



Sunday Collections:

27/28 May OLR & SG £2570 St.A £197

3/4 June OLR & SG £2528 St.A £139

Upcoming Second Collections:

18th June Day for Life

25th June Comboni Fathers

2nd July Peter's Pence

Prayers for the Sick

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

For those who have recently died:

Jo Durrant, Filomena Forte, Delia Markham, Joan Kennedy, Terry Parkins

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, St Gregory & St Agnes

Pray for us, Amen

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

11th June & 18th June 2023

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10 June	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Maria and Ian Ramsay Adoration & Confessions Fred Byrne RIP
Sun 11 June The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Marilyn & Bryan Barrow People of the Parish Colin Hilliam Connie & Stan Ratcliffe RIP
Mon 12 June	OLR	11am	Delia Markham RIP
Tues 13 June	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Denis Kenward RIP
Wed 14 June	OLR	11am	Alice Macahis, Lorna Ruffles
Thur 15 June	OLR	11am	Requiem: Filomena Forte RIP
Fri 16 June The Sacred Heart of Jesus	OLR	11am 6.30pm	Eileen Geelan RIP Extraordinary Form: NO MASS
Sat 17 June	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Agostino Vieira RIP Adoration & Confession Manuel Barros RIP & Gilberto da Silva
Sun 18 June First Holy Communion Sunday	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.45am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Pauline Bosley 90th Birthday Bernard & Rita Davies Moises Fajo-Misa RIP
Mon 19 June	OLR	11am	Ellis Cahill
Tues 20 June	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form NO MASS
Wed 21 June	OLR	11am	Co-Workers Intentions
Thur 22 June	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: Joan Kennedy RIP
Fri 23 June	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Delia Markham RIP Extraordinary Form: Aurelie Grimmon 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

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

This Sunday, 11 June, we celebrate Corpus Christi. It is a major feast in the Church celebrated shortly after Pentecost highlighting the astonishing gift of the Mass given to the Church by our Divine Lord. The Eucharist is the greatest treasure we have in the Church. St Thomas Aquinas wrote that the Redeeming Sacrifice of the Cross and Real Presence of the Lord in the Mass is the greatest of all the miracles Jesus worked. Saint Charles de Foucauld, who grew in his love for the Eucharistic through his life wrote, 'One single Mass glorifies God more than the praise of all the angels and the martyrdom of all men could; the martyrdom of all men and the adoration of all the angels are something finite. A Mass is infinite.' He is not exaggerating. Mass is infinite, since at Mass, Jesus, who is God, is the principal priest. An ordinary priest is only an instrument for Jesus. Each Mass brings the infinite into the finite, the eternal into time, God to humanity, salvation to sinners. As we each battle to live our Christian vocation may we never forget the gift of the Mass, the presence of the Eucharistic Lord with us there, and Him whom we receive entire in the Sacred Host. God bless you in this time after Pentecost, Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY – JUNE

Sun 11 June – Children's Liturgy OLR – 10.15 Mass

Mon 12 June – Padre Pio Prayer Group – 7.30 pm in the Conference Room

Thur 15 June – Mothers' Prayers – 11.30 in the Conference Room

Sat 18 June – Coffee morning - after 10.15 Mass to support Jasmine & Hannah raise funds for Lourdes

Wed 21 June – Co workers of Mother Teresa Group meeting and lunch afterwards.

Wed 21 June - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting – 7.15 in the Parish Centre.

Thur 22 June – Enrichment Talk – "Sexuality and Gender issues in the Catholic Church" by Fr Kevin. 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Mon 26 June – SVP meeting – 5.00 pm in the Conference Room

Tues 27 June – Tea and Social Gathering – 2.30-4.00 pm – a special Celebration of Summer with fun and goodies! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church.

FIRST COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS: on Sunday 18th June we have the First Holy Communion celebrations of 48 children from across our 3 churches. Please note that the St Agnes Mass will start a little later, at 11.45. We then, in the afternoon at 3pm, will have the wonderful Confirmation Celebration at Arundel Cathedral of a group of young adults from our parish, along with many others from the Deanery. **PLEASE KEEP THEM ALL IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL: on the weekend of 24/25 June we look forward to welcoming Fr Franco Mastromauro of the Verona Fathers (Comboni Missionaries) who will be making the Annual Mission Appeal.

