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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
23rd & 30th July 2023

Sunday Collections:

9 July OLR & SG £2606- St.A £229
 16 July OLR & SG £2634 -St.A £187
Second Collection: Sea Sunday £767

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:

Peter Briggs, Mary Davies, Keith Capon, Elizabeth Bourke, Bridget Atkins, Brian Gillam



The holiness of God is like a white light: pure, simple, complete. But when that light shines, as it were, through the prisms of individual human lives, it breaks into an infinite variety of colours - each one reveals a unique dimension of the divine holiness.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 22 July	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Lynda Mills Adoration & Confessions Filomena Forte RIP
Sun 23 July 16th Sunday Ord Time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Colin Brennan RIP People of the Parish Flora Pumar Rowina & Jeew (marriage in India)
Mon 24 July	OLR	11am	Canon Seamus Hester
Tues 25 July	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Peter Sheppard RIP
Wed 26 July	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: Peter Briggs RIP
Thurs 27 July	OLR	11am	Bridget O'Connell
Fri 28 July	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Requiem Mass: Bridget Atkins RIP Extraordinary Form: Carlo & Bridget Manfredi
Sat 29 July	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Paul & Carol Moloney Adoration & Confessions David Maguire & Shirley Brass RIP
Sun 30 July 17th Sunday Ord Time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Patricia Smith RIP People of the Parish Emma Moulding RIP Anna Mogford RIP
Mon 31 July	OLR	11am	Health of Ana & Graham
Tues 1 Aug	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Lynda Mills
Wed 2 Aug	OLR	11am	Jo Durrant RIP
Thurs 3 Aug	OLR	11am	Delia Markham RIP
Fri 4 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Milan Yee & Mary Gilbert RIP Extraordinary Form: Bryan Phipps 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

THE GRACIOUSNESS OF GOD

As I celebrate my 30th anniversary of ordination (24th July) I thank God for the gift of my priestly vocation. This puts me exactly at half the years of the much-loved former parish priest, Canon Seamus Hester, celebrating his 60th anniversary this summer. When I was born in 1965 in Brighton, the very young Fr Seamus was curate in the parish where we lived, and he has always been a close friend of my family since those days. As we all know, and often comment, the years go by fast! I thank all of you, and Fr Bruno, for the love and support that you show. Being a priest, with its challenges, is made very joyful and fulfilling through the kindness and care of the people God calls us to love and serve! The readings this weekend speak of the great patience and mercy of God in gently leading us “into the light”. That’s the great joy of priesthood, and the ministry and service of us all, helping each other to move ever more into the joy of God’s saving love. Be assured of daily prayers for you all in Lourdes – we will be about 25 from the parish on the pilgrimage, which is great. Say a prayer for us too! We also wish the children, teachers and families of the parish restful and happy summer holidays as they break up this weekend. God bless – Fr Kevin

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

PARISH DIARY JULY

Tuesday 25 July – Monthly Eastbourne Hospital Mass. Hospital Chapel 12 noon – see below for details.

Tuesday 25 July – OLR Tea and Social Gathering – 2.30-4.00 pm. Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church.

Sunday 30 July – Hospital Ecumenical Service 3.00pm. Some of the parishioners at OLR are organising this service in the EDGH Chapel on Sunday. This is a weekly service supported by local Christian Churches in the area. All welcome to join in this excellent way of praying for the patients, staff and their families.

Monday 31 July – SVP Meeting in the Conference Room – 6.00 – 7.00pm

Mothers' Prayers Group will be taking a break in August and will meet again on Tuesday 7th September.

The Kairos Prayer Group will be taking a break in August meeting again on Wednesday 6th September.

The Co-Workers of St. Mother Teresa will meet again on Wednesday 20th September.

MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS: The August Mass will be on Tues 29th. (If you know somebody who will be in Hospital and would like a priest to visit please let us know).

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: We are still reviewing when it will be the right time to re-introduce reception of the Chalice in the Mass. Most parishes are still continuing with just reception of the Host. To receive the Host has always been understood as receiving the Body AND Blood of the Lord. Most Catholics throughout the world only receive under one kind, the Host.

THANKS: Maria McCabe recently ran the London Marathon and extends her thanks to the parishioners for supporting her in raising just under £2400 for the flying eye hospital. Well done, Maria!

CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST on Saturday 12th August at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club at 8am when Catherine Butcher, Lay Reader at St John's Church, Eastbourne, author, Christian Historian and broadcaster will be sharing her Thought for the Day. To book please call Dennis on 07808 731166 e.dennisthompson618@gmail.com.

CAFÉ UKRAINE THANKS: on July 8th we finished our Café in the Church Hall. It is the end of something very special. Great good and love followed us into your church. None of us will ever forget the last year and a half and we pray that the war may come to an end soon. Thank you all for supporting an amazing 14 months of love and friendship with our Ukrainian friends.

OLR MONEY CLUB: New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches.

ST AGNES CHURCH: No lunch in August.

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.

SOME INSPIRATIONAL SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Place your mind in the mirror of eternity; place your soul in the splendour of glory; place your heart in the figure of the divine substance; and through contemplation, transform your entire being into the image of the Divine One himself, so that you, yourself, may also experience what his friends experience when they taste the hidden sweetness that God alone has kept from the beginning for those who love him.
(St Clare of Assisi – The Saints Little Book of Wisdom)

OPEN OUR EYES LORD

God of all – you made the earth and saw that it was good but like robbers we have stripped it of its treasure – Open our Eyes Lord. Now the earth cries out and your people hunger and thirst – Open our Eyes Lord.

Open our eyes to see the pain of your creation and move us with compassion for your world – Open our Eyes Lord.

Lead us to act as neighbours who do not pass by on the other side - Open our Eyes Lord. So that together we may care for all that you have made and with all creation sing your praise – Open our Eyes Lord.

POPE FRANCIS: has appealed for dialogue in the Holy Land during last Sunday's Angelus address, calling for peace and reconciliation between the Israelis and Palestinians and decrying the tragic events unfolding in the region. The unrest began when 150 armoured vehicles and about 1,000 Israeli soldiers enforced a siege on the Jenin refugee camp, resulting in widespread devastation.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 12th August at Arundel Cathedral. All welcome to come along. Prayers will be offered for your intentions.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: our congratulations and prayers to 6 infants who were recently Baptised in our parish: Aidan Padraig Horner, Maria Saoirse Horner, Serene Maia Silerio, Kyla Rain Silerio, Zofia Aleksandra Staw and Charles James Partridge. May they grow to know the love and care of the Lord and their belonging in the family of the Church.

GIFT AID: If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish please contact Nick Price at nickprice8@hotmail.com or 07711243419

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 6th August. Please note this will cover the 4 weeks of August. All items for this issue to be sent in by 28 July. The Parish Office will also have limited opening times during the holiday month of August.

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!