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**PARISH COLLECTION**

30 Mar £2854

6 Apr £3059

CAFOD - Myanmar £1170

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

18 April Holy Places of Palestine

11 May The education of future Priests

**EASTER OFFERING:** is your personal gift to the clergy, as part of their annual income. Please use the envelopes provided. Many thanks.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley,  
Sean Duggan, and all those in hospital or  
housebound

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Christina (Tina) Perrott and  
Canon John O'Toole  
and for their families at this difficult time

**A Thought for Holy Week**

*Let us then show Christ mercy  
in the persons of the poor  
and those who today  
are lying on the ground,  
so that when we come  
to leave this world  
they may receive us  
into everlasting dwelling places,  
in Christ our Lord himself,  
to whom be glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen*

**St Gregory Nazianzen (d.390)**

**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 13 and 20 April 2025**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 12 April	OLR	6.00 pm	Sean Duggan
<b>Sun 13 April</b>	St G	9.00 am	Bernie Hynes RIP
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
<b>THE PASSION OF</b>	St A	11.30 am	Michael Pooley RIP
<b>THE LORD</b>	OLR	5.30 pm	Don and Pam Withey RIP
Mon 14 April	OLR	11.00 am	Linda, Conor and Joanne Bradley
Tues 15 April	OLR	11.00 am	Richard and Sheila Sherlock RIP
Wed 16 April	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
<b>Thurs 17 April</b>	<b>OLR</b>	<b>8.00 PM</b>	<b>Vocations to the Priesthood</b>
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>			
<b>Fri 18 April</b>	<b>St G</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Family Stations of the Cross followed by ecumenical Walk of Witness</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>OLR</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>OLR</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
	<b>St A</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat 19 April</b>	<b>OLR</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>The Solemn Vigil of Easter</b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>			<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun 20 April</b>	<b>St G</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Bryan Barrow RIP</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>OLR</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>St A</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Grace Canelle-Dance RIP</b>
	<b>OLR</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Sue Dring RIP</b>
Mon 21 April	OLR	11.00 am	Eileen Geelan RIP
Tues 22 April	OLR	11.00 am	Helen, John, Hannah and Lucy Cummings
Wed 23 April	OLR	11.00 am	Ben Cummings RIP
Thurs 24 April	OLR	11.00 am	Fr Christopher Spender RIP
Fri 25 April	OLR	11.00 am	Jennifer Podesta
Sat 26 April	OLR	10.00 am	Joe Bradley RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday, Wednesday 10.30-11.00 am

Thursday Holy Hour 10-11 am before Mass

Friday 11.30 am-6.00 pm Benediction

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

OLR – after Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses

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

**THE HOLIEST OF WEEKS**

This Sunday begins the church's Holy Week. Today marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus knew that this entrance would be his last. His entrance into the city of Jerusalem to die opens the gateway of the heavenly Jerusalem for all humanity. This entry is triumphant because, through his redemptive death on the cross of Calvary, Christ conquers sin and death once and for all so that we might live eternally. As we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and to the Cross, let us die to self and sin, so as to rise with him on Easter Day.

Wishing you and all your families and loved ones a very Blessed Holy Week and Joyful Easter.

*Fr Kevin & Fr Charles*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO JOIN US FOR MASS, ESPECIALLY TO ANY VISITORS. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE PRIEST AFTER MASS SO THAT WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!**

## PARISH DIARY – APRIL 2025

**CHRISM MASS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL, 16 April 6pm.** 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. All are welcome but please get there early if going by car.

**Mon 14 Apr** - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm

**Mon 14 Apr** – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6-7.00pm

**Wed 16 Apr** – Co-workers of Mother Teresa, PMR, 11.30 am

**Thurs 17 Apr** – Mothers’ Prayers Group, PMR, after 11am Mass

**Wed 23 Apr** – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30pm

**Thurs 25 Apr** – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at OLR begins

**Sat 26 Apr** – First Holy Communion Class, OLR Hall, 9 am

**Sat 26 Apr** – Lumen Christi Group, OLR Hall, 4.45-5.45 pm

## HOSPITAL MINISTRY

**NEXT MASS:** Tues 29 April, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed. in advance, please let Fr Kevin or Fr Charles know.

