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**COLLECTIONS 2024:**  
 21/22 Jan OLR & SG £2296 St.Agnes:£271  
 27/28 Jan OLR & SG £2498 St Agnes £134

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
 11 Feb Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund  
 25 Feb CAFOD Fast Day Collection

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet, Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare, Doris Smith, Shirley Webster, Maureen Doyle and all in hospital and housebound

**For those who have recently died:**  
 Andrew Somerville, Teresa Romaine and Catherine Tutty, Fr Stephen Ortiger



**Diocesan Prayer**  
**Lord, the Word Who Is Life**  
 may all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us,  
 For you are Lord for ever and ever,  
 Amen

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 4 & 11 FEB 2024**

<b>MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS</b>			
Sat 3 Feb	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Intentions of Katherine Kelly & Robert Doyle Adoration & Confessions Michael Aquilina
Sun 4 Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Elizabeth Cullen RIP Armanda Gouveia RIP & Luis Ferreira RIP Tony Lyons RIP & Siobhan Keeley RIP
Mon 5 Feb	OLR	11am	<b>Requiem Mass: Andrew Somerville RIP</b>
Tues 6 Feb	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Wellbeing of Jackie Cadwallander
Wed 7 Feb	OLR	11am	Lilly Paul RIP
Thur 8 Feb	OLR	11am	Pat Price RIP
Fri 9 Feb	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	John Peterken RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Maureen Sangster RIP
Sat 10 Feb	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Mass for Sick & Housebound Adoration & Confessions Sean Power
Sun 11 Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Doreen Bergin Murphy family RIP Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Mon 12 Feb	OLR	11am	Margaret Smythe RIP
Tues 13 Feb	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Wed 14 Feb Season of Lent Ash Wednesday	OLR OLR	11am 7pm	Lucia Boyle RIP Intentions of Bernard & Beatrice Jackson
Thur 15 Feb	OLR	11am	Marianna Hudson RIP
Fri 16 Feb	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Jim Needham RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Thankachan 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 & Sunday after 9am Mass; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass. DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER: Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm**

**PRaise THE LORD, WHO HEALS THE BROKEN HEARTED**

With all the pressures, wars, financial and political uncertainty, along with imminent changes in Church and Parish, it is easy to fall into a downward spiral of anxiety. We might resonate with Job in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading: “lying in bed I wonder when it will be day? Rising I think how slowly the evening comes! Restless I fret till twilight falls”. Not words to lift flagging spirits, but we know that things come good for Job in the end. But how do we bridge from the struggling spirit of Job to the confidence of St Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading? The response to the psalm points us in the right direction: “Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted”. Jesus IS himself the bridge, the healer of broken hearts, the answer to the deepest hunger and fears of the human heart. As Baptised Christians we are commissioned to preach, in word and action, the Good News of God’s love and healing power made visible in Christ. Especially we do this by, like and with Jesus, reaching out to the sick, the poor, the lost, the broken. I would like to thank God this weekend for Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB, former Abbot of Worth who died peacefully during the week, who has always been a great witness to the love and compassion of Christ. May he rest in peace and rise in glory along with all our beloved dead. God bless – Fr Kevin

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

## PARISH DIARY – F 2024

**Mon 5 Feb** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm  
**Sat 10 Feb** – Mass for the Sick & Housebound, OLR Church, 10 am  
**Sat 10 Feb** - Lumen Christi Meeting, OLR Hall, 4.45pm – 5.45pm  
**Mon 12 Feb** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm  
**Mon 12 Feb** – Padre Pio Prayer Group 7.30pm PMR  
**Thurs 15 Feb** – Film Night – “Of Gods and Men” – OLR Hall 7.00pm  
**Sat 17 Feb** – Open Church 12 noon to 4pm  
**Mon 19 Feb**- Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm  
**Wed 21 Feb** - Co Workers Meeting PMR after 11am Mass  
**Wed 21 Feb** – Kairos 7.30pm-9pm  
**Thur 22 Feb** – Lent Invited begins: after 11.00 am Mass  
**Fri 23 Feb** – CAFOD Family Fast Day Soup after 11am Mass  
**Mon 26 Feb** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm

**PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND - followed by Refreshments in the Hall – Sat 10 February (10am):** Those registered in the parish as “sick or housebound” will receive an invitation to be present and receive the Sacrament of the Sick. If you are not on our list but are suffering from a serious health condition and would like to be Anointed, please speak to Fr Kevin or Fr Bruno in advance of the day.

