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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER 17 & 24 MARCH 2024 – HOLY WEEK

COLLECTIONS 2024:

2/3 March OLR & SG £2222 St Ag.:£242

9/10 March OLR & SG £2611 St Ag. £179

Upcoming Second Collections:

29 March Good Friday: Holy Places

21 April - Education of future Priests

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

For those who have recently died:

Canon Michael Spelman, Roy Christie,
 Garry Linden

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Roger, Michael,
 Tara, Brian and Taz who will be
 received into Full Communion with the
 Church at Easter through receiving the
 Sacraments of Initiation.



The Lord Jesus
 drew all nations to himself
 when he was lifted up on the cross.

Let us ask for open hearts this Lent
 to hear his message of
unity and peace
 among all peoples.

We who are one in sin
 are called to be one in repentance,
 one in God's redeeming love.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 16 March	OLR	10am	Adrian McCauley RIP
	OLR	10.30am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	OLR	6pm	Intentions of Gabriel Guchian
Sun 17 March	St.G	9am	People of the Parish
5th Sunday of Lent	OLR	10.15am	Breda Murray RIP
	St.A	11.30am	Melvin Moulding RIP
PASSIONTIDE	OLR	5.30pm	Tom & Ronnie Boyle RIP
Mon 18 March	OLR	11am	Donagh Noonan RIP
Tues 19 March	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Wed 20 March	OLR	11am	Co-Workers of St Mother Teresa
Thur 21 March	OLR	11am	Requiem Mass: Claire Brennan RIP
	OLR	6pm	Peru Mission Mass
Fri 22 March	OLR	11am	Antonio & Maria Teixeira RIP
	OLR	6.30pm	Latin Mass: Holy Souls
Sat 23 March	OLR	10am	Intentions of Ana & Graham Ian Ramsay
	OLR	10.30am	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
	OLR	6pm	Mary Barber RIP
Sun 24 March	St.G	9am	People of the Parish
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	OLR	10.15am	Alan Cullen RIP
	St.A	11.30am	Colin Hilliam RIP
	OLR	5.30pm	Stewart Dine RIP
Mon 25 March	OLR	11am	Tom & Bridie Noonan
Tues 26 March	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: In thanksgiving
Wed 27 March	OLR	11am	Mary O'Shea & Bibiana Rosivaluvk
28 March	OLR	8pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
HOLY THURSDAY			Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 29 March	St.G	10am	Family Stations of The Cross followed by ecumenical Walk of Witness
GOOD FRIDAY	OLR	12pm	Stations of the Cross
	OLR	3pm	Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
	St.A	3pm	Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion
	St.A	7pm	Stations of The Cross
Sat 30 March	OLR	8pm	The Solemn Vigil of Easter
HOLY SATURDAY			People of the Parish
Sun 31 March	OLR	8am	Latin Mass
EASTER SUNDAY	St.G	9am	Zita Vieira & Jose Lino Vieira RIP
	OLR	10.15am	People of the Parish
	St. A	11.30am	Melvin Moulding
	OLR	5.30pm	Brian & Anne Cheeseman

This Sunday, the 5th of Lent, we enter Passiontide. It is the last week of Lent before we celebrate Holy Week and Easter. There is a real concentration on the mystery of the Cross which is our hope and our salvation. An arresting sign in our churches in this time is the veiling of the statues, images, and crucifixes. Without the Cross of Jesus there would be no saints. Without the Cross of Jesus there would be no forgiveness of sins and God would remain 'veiled' to us. As we prepare to enter Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's year, I pray you will have time to come to and follow the Church's liturgies. Stay close to the Lord this week. What he does he does for us. We have Palm Sunday, then the Sacred *Triduum* (three days) of Holy Thursday and the Lord's Supper, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. On Easter Sunday we wake up to greet the living Lord, who now risen dies no more and is with us always. God bless you, Fr Bruno

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

PARISH DIARY 16-23 MARCH 2024

CHRISM MASS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL, 27 March 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.

Sat 16 March – RCIA Class OLR Hall 9am-10.15am

Sat 16 March – Ecological Awareness Group 11am-5pm

Sat 16 March – Open Church - 12-4pm

Mon 18 March – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR– 4pm - 5.30pm

Mon 18 March – Padre Pio - PMR 7.30pm

Wed 20 March – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Group, OLR Hall, 7.30-9pm

Thur 21 March – Lent 'Invited' OLR hall after 11.00 am Mass

Sat 23 March – RCIA Class OLR Hall 9am-10.15am

EDGH HOSPITAL: Next Mass: Tues 26 March 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.

