



COLLECTIONS 2024:

6/7 Jan OLR & SG £2,426 St. Agnes: £234
 13/14 Jan OLR & SG £2428 St Agnes £303
 Holy Land Collection £1,017

Upcoming Second Collections:

11 Feb Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
 25 Feb CAFOD Fast Day

Prayers for the Sick

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

For those who have recently died:

Andrew Somerville, Margaret Smith, Giulia Zaccagnini, Margaret Hunt, Breda Murray



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

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 21 & 28 Jan 2024

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 20 Jan	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Dermot Geelan RIP (Anniversary) <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Heidi North RIP
Sun 21 Jan 3rd in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Thomas Trimby RIP People of the Parish Helen Deadman RIP Kenneth McCann RIP
Mon 22 Jan	OLR	11am	Tricia Easton RIP
Tues 23 Jan	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Mother of Jesus in thanksgiving
Wed 24 Jan	OLR	11am	Requiem: Margaret Marie Hunt RIP
Thur 25 Jan The Conversion of St Paul	OLR	11am	Fr Christopher Bergin
Fri 26 Jan	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Fr John O'Sullivan (birthday) No Mass
Sat 27 Jan	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Cieslak family RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> John Peterken RIP
Sun 28 Jan 4th in Ordinary Time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Eileen Power RIP People of the Parish Carmen Pumar RIP Sandra Tsiboe
Mon 29 Jan	OLR	11am	Requiem: Giulia Zaccagnini RIP
Tues 30 Jan	OLR	7.30am	No Mass
Wed 31 Jan	OLR	11am	Wlodzimier Glapiak RIP
Thur 1 Feb	OLR	11am	Liam & Mary Power
Fri 2 Feb The Presentation of the Lord	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Melvin Moulding RIP Latin Mass: Ciaran & Fiona Brady

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

This Sunday (21 January) we hear the first words of our Lord Jesus Christ as he begins his public ministry: 'The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News [Mark 1:15]. The long time of waiting is finished and for want of a better word the doors of 'heaven' are opened by Jesus. For us to go in we need repentance – in Greek: *Metanoia* – which literally means 'a change of mind'. Something radically new has come into the world, the light of Christ, which gives us a new way of thinking and calls us to a new way of life. It is both a turning away from sin and selfishness and a turning towards God and service of him, summarised in what Jesus would tell his disciples at the Last Supper: 'Love one another, even as I have loved you'. As we begin a new year let us hear and take to mind again these words of our Lord calling us to leave the old behind and follow him in something new. Always with Jesus we are not defined and condemned by past sins and failings but with him and the forgiveness of our sins (through Baptism and Confession) we are set free and given new life. God bless you, Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY – January/Feb 2024

Mon 22 Jan - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm
Wed 24 Jan - Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, OLR Hall, 7.30pm
Sat 27 Jan – RCIA Class OLR hall 9am-10.15am
Sat 27 Jan - Lumen Christi Meeting, OLR Hall, 4.45pm – 5.45pm
Mon 29 Jan - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm
Tues 30 Jan – EDGH Hospital Mass, 12 noon in Hospital Chapel
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

FUNERAL MASS of Andrew Somerville RIP will be on Monday 5th Feb 11am at OLR.

CHILDREN MAKING FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please remember in your prayers the 55 children who will be making their First Reconciliation here in the Parish on **Saturday 3 February** after the 10.00 am Mass. The normal Saturday morning Reconciliation for parishioners will not be available until 5.00 pm that day.

PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND - followed by Refreshments in the Hall – Sat 10th 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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: Applications are now open at www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home. This year is the 50th Anniversary, and the 20th Anniversary of the Redshirts youth programme: We are especially keen to invite those who are able to help others make their pilgrimage. Everyone welcome.

EDGH HOSPITAL : Next Mass: Tues 30 Jan 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 – poster at back of the Church. 2.30pm at Emmanuel Church followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENT 2024: 27 Jan, Theme: Fragility of Freedom (Remembering the Truth and Atrocity of the Holocaust) Shackleton Room, Welcome Building, Congress Theatre, Carlisle Road, 6.30pm with live presentations, music etc. All welcome. Free tickets from www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk or Congress Theatre 412000

SCHOOLS NEWS

We extend our congratulations and prayers to Paul Barber, a parishioner at St Gregory's, who has recently taken up appointment as new Head of our local secondary school, St Richard's Catholic College.

FEAST OF ST AGNES SUNDAY 21 JANUARY - Congratulations to our parishioners at St Agnes Church on their Patronal Feast. All welcome for 11.30 Mass, followed by a shared lunch. As Lent starts earlier this year, there will **not** be a lunch on 8 February.

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 in SH Chapel **every Thursday** after 11am Mass.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEW PASTORAL PLAN calls on the people of the Church all to pray and reflect on what each one of us can bring to the Mission of our Parish, Diocese and the wider Church. The published Plan is widely available but key is looking beyond the words on the pages at their deeper meaning. Here is a little reflection about going behind and beyond those words: “What you are now looking at is not merely ink on a page or letters forming words which in turn form sentences and communicate meaning. It is only in Faith that we can recognise that, just as these letters are more than mere markings, our daily life too is imbued with the grace and call of Christ, (the Word who is Life), who gives meaning to all things and dignity to every person”. (*Adapted from: The Word made Flesh, Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever*). Anyone who missed the Bishop’s webinar which gives an excellent overview of the Plan, the vision behind it and what will need to happen can view it on: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NCBW): brings together women from many different backgrounds, promoting the presence, participation and responsibilities of Catholic women in the Church and society. It is a forum where Catholic women can exchange experiences, express hopes and concerns and make recommendations about the life and mission of the church. Linked in with our Diocese, NCBW gives a voice to Catholic women enabling your voice to be heard. Visit www.nbcw.co.uk for more information. Later in the year, the Diocesan NCBW representative will be visiting the Parish.

FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Saturday 10 February. Day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael’s, High Salvington, Worthing 11-4pm. Register via the diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk/Events.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Could you volunteer to help run a short Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples? Couples preparing to marry have to attend the course, designed by the diocese, as a pre-condition to marriage and all materials are provided. It is run over four 2-hour sessions - dates and times that you would choose. You can be a couple or individuals to run the course and all training will be given. It is an enjoyable course and one where you, with your experience of marriage, have a great deal to offer those looking to spend the rest of their lives together. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Fr Kevin.

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

Welcome to the new box that is especially for you! So if you’re looking for a fun activity on a cold/wet day at home, go to www.thecatholickid.com. There you will find loads to challenge your friends or family. Grown-ups can help you too!

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

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 4 Feb. All items for this issue to be sent in by Wed 31 Jan **Entries after this date cannot be guaranteed.**

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.