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Sunday Collections:

18/19 Mar OLR & SG £2572 St.A £259
 25/26 Mar OLR & SG £2224 St.A £228

Upcoming Second Collections:

Good Friday: Holy Places of Palestine
30th April: Education of future Priests

The Easter Offertory Collection is your personal gift to our Clergy. Please kindly use the envelopes provided.

Prayers for the Sick

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

For those who have recently died:

Geoffrey Colton, Sheelagh Panton, Brian Over



Thank you, Lord that Easter is not about a people, but all people

That your love and salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives

That the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen

That lives might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

2nd April [HOLY WEEK] & 9th April 2023 [EASTER WEEK]

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 1 Apr	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Blandine Ashe RIP Adoration & Confessions Eileen Walsh
Sun 2 April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	The Harding family People of the Parish Armanda de Caires Gouveia RIP Luis Porfirio Ferreira Roy Sleigh RIP
Mon 3 Apr	OLR	11am	Bernadette Mears RIP
Tues 4 Apr	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: A departed friend
Wed 5 Apr	OLR	11am	Joyce O'Dolan
Thur 6 Apr Holy Thursday	OLR	8pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 7 Apr Good Friday	St.G OLR OLR St.A St.A	10am 12pm 3pm 3pm 7pm	Family Stations of The Cross Stations of The Cross Solemn Liturgy of The Passion Solemn Liturgy of The Passion Stations of The Cross
Sat 8 Apr Holy Saturday	OLR	8pm	Holy Saturday: The Solemn Vigil
Sun 9 March Easter Sunday	OLR St.G OLR St.A OLR	8am 9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Extraordinary Form: People of the Parish Jack Smith RIP Bob Clarke RIP Colin Hilliam RIP Agnes Singleton RIP
Mon 10 Apr	OLR	11am	Ania Reynolds RIP
Tues 11 Apr	OLR	7.30am	Extraordinary Form: Patricia Reynolds RIP
Wed 12 Apr	OLR	11am	John Walker RIP
Thu 13 Apr	OLR OLR	11am 1pm	Requiem: Geoffrey Colton RIP Funeral Service: Sheelagh Panton RIP
Fri 14 Apr	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Intentions of Doug Robertson Extraordinary Form: Holy Souls family of C. Vieira

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 HOLIEST OF WEEKS

The Eastern Churches simply call this week the Great Week! We pray that for us, and all our fellow Christians, these precious days will truly be HOLY. The one thing we must do, to our best ability, is to stay close to the Lord. To not desert him, to not run away, or lose sight of the steps he carefully and deliberately takes for us out of unconditional love ... the love that has power to save from sin and even death. "Ecce Homo" (behold the man), says Pilate of Jesus. This is the man we love, we worship and adore, and who we seek to know more deeply day by day, because we know that he is Lord of our lives, cause of our hope, source of our joy and our peace. Stay with me, keep watch with me, watch and pray! We wish all parishioners and visitors a week of great renewal and hope. God bless. Fr Kevin & Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY - APRIL/MAY

5 APRIL: CHRISM MASS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL, 6.00 pm.

As well as the Blessing of the Holy Oils, the Diocesan priests and deacons renew their commitment to the Bishop, along with the lay faithful who are present, in a very moving service – get there early if going by car!

9 APRIL: Ecumenical Sunrise Service on Easter Day at 6.10am at Beachy Head war memorial

19 APRIL: Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa meeting after Mass

23 APRIL: Come and celebrate St George's day with a tea party after Mass. (sweet treats).

25 APRIL: MONTHLY EASTBOURNE HOSPITAL MASS: 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel to pray with and for staff and patients. (If you know somebody who will be in Hospital and would like a priest to visit, please let us know).

7 MAY: Coronation lunch after 10.15 Mass. Free admittance, but there will be a collection bucket for CAFOD to help the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims. Please be generous.

11 MAY: The next St Agnes Lunch will be at 12.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT OLR: Please come forward and venerate with a simple bow of the head, or genuflection, or touch the Cross with your hand but, for hygiene purposes, please do not kiss the Cross. After the Service the Cross will remain in place for private veneration.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: the Bishops of England and Wales have now given permission for parishes to be able to resume Holy Communion from the Chalice. The guidance is that each parish make a decision of what seems appropriate. Many parishes in our Diocese plan to wait until at least Corpus Christi (8th June) before resuming. Many parishes also are considering reintroducing the chalice only at (smaller) weekday Masses initially. We will follow the sensible suggestion of waiting a little longer, until Corpus Christi, and will update the parish in due course.

CCTV AT OLR: we are pleased to say that we now have CCTV installed in OLR, covering the porch and the main body of the church. With the church being open all day this will provide added security for the building and, most importantly, for the many people who pop in to say a prayer.

MARCH 2023 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:
1st Prize £116 - Ann Bennell, 2nd Prize £72 - Mary Olohan,
3rd Prize £58 - Tony Bevington, 4th Prize £29 - Elizabeth Dudley.
Next draw - Sunday 16th April. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches. Thanks to you all for funding the Parish Centre flooring and curtains, we are now supporting the Lourdes sick fund until July.

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

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!

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed at OLR after the Friday 11am Mass each week and every Mon in St Agnes at 7.30pm

ROSARY FOR PEACE – is prayed every Thursday, *during Exposition* at OLR between 10.25 -10.50am. Please join in.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nicole Gorry, Ricky Buttigieg, Mark Watmore and Emma Louise Jay who will be received into Full Communion with the Church at Easter through receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

THE NEXT FAITH ENRICHMENT TALKS: 7.30pm OLR Hall

- 13 April – *Israel/Palestine: contemporary issues for our Faith* by John de Waal.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION FOR HOLY WEEK: Join Lawrence Freeman OSB, on the topic of Metanoia. *Metanoia is a Greek word that simply means change your mind; something that comes right from the heart of the Gospel. The call of Jesus at the beginning of his public teaching was to repent. This is in fact metanoia.* <https://wccm.org/events/metanoia/>

Silent Prayer: “Stay here and keep watch with me; watch and pray”. Keep company with Jesus in silent contemplation with this prayerful aid:

- Too often we fear the emptiness, the darkness, the silence within us. Yet it is there that the Spirit lives and works even when our prayer seems most arid. O God, help me to go daily into the quiet of my own heart, to meet you there in love and adoration.
- Hear the footsteps of God when silence reigns in your heart and mind.
- Thomas Merton's prayer: “Lord I do not know where I am going”, makes a powerful meditation perfect for Holy Week. Commentary on the prayer by James Finley OFM, provides a deeply spiritual backdrop and way into this meditation. If the link fails, find it on YouTube.

POPE FRANCIS WRITES: “Living Holy Week, following Jesus, means learning to come out of ourselves in order to go to meet others, to go towards the outskirts of existence, to be the first to take a step towards our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help. There is such a great need to bring the living presence of Jesus, merciful and full of love!”

GIFT AID: A huge thank you to parishioners who donate under this scheme. The Parish has received nearly £20,000 in repayment of tax in 2022/23. Your envelopes for the new tax year are at the rear of the churches for collection. If anyone wishes to join the scheme for the new tax year, please contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or nickprice8@hotmail.com

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be issued on 16 April. All items for this issue to be sent in by 11 April.