

Loving God, **We** seek to live as a vibrant and welcoming Community centred on the Holy Eucharist.

**We** invite others to join us in growing together, in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced and lived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Recognising that everything is a gift from God, to be treasured and shared, we commit to serving others, to promoting peace and justice, and to caring for creation for the benefit of all.

Our Lady of Ransom & Gregory & St Agnes

**Pray for us, Amen**

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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**

**3 & 10 September 2023**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat 2 Sep</b>	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Parish Bereavement Mass for friends & family Adoration & Confessions John Fitzpatrick RIP
<b>Sun 3 Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Peter Briggs RIP People of the Parish Armanda Teresa de Caires Gouveia RIP Delia Markham RIP
Mon 4 Sep	OLR	11am	Delia Markham RIP
Tues 5 Sep	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Wed 6 Sep	OLR	11am	Joan Kennedy RIP
Thur 7 Sep	OLR	11am	John & Wendy Feeney Diamond Wedding anniv
Fri 8 Sept	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Shelagh Allen RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 9 Sept	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Stan Byrne RIP Adoration & Confessions Neil Campbell
<b>Sun 10 Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Michael Staunton RIP People of the Parish Dilini, Dilruwan & family (in thanksgiving) Health of Neil Knowles
Mon 11 Sept	OLR	11am	Sheila Lyon RIP
Tues 12 Sept	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed 13 Sept	OLR	11am	Patricia Smith RIP
Thur 14 Sept	OLR	11am	Jordan & Kevin Holmes (in thanksgiving)
Fri 15 Sept	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Martin & Emma Bromley <b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls

**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**

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

These last two Sundays, 27 August and 03 September, for the gospel reading (Matthew 16:13-20 & Matt. 16:21-27) we hear one of the most important passages from the whole Bible; Peter's profession of faith in who Jesus is, and then Jesus' own prophecy of his suffering and death on the Cross. When Peter recognizes Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" the Church says we are to take this literally (CCC#442) and not as a metaphor. Before giving the Apostles, and us, time to absorb this Jesus speaks of the Cross which awaits him in Jerusalem, the Cross which is our Salvation and the reason why he came. Jesus then reveals a mystery – incomprehensible to the world's way of thinking, but a new light and a new way to us as Christians – that true life is found not when we keep it solely for ourselves but when we too, following Jesus, renounce ourselves, take up our own crosses and follow him. As schools restart and we return to work may we deepen our love and service towards God, towards our loved ones and to all those God puts on our path each day. Let us pray for each other and God bless you this September, Fr Bruno

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

## PARISH DIARY

**Mon 4 Sept** Padre Pio prayer group in the Parish Centre 7.30pm-8.30pm. (Normally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month).

**Tues 7 Sept** - Mothers' Prayers Group after Mass

**Mon 11 Sept** –Talk entitled “*The Sign of the Times for Catholic Professionals and Workers*” given by Fr Mike Hagan, a Schoenstatt Father from South Africa - 7.30 pm in OLR Parish Hall

**Wed 13 Sept** - The Kairos Prayer Group 7.30pm-9pm

**Wed 20 Sept** Choir AGM (TBC by M Phipps) 6.45pm

**Tues 26 Sept** – Monthly Eastbourne Hospital Mass. Hospital Chapel 12 noon.

**Tues 26 Sept**– OLR Tea and Social Gathering – 2.30-4.00 pm. Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church.

**Sat 30 Sept** –OLR Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Richard. 11.30am - See poster in Narthex.

**PARISH OPEN MEETING:** an invitation to all parishioners on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October in OLR Hall from 3-5 pm**. We will present reports on finance, pastoral development and other areas of parish life and activity, plus invite feedback and suggestions.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER - CAN YOU HELP?** – As we begin again after the summer we are appealing for new volunteers to help in different ministries: Welcomers at Mass, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists (including Children's Liturgy) and Tea and Coffee rota (Hospitality). Please contact Caroline via the parish office in these weeks at [pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk) for an initial chat.

**DEC THE HALL FUNDS:** Teas/coffees/biscuits resume today after Mass. The Monthly draw with sausage sarnies returns on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**ST PHILIP HOWARD MASS- Sun 22 Sept at 3pm.** People across the Diocese are invited to join our annual Mass followed by refreshments at the Cathedral Centre. There will be an opportunity to view materials from the recent Arundel Museum exhibition 'Arundel Cathedral 1873 – 2023' with refreshments, followed by The Friends of Arundel Cathedral AGM.

**THE OLR MUSIC GROUP** play every 3rd Sunday. If you would like to be part of this please come along, with your instrument, on Sept 17th at 09.30am

### **AUGUST 2023 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:**

1st Anne Knowles £116. 2nd Teresa Burke Simpson £72  
3rd John Taylor £58.4<sup>th</sup> Richard Burbidge £29  
Next draw - Sunday 17th September 2023. New Members always welcome - Forms at the back of the church.

**ST AGNES CHURCH LUNCH** Thurs 14 Sept 12.30pm  
**Polish Mass:** Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm

## PASTORAL & FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### **ROSARY FOR PEACE:**

Prayed every Thursday, *during Exposition* at OLR between 10.20 – 10.50am. Please join in.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Commencing this month, following the 11am Mass on Thursdays (unless there is a funeral), there will be one to one Prayers for Healing offered in the Sacred Heart Chapel. These will be led by members of the Padre Pio Prayer Group, using prayers for healing composed by Saint Padre Pio.

### **New beginnings – New Challenges**

Holidays (at least school and academic) over, “normal life” and its routine begins again! But, what a great opportunity for us to re-examine, search and discover new ways to change, perhaps, or enliven our daily prayer life. Maybe this will help. A surprising source of inspiration can be from art or music. The Christian Art website is the brainchild of a former director of Sotheby's, Patrick van der Vorst, recently ordained to the Catholic priesthood. He offers a work of art that is both poignant and reflective alongside the Gospel reading of the day. The art choices – ancient and modern, paintings, sculptures, etc bring the shock of newness to scripture passages long blunted by familiarity. For a flavour log on to the *Christian Art* website via your browser. <https://christian.art>

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

At the heart of parish life is preparing people – young and older – to receive the Sacraments: *Baptism. Adults coming into the Church (RCIA); First Reconciliation and Communion; Confirmation; Marriage.* Details for the new programmes below.

### **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Is it for YOU?**

We're all on a “journey of faith”. Maybe you're a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to the Catholic Church, and now feel drawn to become part of this community of faith. Maybe your “roots” are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you're a Baptised Catholic but never received, as a young person, the Sacrament of Confirmation. In November we begin a new programme. If interested, please complete and return the form in the Porch by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct or speak to one of the Priests to find out more.

**First Holy Communion:** Enrolment Forms for First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24 (those entering Year 3 or above) are available in the Porch. The course will begin with an Introductory Meeting on Saturday 23rd Sept. Deadline for enrolment is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Lumen Christi** is a Group for young people (Years 9-13) wanting to learn more about their faith; sharing it with others in good discussions, fun activities, pizza evenings, etc. The Group meets twice a month on a Saturday afternoon and those interested to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to explore and discern this further with the Catechists of the Group. Forms at back of Church.

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish please contact Nick Price at [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com) or 07711243419. **Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept All items for this issue to be sent in by Tues 5 Sept.

**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!