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**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:**

OLR & SG 24/25 June £2630 St.A £213  
 OLR & SG 1/2 July £2316. St.A £271  
 Second collection: Peter's Pence £516.15

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

9 July Sea Sunday  
 17 September Mission  
 24 September Comboni Frs Mission Appeal

**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:**

Bridget Atkins, Patricia Smith, Elizabeth Burke, Nicolas Lopes-Sanz



**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.

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**  
**9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 8 July	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Alex Lucani Adoration & Confessions Cosmo Alchin RIP
Sun 9 July 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Kay & Jim O'Donnell RIP Deceased members of OLR Choir Armanda de Caires Gouveia RIP Luis Ferreira People of the Parish
Mon 10 July	OLR	11am	Deceased members of the Newman family
Tues 11 July	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Welfare of Christopher
Wed 12 July	OLR	11am	Denis Foley RIP
Thur 13 July	OLR	11am	Robert Bedwell RIP
Fri 14 July	OLR	11am 6.30pm	Kieran & Moira Boyle Golden Wedding Anniv. Extraordinary Form: Joan Kennedy RIP
Sat 15 July	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Parish Bereavement Mass Adoration & Confession Anthony Woodhouse RIP
Sun 16 July 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.15am 5.30pm	Michael Glynn RIP People of Parish Colin Hilliam RIP Paddy & Bridget Duggan
Mon 17 July	OLR	11am	Patricia Reynolds RIP
Tues 18 July	OLR St.A OLR	7.30am 10am 6pm	Extraordinary Form: Mother of Jesus St Thomas a Becket School Mass for those going to Lourdes
Wed 19 July	OLR	11am	Kath Mills RIP
Thur 20 July	OLR	11am	Howard & Mary Barlow
Fri 21 July	St.G OLR OLR	11am 11am 6.30pm	<b>Requiem Mass: Patricia Smith RIP</b> Mary Barber RIP Extraordinary Form: 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**

**“COME TO ME, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST”**

This Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, we hear from Jesus the words, ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matt 11:28-29).’ As we approach the ‘holiday season’ and try to find time to rest and be restored we need to remember these words that Jesus alone can give a peace that the world cannot give. For this we do not need to go far, we but need go to our room, close the door, leave distractions outside and ‘pray to your Father who is in that secret place (Matt 6:6).’ The best prayer to pray is the one Jesus himself told us to pray, the Our Father, letting the real truths it contains penetrate us deeply. I hope that this summer you will make time for daily prayer (start with 5-15 minutes), for living as Jesus teaches us to and so find ‘rest for your souls’ and be renewed in the joy of what it means to be a Christian. God bless you, 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 – JULY**

**Sun 9 July** – Children’s Liturgy at OLR – 10.15 Mass  
**Mon 10 July** – Padre Pio Prayer Group – 7.30 pm – Parish Centre  
**Sat 15 July** – Parish Bereavement Mass and Refreshments  
**Tues 18 July** – Primary School Reps Mass at St Agnes – 10.00 am  
**Tues 18 July** – Lourdes Pilgrims Gathering - 6.00 – 8.30 pm  
**Wed 19 July** – Kairos Prayer Group – 7.15 - 9.00 pm  
**Thur 20 July** – Mothers’ Prayers – 11.30 – Conference Room  
**Thurs 25 July** –Monthly Eastbourne DGH Hospital Mass: 12 noon  
In the hospital chapel with and for staff and patients.  
**Tues 25 July** – Monthly Tea and Social Gathering

**FR KEVIN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** I will be celebrating 30 years of Ordination on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (actual anniversary is 24<sup>th</sup>) with the 10.15 Mass followed by a little party in the OLR hall. Sorry for the clash with St Agnes Mass, but for various reasons this timing works best. I hope that all who would like to attend will be able to. Please no gifts ... just a prayer will be great! Thanks, and God bless – Fr Kevin

**PRE-LOURDES PILGRIMAGE PARISH GATHERING:** on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July we invite all those who will be coming to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to come together for a Mass at 6pm in OLR followed by refreshments and information meeting in the hall. It will be nice to see who we all are before we head off to Lourdes the following week!

**If you would like a small prayer petition to be taken and placed in the Lourdes Grotto** please write on a piece of paper and place in a small sealed envelope, with no money, marked LOURDES PETITION and drop into the parish office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**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, name the Host.

**SCHOOL MASS AT ST AGNES – TUES 18 JULY (10am):** you are invited to join this Mass where children from St Thomas Becket will be commissioned as Liturgy Reps for their classes for the coming academic year.

**OLR CLUB:** Next draw – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. New members always welcome. Registration forms at the back of the Church.

**HUGE THANKS** to all who supported the girls both from OLR & ST. AGNES. Together with very generous donations a total of £900 was made. Special thanks to Maura & Anthony for their help & to Annette Ackland & Nick Woodall for baking a spectacular array of delicious cakes & to all who donated cakes & Raffle prizes.

**St Agnes: Polish Mass:** Every 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month 6pm.  
**St Agnes Lunch:** No lunch in August. Proceeds of £50 from St Agnes bookstall has been sent to CAFOD. Thanks for your support.

**PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**ROSARY FOR PEACE:**

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

**THE CHALLENGE TO BECOME TRUE DISCIPLES:** As we ponder and meditate on our Parish Mission to become missionary people in our own world, as set out in the Parish Mission Prayer, here are some of Pope St Paul VI’s inspirational thoughts that apply equally to us: “Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! I am sent by Christ himself to do this. I am an apostle, I am a witness. Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God. He is the centre of history and the world; he is the companion and friend of our life. He is the key to our destiny. He is the mediator, the bridge between heaven and earth. He is the son of Mary, blessed among all women, his mother according to the flesh, and our mother through the sharing in the Spirit of his mystical body. Jesus Christ is our constant preaching; it is his name that we proclaim to the ends of the earth and throughout all ages.” Are we committed to serve in this Mission?

**AN INVITATION FROM CAFOD:** Bishop Richard has already signed a giant letter from a small-scale farmer called Salina, who lives in Bangladesh. Please sign today at the back of our churches. CAFOD works with small farmers around the world who produce lots of the world’s food. But many of them are facing a huge problem. For hundreds of years, they have freely used and shared their own seeds, but laws are being passed that limit what they are allowed to do with their own seeds, giving them little choice but to buy more expensive seeds from large companies. This is why Salina is writing a letter to the World Bank, asking them to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds. ***Please sign your name under Salina’s name to add your support*** (your first name or full name is fine – this is not a petition, it’s a show of support). Thank you and see [cafod.org.uk/food](http://cafod.org.uk/food) for more information.

**BRIEF TRIBUTE:** Joan Kennedy, recently deceased, wrote the centenary parish church history (2001) titled by Fr. Martin Thompson "In Gratitude and Hope". It is a good read, and good company for the occasions when Joan's personality shines through. We have a few copies left, available from the parish office Mon-Fri 10am to 12.30pm. £5 each.

**ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** summer fundraiser takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Big Top Circus Tickets are available to buy from [www.pta-events.co.uk/stab](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stab).

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June. [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto: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 22/23 July. All items for this issue to be sent in by 14 July.

**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!