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**Sunday Collections:**

15/16 April OLR & SG £2,484 St.A £196

22/23 April OLR & SG £2,340 St.A £204

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

30<sup>th</sup> April: Education of future Priests

14<sup>th</sup> May: Missionary Endeavour of Diocese

**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:**

Kathleen Mills, Eileen Geelan, Mary Toft



Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God:

The Father is your table  
The Son is your food

And The Holy Spirit waits on you  
and then makes His dwelling in you.

*St Catherine of Siena*

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER**

30<sup>th</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 29 Apr	OLR	10am	Yvonne Emmeney RIP
	OLR	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b>
	OLR	6pm	Deceased members of Guckian family
<b>Sun 30 April</b>	St.G	9am	Paddy & Maura Canty RIP
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd)</b>	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St.A	11.30am	Elsie Fingleton RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Marie Mooney RIP
Mon 1 May	OLR	11am	Annie McCann RIP
Tues 2 May	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form: Private Intention</b>
Wed 3 May	OLR	11am	Robert Jones RIP
Thur 4 May	OLR	11am	George Harding RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 5 May	<b>OLR</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>His Majesty King Charles III</b>
	OLR	6.30pm	<b>Extraordinary Form: Katherine Malone RIP</b>
Sat 6 May	OLR	10am	Veronia Murphy RIP
	<b>OLR</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Confessions</b>
	OLR	6pm	Judy Rowlands RIP
<b>Sun 7 May</b>	St.G	9am	Deceased members of Folwell & Asher families
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St.A	11.30am	Armanda de Caires Gouveia & Porfirio families
	OLR	5.30pm	Michael Glyn
Mon 8 May	OLR	11am	Rose Boardman RIP
Tues 9 May	OLR	7.30am	<b>Extraordinary Form: Souls in purgatory</b>
Wed 10 May	OLR	11am	Intentions of Lynda Mills
Thur 11 May	OLR	11am	Jean Bancoch
Fri 12 May	OLR	<b>11am</b>	<b>Requiem: Kathleen Mills RIP</b>
	OLR	6.30pm	<b>Extraordinary Form: Joseph &amp; Catherine Price &amp; deceased members of their family</b>

**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**

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

This Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations. As Bishop Richard says in his Pastoral Letter (available at back of church) every person is specially called by God to a life of service and witness of faith, through Baptism, but we all have a duty to pray for and encourage **within our community** fresh vocations to the Ordained Priesthood. The Priesthood, imitating the example of Christ the Good Shepherd, is at the service of all vocations, to give pastoral leadership and care, and foster the faith and dignity of every member of the Church. I know that my own priestly vocation, as much as it is a mysterious gift from God, is also built firmly on the kindness, encouragement, and loving challenge of the church community when I was a teenager (*and ever since!*). Let's all commit to prayerful encouragement, especially of our young people. Until Pentecost the Rosary after Monday's Mass will be offered for vocations to the Priesthood. God bless – Fr Kevin

*Give me freedom to grow so that I may become my true self – the fulfilment of the seed which you planted in me at my making. Out of the deep I cry unto thee, O God. Amen*

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

## PARISH DIARY - APRIL/MAY

**SUN 30 APRIL:** Children's liturgy (SEE INSERT)

**FRI 5 MAY:** the Bishop's of England and Wales have requested the Parish Mass (11am) to be offered as a Mass for King Charles III – special prayers will be used.

**SAT/SUN 6 – 7 MAY: REPOSITORY SALE OLR PORCH:** before and after 6pm Mass and before and after 10.15 Mass.

**SUN 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.

**WED 10 MAY:** KAIROS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 7.30pm (see Insert)

**TUES 30 MAY 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).

**OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY:** a very warm welcome to Ann Marie Brook who started this week. She will be working Mon-Thurs. Mary continues in a different role on Friday mornings.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLR:** The next Children's Liturgy at OLR will take place on 14 May and 28 May. This is a great opportunity for our younger children to be together to listen to the gospel in easy-to-understand language, and to have some fun doing a related activity. The First Holy Communion children are also invited to attend on Sundays when they don't have a class. Maybe some parents and/or grandparents would be willing to come along too and help the Catechists? Please let Caroline know, via the Parish Office, if you can help for just one hour, once a month.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE OFFICE:** 'Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes. Further information is available on the [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Lourdes Pilgrimage (abdiocese.org.uk) website) website. The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28 July to 3 August for those travelling by air, or 27 July to 4 August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available'.

### **APRIL 2023 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £114 - AM & CR Bennell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £71 - Maura Phipps, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £57 - David Mothersole, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £28 - Daphne Fitzgerald, Easter bonus £25 - Joan Ritchie, Easter bonus £25 - Eileen and Dorothy Walsh. Next draw - Sunday 21st May. New Members always welcome - Registration Forms at the back of the churches.

**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

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

**CARING FOR OUR PLANET - 22 April 2023 was Earth Day**, a chance for us to examine how we interact with our Planet and its future. What can/will we do differently now? Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* sets out his call to us saying: "The entire material universe speaks to us of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, Water, Mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address **every person** living on this planet... I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home." The Pope calls all of us seriously to consider our stewardship of the earth and the poor. As people of faith, we honour our Creator as we care for creation.

*Generous God, you care for my every need. Lead me to care for your creation and for other people with a heart of joy. Amen*

**NEW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** With Fr Kevin's blessing and support, we are delighted to announce the new parish Charismatic prayer group, "KAIROS". The group will meet fortnightly, starting **Wed 10 May, from 7.30-9.00 pm in the Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome to join us in a beautifully crafted mix of praise and worship, praying with the Scriptures, Lectio Divina and meditation, teaching and sharing. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray for a fresh outpouring from Him for a renewed flourishing of his gifts and charisms, leading to deeper faith, conviction and mission in the Church. **A very warm welcome awaits you** and we look forward to seeing you on 10 May.

**PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** a **Parish Pentecost Celebration** at OLR with **Holy Hour from 5pm**, a multi-cultural **Mass at 6pm**. Afterwards we will have a shared Supper and Party in the Hall. Contributions of multi-cultural already plated **COLD FINGER FOOD** will be gratefully received (i.e. doesn't require heating or cutlery to be eaten). We hope you can be part of the celebration!

### **TESTIMONY FROM CHURCHES HOMELESS SHELTER GUEST:**

I wish to thank all the 'Dinner Men & Women' from the different churches, who have produced and provided such fantastic food and puddings, over the last few months. This is especially so, with meals containing vegetables and fruit. Many of us have progressed well and have moved away. Hopefully, we have moved from the Pavement & are progressing to brighter personal futures. I have truly given thanks to GOD, for everything that I have received.

**FUNERAL RECEPTIONS:** Please bear in mind that the parish centre is available to hire for funeral receptions, with a catering team available from the parish. Please contact the office.

**GIFT AID:** If any parishioner who has gift aided would like a statement of contributions for the tax year 2022/3 please contact Nick Price on 07711243419 or [nickprice8@hotmail.com](mailto:nickprice8@hotmail.com)

**Next Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be issued on 14 May All items for this issue to be sent in by 5 May (new deadline)