AYLESFORD PRIORY DAY OF PRAYER ON SUNDAY 2ND JULY: some FREE coach spaces available. Coach leaves St Martha's Little common 9.15 a.m. Pick up in Bexhill 9.25 a.m. Coach leaves Aylesford about 5.45 p.m. If you are interested please contact Joe Apicella josephapicella01@gmail.com 07954 095707

OLR CLUB Next draw - Sunday 18th June. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the church.

NEW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - The new parish Charismatic prayer group, "KAIROS" meets fortnightly on Wednesdays, from 7.15-9.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. to join in a beautifully crafted mix of praise and worship, praying with the Scriptures, Lectio Divina, meditation, teaching, sharing and praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. **A very warm welcome awaits you** and we look forward to seeing you.

COFFEE MORNING Jasmine Moulding (Gina's granddaughter) and Hannah Woodall (Nick's daughter) are going to Lourdes as young helpers in July. They will hold a coffee morning/cake sale/raffle after 10.15 Mass on June 18. Please support them.

St Agnes: Polish Mass: Every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month 6pm.

St Agnes Lunch: 13 July @ 12.30pm. 2 courses - £3.50.

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!

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PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Rosary For Peace

Prayed every Thursday, during Exposition at OLR between 10-10.50am. Please join in.

Some thoughts on the Feast of Corpus Christi: In the Gospel account of Jesus feeding the 5000, He and the disciples are confronted by a large crowd and a large hunger. How can they deal with such a task? Jesus as ever gives them a challenge (as he does to us too) – Give them something to eat yourselves! They have little, so few resources, but Jesus takes their littleness, he blesses it, and he breaks it until it becomes even littler; then he gives this blessed littleness back to them and tells them to give it away. In our own lives we can be overwhelmed by our own lack of resources that appear so inadequate and little, all we have is our own bits and pieces, but that is enough for Jesus to make all things good. Our ministry is to believe that God is there in the midst of our littleness. He challenges us **to become his body**, to become bread for all who hunger for the presence of God. In the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 he shows us how it works: If you want bread, give bread; If you want love, be loving with others; If you want attention, be attentive to others; If you want affirmation, be affirming of others. Jesus' way is simple: "Give what you hunger for, and you will get back more than enough". That is Gospel". (Inspired by Denis McBride C.Ss.R.)

The Surprise of Prayer: In the wake of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at this time of Pentecost, Pope Francis has some advice for us all; it is this: "Allow yourselves to be surprised by God. Don't be frightened of surprises. They shake the ground from under your feet and they make us unsure. But they move us forward in the right direction." Our beautiful Open Church banner outside Our Lady of Ransom Church also calls us all to "Be surprised by prayer".

LIFE OF CHRIST – WINTERSHALL THURSDAY 29 JUNE, 10.00 - 3.30 pm: **DON'T MISS** this great offer open to 20 parishioners for this widely acclaimed passion play at Wintershall (nr Bramley, GU5 OLR) depicting the greatest story of all time, movingly recreated with authentic detail. Not to be missed. Tickets are normally £20 each but we can offer them for £15 which will cover costs for shared transport. Get together in groups of 4/5 and enjoy a wonderful day. Further details from Caroline in the Parish Office, or add to sheet at the back of OLR. **Please reserve your tickets by Wed 21st June.**

An invitation to join a 'Treasure Hunt Quiz'. For knowledge of the United Nations. This Quiz is hosted by The Newman Association, on **Monday 19 June** at Christ the King Parish Room, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. Entrance is free. Any enquiries please ring Alex: 07957 632208 or John: 01323 726334

GIFT AID: If any contributor to the parish gift aid scheme would like a statement of contributions for the tax year 2022/3 please contact Nick Price on 07711 243419 by 30th June. nickprice8@hotmail.com. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme contact Nick as above.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 25 June. All items for this issue to be sent in by 16 June (new deadline).