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### PARISH COLLECTION

10 Nov £2676; 17 Nov £2627

Retired Priests £2202;

Xaverian Missions £1885

### **Upcoming Second Collections:**

24 Nov – Arundel Cathedral  
Maintenance Fund

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pauline Bosley, Gerald Shakespeare,  
Juliette Romeo  
and all those in hospital or housebound

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Joan Garbet, Mary Thorlby, Joe Savage  
and for their families  
at this difficult time

### PRIESTLY COVER FOR OUR PARISH

The hope had been, when Fr Bruno moved nine weeks ago, that another priest would come to help in the parish. The reality is that there are no “spare priests” in the Diocese! This highlights the important work in the months ahead, to reorganise our parishes in a way that is sustainable and mission focused. The key will be real teamwork, clergy and parishioners together, to allow the Mass and the most important areas of Church life to be kept strong. Thanks sincerely to you all for the kindness and support you have shown me over these busy past weeks, and thanks to Fr Hugh and Fr Paul for assisting with some of our Masses.

## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 24 NOVEMBER and 1 DECEMBER

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 23 November	OLR	10.00 am	Ann-Marie Scothern
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Johanna Sheppard RIP
<b>Sun 24 November</b> <b>Feast of Christ the King</b>	St G	9.00 am	Fr Bruno Witchalls
	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Peter Ralph RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Ivy Douglas RIP
Mon 25 November	OLR	11.00 am	Ilya and Harry
Tues 26 November	OLR	11.00 am	<b>REQUIEM: John Brown RIP</b>
Wed 27 November	OLR	11.00 am	<b>REQUIEM: Theresa Goldband RIP</b>
Thurs 28 November	OLR	11.00 am	Helen Kennedy RIP
Fri 29 November	OLR	11.00 am	Joan Garbet RIP
Sat 30 November	OLR	10.00 am	Esme McNulty RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Doreen Bergin
<b>Sun 1 December</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	St G	9.00 am	Nigel Thompson RIP
	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Teresa Dillon-White RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Valerio and Luigia Abro RIP
Mon 2 December	OLR	11.00 am	Jen Cordero and Marian Stig
Tues 3 December	OLR	11.00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 4 December	OLR	11.00 am	Phillip Duffy RIP
Thurs 5 December	OLR	11.00 am	Edward Willows RIP
Fri 6 December	OLR	6.30 am	Mary, Mother of Jesus – in thanksgiving
	OLR	11.00 am	Caryl Loftus RIP
Sat 7 December	OLR	11.00 am	Isabella (in Canada)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.30-11.00 am

Friday Adoration 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction (live-streamed)

Saturday 10.30 am-12.00 noon Benediction

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 10.45-11.45 am and 5.00-5.45 pm (OLR)

**ROSARY:** St G - Tuesdays 10.30 am, Sunday after 9.00 am Mass:

OLR – after Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses

**DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER:** OLR open daily 8.00 am-6.00 pm

**LIVE-STREAMED MASSES:** [www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)

### NEW CHURCH YEAR – NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION!

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ the Universal King brings the Church year to a close. We then begin the Season of Advent and a new liturgical year (Year C – St Luke’s Gospel). Christ the King is both the final word of the Church Year, but also the word that focuses us on the finality of this world, on the Second Coming of Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead. The return of the Lord will fulfil all God’s saving promises in and through the One who was born for us, died for us, and rose for us. On 1<sup>st</sup> December, the start of Advent, we will also begin using a **new Lectionary**, the Sacred Book from which the Mass readings are proclaimed. Our own parish Mass sheets will incorporate this new translation. For over 50 years we have used the Jerusalem Bible but now, after years of scholarly reflection, our own Bishops have approved use of the **English Standard Version: Catholic Edition**. It is more faithful to the original Hebrew and Greek texts and will give us a fresh experience of hearing God’s Word. The new books also incorporate all the major new Feasts and Saints of the past 50 years. We will offer an evening in Advent for parishioners to come together for an expert presentation on the new texts. Wishing you all a very Blessed and Spirit filled Season of Advent. Fr Kevin

**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!

### PARISH DIARY

**Mon 25 Nov** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30  
**Thurs 28 Nov** – Film Night, Oscar Romero, OLR Hall, 6.30 pm  
**Sat 30 Nov** – First Holy Communion Class, OLR Hall, 9.00am  
**Mon 2 Dec** – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4.00-5.30  
**Mon 2 Dec** – Padre Pio Prayer Group. PMR, 6.00 pm  
**Wed 4 Dec** – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp -OLR Hall, 7.30 pm  
**Thurs 5 Dec** – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11.00 Mass  
**Sat 7 Dec** – RCIA Meeting, OLR Hall, 09.00-10.15 am  
**Sat 7 Dec** – Lumen Christi Group, OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45 pm

### HOSPITAL MINISTRY

**NEXT MASS:** Tuesday, 31 December, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend who would like a visit from a priest, or you are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Kevin know.

