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**COLLECTIONS 2024:**  
**23/24** March OLR, SG & SA £1933  
**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
 21 April - Education of future Priests

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 14 AND 21 APRIL**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**


Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet,  
 Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare,  
 Juliette Romeo and all those in hospital  
 or housebound

**For those who have recently died:**  
 Josie Hare, Peter Franklin,  
 Simon Hardy, and Robert Langhorn

We also pray for John Kimberley who  
 has just died peacefully after a short  
 illness, and for Sue, his wife, and the  
 family.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 13 April	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Pat Price RIP <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Amber Lucani Celebration of Marriage
<b>Sun 14 April</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	St.G OLR St. A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Teresa Stogden RIP People of the Parish Elsie Fingleton RIP James McConley
Mon 15 April	OLR	11am	Teresa & David Simpson Golden Wedding
Tues 16 April	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Mary Mother of Jesus
Wed 17 April	OLR	11am	Eileen Geelan RIP
Thur 18 April	OLR	11am	Baby & Aquila Tunac RIP
Fri 19 April	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	John & Norbert Shannon RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Dec'd Priests of the Diocese
Sat 20 April	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Intentions of Gosia & Ela Grebowska <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i> Doreen Bergin
<b>Sun 21 April</b> <b>Fourth 'Good Shepherd'</b> <b>Sunday of Easter</b>	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Charl Ramos RIP – (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday) Irene Moir RIP Maureen Hurley RIP
Mon 22 April	OLR	11am	Wellbeing of Martin & Emma Bromley
Tues 23 April	OLR	7.30am	<b>Latin Mass:</b> Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese
Wed 24 April	OLR	11am	Fr Christopher Spender RIP
Thur 25 April	OLR	11am	Roy Christie RIP
Fri 26 April	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	<b>Requiem Mass:</b> Josie Hare RIP <b>Latin Mass:</b> Gracy Joy RIP



We give thanks to the Father  
 that he did not allow violence  
 to have the last word about Jesus.  
 In raising Jesus from the dead  
 the Father raised every story Jesus  
 ever told,  
 every value Jesus ever cherished  
 and every preference Jesus ever  
 made.  
*Glory be to the Father, to the Son and  
 to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**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*

Two weeks ago we had the great joy of celebrating Easter, the greatest feast in the liturgical year. The first words at Mass on Easter Sunday are, 'I have risen, and I am with you still, Alleluia'. We could say that the core of our Catholic faith is contained in these words. 'I have risen' – our Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified and died for us, is risen from the dead. He is risen and lives with a life that death has no power over. Then we hear the words, 'and I am with you still'. He returned despite what we did to him because he is love. And these words are spoken in the first person at the beginning of Mass because this is the privileged place of encounter with the Lord today. More than proclaiming Jesus to be risen the Church brings him to us in the Sacraments. Then we have the word, 'Alleluia' meaning 'Praise ye the Lord'. Yes, may God be ever praised. God bless each of you this Eastertide, 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 APRIL 2024

**Sat 13 April** - Lumen Christi Meeting 4.45pm-5.45pm. OLR hall.  
**Mon 15 April** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR- 4.00-5.30pm  
**Wed 17 April** - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm  
**Thurs 18 April** - "The Gift" - 11.40 - 1.15pm, OLR Hall  
**Thurs 18 April** - Film Night 'Risen' - OLR Hall, 7.00 pm  
**Thurs 25 April** - "The Gift" - 11.40am - 1pm, OLR Hall  
**Thurs 25 April** - Tea & Social Gathering, 2.30-4pm, OLR Hall  
**Sat 27 April** - Lumen Christi Meeting - 4.45-5.45pm, OLR Hall  
**Mon 29 April** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR- 4.00-5.30pm

**EDGH** : Next Mass: Tues 30 April at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

**THE GIFT:** This Course, helping us prepare for the great feast of Pentecost, has now begun. Led by six very inspiring well-known speakers we are being guided to a deeper encounter with the Holy Spirit, learning more about his person, his gifts and charisms. Rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, *Evangelii Gaudium* and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis the course is an excellent opportunity for faith development. If anyone missed the first talk, it still possible to join next Thursday 18 April, 11.45 - 1.15 pm after the 11am Mass. Everyone is welcome, bring your friends too.

**PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** on Saturday 18 May a Parish Pentecost Celebration will take place at OLR with Holy Hour from 5pm and a multi-cultural Mass at 6pm. In the Mass we will Baptise and receive Tara Dias and Olutayo Hewett into the Church. 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. Not requiring heating or cutlery to be eaten). Drinks will be provided. We have also especially invited those new parishioners who have registered in the parish in the past 2 years. We hope you can be part of the celebration!

### OUR CHILDREN

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN.

Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are considering sharing the gospel with young children, come and meet Lucy and others. To register for this popular event on 18 May, 10am-1pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, (lifts may be available), email: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk).

### OUR SCHOOLS

#### ST THOMAS A BECKET GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY!

Calling all ex-pupils / current & previous-parents and STAFF . The school PTA will be holding a Charity Event on: Saturday 11 MAY 2024, from 7-11pm (Adults Only). Tickets £15pp- includes glass of bubbly (or orange) & canapés on arrival, Live & a Stocked Bar! tickets at: [www.pta-events.co.uk/stab](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stab)

### ST AGNES

**GRANDPARENTS MEETING:** New members always welcome: 07753 613040. (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month at 2.30pm) **St George's Day celebration, Sunday 21st April at St Agnes.** following Mass. Ploughman's Lunch Adults £3.50. Children free. All welcome.

**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** Sacred Heart Chapel - Thurs after 11 Mass.

### SOME PROMPTS FOR PRAYER IN EASTERTIDE WITH POPE FRANCIS

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:** Each month Pope Francis entrusts a prayer intention to his Worldwide Prayer Network, the Apostleship of Prayer. These intentions express the Pope's concern for humanity and the mission of the Church. For this month of April 2024, the Holy Father requests us to pray "That the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world".

"We cannot lock the Spirit out of the house, or park him in some devotional zone; no, he has to be at the centre! Each day we need to say: Come, for without your strength we are lost".

"Let us revive the beauty of that moment when we realised that he is alive and we made him the Lord of our lives".

**WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY:** The first Catholic World Children's Day takes place 25-26 May 2024. Pope Francis announced this at the suggestion of a nine-year-old boy, Alessandro, who, just a few months ago had written to him with an idea to bring children together from different countries for a special event. Alessandro's hope was that the children could get to know one another, play and pray together, and become friends.

### FILM NIGHT "RISEN" - Thurs 18 April at 7pm in OLR Parish Hall:

Our next event will be the screening of the film "Risen", the epic biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of Clavius, a Roman soldier, tasked with solving what happened to Jesus after his crucifixion. Come and watch this powerful film. All are welcome.

### AFTERNOON TEA & SOCIAL GATHERING IS BACK!:

Our monthly afternoon teas which are an afternoon of fun entertainment and socialising over a lovely cup of tea, cakes and biscuits and which includes a raffle too, is back again in April. Please come and join us on **THURSDAY 25 April from 2.30 - 4.00 pm** and bring a friend; only £2.00 a head, including the Raffle. Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church for catering purposes. However please note it is important that if you sign up but then cannot come that you let the Parish Office know so we do not over cater and then waste food.

### CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING:

An opportunity for Confirmation catechists and Youth Group leaders to reflect on their practice, equipping, encouraging and inspiring them for this new era of mission. 20 April and 18 May, at The St. Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. book at [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk).

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

Spaces are now very limited. If still interested please contact the Diocese: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home).

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price at [pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk). Gift aid envelopes for the new tax year are available at the back of each Church. **Next Newsletter:** will be issued on 28 April. Please send any items in by 17 April. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.

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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.