**EDGH HOSPITAL** : Next Mass: Tues 27 Feb at 12 noon in the Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY – WORKING TOGETHER

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024:** Prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on Friday 1 March – see poster at back of the Church. 2.30pm at Emmanuel Church followed by refreshments.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Our new series continues on 15 February with the screening of the film “Of Gods and Men” - 7.00 pm, OLR Hall, All are welcome.

## KIDS' CORNER

Please note that Children’s Liturgy will continue at OLR during the 10.15 Mass, weekly from now on during term time (excluding half terms). Mums/Dads please bring your young children to join in this fun time of Liturgy designed especially for our young children.

## OLR MONEY CLUB JANUARY 2024 DRAW WINNERS:

1<sup>st</sup> Ann Feeney £111; 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Knowles £69; 3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Taylor £55; 4<sup>th</sup> Carol McHale £27. Next draw: Sunday 18 Feb. New members welcome, Registration Forms at the back of churches  
**Sausage sarnies** are back after 10.15 mass on Feb 18th. On March 17th, after Mass, you will have the chance to taste some Dublin coddle to celebrate St Patrick’s day. More info to follow.

## OUR SCHOOLS

### St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Paul Beverton: T: 01323 737221.

E: [office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk)

W: [www.stthomasbecketcatholicsschool.co.uk](http://www.stthomasbecketcatholicsschool.co.uk)

### St Richard’s Catholic College (11-16)

Head: Mr Paul Barber.T: 014254 731070

E: [admin@strichardssc.com](mailto:admin@strichardssc.com) or W: [www.strichardssc.com](http://www.strichardssc.com)

**ST AGNES:** As Lent starts early this year, there will **not** be a lunch on 8 February. Weekly Soup lunches commence Thursday 15 February.  
**Stations of the Cross**, 7.30pm in St Agnes Church Monday evenings, commencing 19 Feb.

**POLISH MASS:** Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm

## PASTORAL & FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** is prayed every Thursday, *during Exposition* at OLR between 10.20 – 10.50am. Please join in

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING** Sac Heart Chapel **Thursdays** after 11 Mass

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**PLEASE PRAY:** for the adults in our Parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter.

**“WALK WITH ME”** devotional booklets will be available and Children’s Calendars – **if you are a couple please share a booklet!**

**“INVITED” - PARISH LENT PRAYER SESSIONS:** As during Advent there will be 5 sessions every Thurs beginning 22 Feb after 11am Mass in OLR Hall. The Diocese has provided more great resources and the format of a short film with great speakers, followed by discussion and prayer together will be followed. Tea & coffee will be served. Come along and bring your friends. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at OLR after the Friday 11am Mass each week of Lent and every Monday in St Agnes at 7.30 pm

**PARISH LENT RETREAT - SAT 2 MARCH:** Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno will offer a half day (in house) Retreat at Our Lady of Ransom: 10am Mass, then Adoration and Confessions (both priests available plus Fr Hugh), 10.30am Short Talk by Fr Kevin – **12 pm packed lunch in hall** 1pm: Short talk by Fr Bruno, then Adoration and Confessions, finishing at 2.00 pm with Benediction. **ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend!) and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church!**

**23 FEBRUARY CAFOD FRIDAY FAST DAY LUNCH:** Join us in the Parish Hall for a simple meal of soup and a roll, adding to our parish Lent Appeal enabling families in developing countries to feed their families for good. We would welcome anyone who could offer to make a pot of soup; please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

**24/25 FEB CAFOD LENT APPEAL** this year focuses on a fishing community in Liberia where fisherman risk their lives to feed their families. To see their stories visit [Cafod.org.uk](http://Cafod.org.uk) and donate either on the website or in the envelope provided.

## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST.

Applications are now open at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home). This year is the 50th Anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of the Redshirts youth programme. We are most keen to invite those able to help others make their pilgrimage. Everyone is welcome.

Many parishioners and carers have encountered God’s healing love, physically, spiritually, emotionally and psychologically at Lourdes and many vocations to the priesthood and religious life have resulted. Jesus’ comforting presence is revealed by all who serve our sick, frail and elderly pilgrims.

There will be a Diocesan Lourdes Collection the weekend of 10/11 Feb - your generous support is needed please. From our own parish we also want to encourage those who would be interested to go either as a helper or as a sick pilgrim and we are able to provide some financial support where needed. Please see posters at the back of the Church.

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price at [pfc.eastbourne@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourne@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Next Newsletter:** will be issued on 18 Feb. All items for this issue to be sent in by Wed 7 Feb. (Final deadline)

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**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.