**THE PARISH GIVING TREE 2024:** This weekend in all our churches the Christmas Giving Trees are up. There will be gift tags for the 8 selected charities to allow parishioners to make their choice of gift at this special Holy time of the year.

**ASSISTED DYING BILL: A PERSONAL INVITATION TO ZOOM COMMUNITY CONVERSATION – MON 25 NOVEMBER, 6.30 – 8.00 pm** from our MP Josh Babarinde OBE. This open meeting will be independently chaired by Paul Bromley (representing Eastbourne Reporter). You must register to join the meeting at [www.josh.org.uk/join-josh](http://www.josh.org.uk/join-josh) and you will then receive a link to join the meeting 1 hour before the start. A good chance to make our views known.

**CHURCHES VIGIL FOR PEACE:** Sat 7 December at 4pm in the Churchyard of St Mary’s, Old Town (above Waitrose), please bring a candle and join us for a short time of prayer for world peace.

**OLR CAR PARK:** Please be aware the Hall and car park often will be used on Sat mornings and evening for Parish Sacramental programmes. This will limit available spaces when coming to Mass. **PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK.** Thank you for your understanding.

**OLR - IN HOUSE CATERING FOR FUNERALS:** For full details of this excellent service please contact the Parish Office.

### SAVE THE DATES

**'WAITING IN WONDER' YOUNG ADULTS' ADVENT RETREAT:** 6-8 Dec 2024, Worth Abbey. Prayer; talks by the monks; reflection; friendship. Cost: £78 - £156 (unwaged)/£156 (waged) To book: [www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme); For more info: [retreats@worth.org.uk](mailto:retreats@worth.org.uk)/ Tel: 01342 710318

**SANTA ARRIVES:** Santa arrives at his grotto in the parish centre after 10.15 mass on Sun Dec 8. Receive a present from Santa for only £2.50. See posters at back of churches.

There will also be a cake sale, CAFOD table, and tombola to raise urgent funds for **CAFOD DEC Middle Eastern Humanitarian Appeal**. All donations of cakes and prizes appreciated.

### ST AGNES

**GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
**ST AGNES LUNCH:** 12 December, 12 for 12.30, **by ticket only**. contact Pauline, Evenings. 07724 162207  
**POLISH MASS:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 6.00 pm

### PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**THURSDAY HOLY HOUR FOR OUR NEW PARISH:** Adoration and Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace and Benediction, 10-11am

**FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION:** from 11am Mass until Benediction at 6pm will be live streamed from the beginning of Advent.

**TUESDAY 3 DEC – WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.** Please keep this intention in your prayers

### FILM NIGHT - “Monseñor – The Last Journey of Oscar Romero”:

**Thurs 28 Nov at 6.30pm:** in OLR Hall. Refreshments at 6.15pm. Come and join us for this very moving film. Archbishop Romero was canonised in 2018.

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

**ADVENT “WALK WITH ME” DEVOTIONS BOOKLET AND CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN:** Available 1 December in the porch. Please take a copy (one per family).

**RORATE MASSES:** Candlelit Mass every Friday of Advent at 6.30am (OLR) followed by breakfast in the Hall.

**PARISH ADVENT RETREAT: SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER:** for parishioners and any others. Fr Kevin will lead the half day retreat. 10.00am – Mass; 10.45 - Short Reflection by Fr Kevin then Adoration and Confessions finishing at 1.00pm with Benediction; followed by packed lunch in the Hall for those who wish. **ALL ARE WELCOME (invite a friend) and the Retreat will be LIVE STREAMED for those unable to come to the Church.**

**ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE: THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER** at St Gregory’s Church at 7.00pm

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE: OLR SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 3PM:** and social gathering afterwards and Christmas money draw. No charge but raffle with Choir donated hamper and other prizes, to help local families in need at Christmas. Everyone Welcome! See poster at back of churches.

**CAFOD GIFTS:** a great way to support those in poorer countries: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

**CHURCH CLEANING:** The cleaning team needs some extra people to help clean our lovely church. We are a friendly team, no hard labour and often go for coffee afterwards. If you have a little time to spare, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**RECYCLING OF OLD MISSALS, LECTIONARIES:** As the new Lectionary comes into use, existing Lectionaries, Missals, etc can be sent for re-use in a country still using the old edition. If you would like yours to be recycled drop it into the Parish Office marked “Recycling” by Christmas and we will forward them accordingly in a single batch.

**NOVEMBER 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:** 1st John D’Arcy £100; 2nd Una Carter £62; 3rd SF D’Arcy £50; 4th Joan Ritchie £25.

Next draw: After 3pm Carol Service on Sun 15 Dec. New members are always welcome, registration forms at the back of churches. Money Draw Gift Vouchers for 1, 2 or 3 draws (from Maura).

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please note that there is currently a minimum 3-month waiting list for Mass intentions to be said.

**GIFT AID:** If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact [pf.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pf.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk).

**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** 8 December 2024. Please send any items by 4 Dec. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed