

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known of Jesus' parables. We tend to interpret it as a lesson as to who is our neighbour and as a model of how we ought to act towards them. We are to act as the Samaritan did to the man who was beaten and broken on the side of the road. Compassion and helping those in need is right and the Christian thing to do. The early Church though saw something different. They saw our Lord as the Good Samaritan and that we, the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, are the wounded and bruised traveler. In this fallen world we are wounded and left for dead through the effects of original and actual sin but Jesus, and his healing work in the sacraments of the Church, saves us. Jesus is the one who has not walked past us 'on the other side' but whose compassion reaches each one of us. The fact that in the parable the Samaritan promises he will return reminds us that Jesus will one day return and take us with him into his kingdom. God bless you this week , Fr Bruno.

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

MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS: a monthly Mass at **12pm** on the **last Tuesday of each month** is celebrated in the Hospital Chapel, to which anyone is invited who would like to come and pray with and for the staff and patients.

'MAGNIFICAT' POCKET PRAYER BOOK: If you are not sure where to go for good daily spiritual reading we can recommend the small pocket missal / prayer book called 'Magnificat.' It is published monthly and has daily prayer, all the readings for Mass and good commentaries. Visit <u>www.magnificat.co.uk</u> for more information.

SUMMER MEMORIAL SERVICE hosted by C.P.J. Field (Haines) Thursday 14th July, 7pm at Our Lady of Ransom. A service to remember your loved ones. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. Memorial tags will be available for you to complete and place in a basket during the service. For more information please call 01323 727801.

A DAY AT THE SEASIDE FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) (rescheduled) Saturday 20 August at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston at 11am with Fr Stephen Ortiger. Fr Stephen, a Benedictine monk is looking forward to celebrating Mass. After Mass we will walk along the sea front to a beach side cafe where we will share lunch together: email: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

<u>CO-WORKERS OF ST. MOTHER TERESA:</u> Meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the prayer room after 11am Mass. Next meeting Wed 20th July. Please bring a packed lunch.

FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES MASS – Sunday 17th JULY: Congratulations again to the 40 children who recently celebrated their First Communion and who will receive Certificates at the morning Masses, along with 5 infants who were recently Baptised

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE Those who could come, enjoyed a lovely day at West Grinstead in spite of capricious weather. There was Mass with Bishop Richard, the Rosary & Benediction. There was also the opportunity to visit the Chapel hidden throughout the Reformation. A big thank you to Katherine Bergin for her organisation, her kindness and her enthusiasm.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP MASS – 12th JULY AT ST AGNES: there will be a Mass at St Agnes on Tuesday 12th July at 10.30am followed by a meeting of the group with tea / coffee, cake and a catch-up chat. New members welcome. Contact Judith 07753 613040.

<u>ST AGNES</u>: Lunch every 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 noon, £3.50. All welcome.

Polish Mass every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm BACON BUTTIES & CAKE SALE for Emma's Lourdes Fund after 11.30 Mass on Sunday 24th July **OLR PARISH CENTRE - LAYING OF NEW CARPETS:** from Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th July there will not be access to the Library and Toilets, as new carpet is being laid in the hallway and library. Thanks for your understanding over those few days, and we look forward to our newly recarpeted parish centre.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: meeting in the parish centre committee room on the **second Monday of every month at 7.30 pm.** New members are welcome to join us in prayer to this wonderful Saint. For more info: Sean: 01323 504417.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) is a Christian voluntary group in our parish dedicated to tackling poverty in its many forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Visiting is at the centre of what we do; spending time befriending people is our greatest gift. As well as offering friendship and support, we help with food, clothes, furniture and financial help where possible. If you know of any individual or family in our community who may need our support then please let the SVP know by contacting Alison Parsons on 01323 644363 or Email: parsonsaj87@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS have resumed their Prayer Meetings after the 11am Mass in the Committee room on FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS of the month. New members welcome. For more info please call Mary 01323 732907 or Teresa 01323 733487.

NEXT DRAW SUNDAY, 17th July after the 10.15am Mass; bacon butties & tea/coffee @ £1.50. New OLR Draw Club Members welcome, Registration Forms at the back of the churches. Give Money Draw Gift vouchers for Birthdays. from £5 for 1 draw - Maura 01323 430532 or Reception.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Saturday 24th September at 7pm. (Feast of Our Lady of Ransom) a return of the popular **Curry Night** in aid of Parish Maintenance and general improvements. Tickets £15.00 on sale after Masses from 28th August and at the office during office hours. There will be a licensed bar so please do not bring your own drink as this goes against our licensing conditions. Posters will be around the back of the church with details about the menu.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10.15 MASS: Do come and join us for Tea/coffee after Mass in the Parish Centre.

<u>OLR MUSIC GROUP</u>: Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be part of our newly formed music group at OLR? They will be playing the 3rd Sunday of every month. Please contact Maura- 01323 430532.

<u>GIFT AID:</u> If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or <u>nickprice8@hotmail.com</u>

<u>Next Newsletter:</u> The next newsletter will be issued on 24th July. All items for this issue to be sent in by 19th July. <u>Mass Intentions:</u> When requesting a Mass, please keep it to <u>ONE</u> intention. <u>Note</u>: Sunday 10.15am Mass is generally for the People of the Parish

<u>A WARM WELCOME</u>: 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 vourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome vou!

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