**SPECIAL COFFEE MORNINGS FOR ST WILFRID’S HOSPICE:** On Easter Sunday 20 April both at OLR after the 10.15 Mass **and** at St Agnes after the 11.30 Mass. These will include a raffle with all money going to St Wilfrid’s Hospice which needs urgent financial support. All welcome and please be generous.

**CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION:** The Exhibition will be open from Fri 25 April for all to visit and use as a time for prayer and meditation on our own understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Take your time slowly reviewing these 23 Eucharistic Miracles so beautifully set out in the corridor outside the Church. There will be lots of information accompanying the Exhibition to help us make this a time of special prayer and deeper devotion to the Holy Eucharist. There will be a special **Mass at 10.15 on Sun 27 April to mark St Carlo’s canonisation.** All young people of the Parish, and the Lumen Christi Group especially welcome.

**URGENT APPEAL FROM BETHLEHEM CARE & HOSPICE TRUST:** 7 in 10 cancer patients in Bethlehem are diagnosed too late for treatment, facing immense pain without specialist care. Our Charity is the only licensed palliative care service in the region, but we rely entirely on donations. Can you help us bring comfort & dignity this Easter. [www.bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org](http://www.bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org)

**GRATEFUL THANKS FROM ‘abcd’ (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability):** After her two talks on the situation in Palestine and Gaza recently, Lesley Dawson generously donated her stipend, on behalf of our Parish, to ‘abcd’. The charity strives to improve the lives of disabled children and their families.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School  
T: 01323 737221 – [www.stthomasbecketcatholicschool.co.uk](http://www.stthomasbecketcatholicschool.co.uk)

St Richard’s Catholic College (11-16)

T: 01424 421421 – [www.strichardscscc.com](http://www.strichardscscc.com)

**ST AGNES LUNCHEs:** The next St Agnes Lunch will be Thurs 8 May at 12.30pm

**GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month, 2.30pm

**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, is live streamed for those unable to come to church.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** Sacred Heart Chapel, Thurs after 11 Mass

## HOLY WEEK & EASTERTIDE

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** St Agnes, Mon 14 April, 7.30 pm

**OLD TOWN GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS:** will be arriving at 10.35 at St Gregory’s, passing many Old Town churches for a moment of prayer and ending at 12pm at Elim Church (Hartfield Rd) with Hot Cross buns and refreshments. All are welcome.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** We will have one Service this year for the Parish, in order to maintain the unity of the 3 Days of the Triduum where we gather as one community (Thursday, Friday and Saturday night). This year, rather than individual veneration we will have a time of Communal Veneration of the Cross, with opportunity for private veneration after the Service.

**RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH:** Sarah, Katie, Chris, Fabienne, Gillian, Sue, Sarah and George, one of our teenage group to be Baptised, are most grateful for your ongoing prayers as they prepare for the Easter Vigil.

**THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY:** is a Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) known as “The Apostle of Mercy”. She was canonized as a saint in the year 2000. Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy takes place at **3pm on Sun 27 April 2025** and the Divine Mercy Devotions will be led in Our Lady of Ransom by Fr Kevin.

## SAVE THE DATES

**SUNDAY 11 MAY:** A Mass to celebrate the contribution of the Migrant Community to Church and society will be said at St Joseph’s Church, Brighton, 5.30 pm – All welcome - see posters at the back of the churches.

**16-20 AUGUST: CELEBRATE - WITNESS TO HOPE, CATHOLIC FESTIVAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY :** Fun, faith and friendship at Worth School, with camping and residential accommodation options available. Speakers include Fr Roberto Pasolini, Papal Preacher. Book early to avoid disappointment at [www.celebratetrust.org](http://www.celebratetrust.org)

**MARY’S MEALS:** are working to turn left over foreign currency into meals for hungry children in the world’s poorest countries. Over 2 million children a day now receive a nutritious meal in poor and war-torn countries. PLEASE therefore donate any leftover foreign currency, or coins not no longer used, in the envelopes at the back of the church. Take one home and return when ready to the office marked for Edwina Lucani. Thank you.

**GIFT AID:** Some weekly donation envelopes await collection from the back of OLR. HMRC state that donors who need to know the amount of their donations in 2024/5 should be advised by 31 May. If this is you, please contact Nick Price at [pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk) if needed.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** 27 April 2025. All items needed by 23 April at the latest please.