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT OLR. Please come forward and venerate with a simple bow of the head or genuflection or touch The Cross with your hand. Please do not kiss the Cross. After the service The Cross will remain in place for private Veneration.

WE WELCOME: Scott Coleman, a Seminarian from our Diocese who will be ordained Deacon in the summer. Scott will be with us for Holy Week.

WELCOME DIRECTORY - PRISON LEAVERS: We have a new dedicated team to welcome and support prison leavers into our church community. Please see the poster at the back of the church. There will be more news to come.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: to the families of Shenya, Isabelle, Finbar, Diego, Theodore, Rachel and Aya who were baptised recently into our Parish Community.

FR KEVIN'S INVITED TALK: If anyone missed this thought-provoking talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and would like to see it, please go to www.abdiocese.org.uk/Invited where you can easily access it.

EASTBOURNE STREET PASTORS: Bob Clarke will give a talk on this most valuable work at Christ The King Parish Hall, 7.30pm on Monday 18th March 2024. Do come along.

THE GIFT: Following the success of our "Invited" talks, we shall be continuing our Parish prayer together with a wonderful preparation for the feast of Pentecost. Six inspiring, practical sessions will guide our parish community to encounter and learn more about the Holy Spirit and his gifts and charisms as we keep praying for the ongoing implementation of the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, *Evangelii Gaudium* and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis we will be led perfectly to the great Feast of Pentecost. This exciting series runs from Thurs 11 April to 16 May, 11.45 – 1.15 pm after 11.00 am Mass in OLR Hall. Everyone is welcome, do bring your friends too.

ST AGNES: GRANDPARENTS MEETING: New members always welcome: 07753 613040. (4th Thurs of month at 2.30pm)

POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm
See Season of Lent box for Lenten Devotions at St Agnes.

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: Sac Heart Chapel Thursdays after 11 Mass.

THE SEASON OF LENT

"INVITED" - PARISH LENT PRAYER SESSIONS: The last session of our "Invited" programme will take place on Thursday 21 March after 11am Mass in OLR Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OUR LADY OF RANSOM : After 11am Mass - Fridays

ST GREGORY : 10.30 am - Tuesdays

ST AGNES : 7.30 pm – Mondays. Good Friday Stations 7pm.

WEEKLY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES AT ST AGNES: Final Soup lunch for Eastbourne RNLi. Thursday 21 March at 12.30pm in the Hall

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY COORDINATOR: we are seeking a parishioner, with appropriate expertise and experience, to oversee H & S in the parish. This would be a 12 hours per month paid role. If interested, please contact Fr Kevin via Parish Office.

NEW LIFE IN THE CITY (18-30 YEAR OLDS): Come and join a weekend of living the Benedictine charism of prayer, friendship, and work with inputs and plenty of social time too, staying at an AirBnB in Kempton. This is an exciting new experience for young people (18-30s) to get together and make new friends. Fri-Sun 26-28 April. Cost £120 all included. www.lcsb.uk/brighton to find out more. Any questions and to book please contact Jerome Beards, the weekend organiser at lcsbdigitalevangelist@gmail.com. See Poster at the back of the Church. Places are limited so book early. If interested, the Parish will happily help support towards the cost.

MEN'S WAY OF THE CROSS: OVER THE CLIFFS AND THROUGH THE NIGHT – All men are invited to join in this Churches Together 5-6-hour night Stations of the Cross along Beachy Head to renew men's dedication and vocation as people of faith on Friday 22 March 2024. Gather at OLR Church, 9-10pm; 10-11 Mass and start of the walk; 4-6am back at OLR for 15 Mins silent Adoration followed by a hearty breakfast in the Parish Hall. all welcome.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: 26 JULY - 1 AUGUST. Please note that applications are now limited due to huge demand and this year being the 50th Anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of the Redshirts youth programme. Currently, places are **only** available for *helpers* (always needed), so please do apply; also for *able-bodied* pilgrims who can make their own way there. The Parish may also be able to offer some financial support: www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING: Toby and Orla Phipps are going again as helpers to Lourdes and will be doing the 50:50 A&B Lourdes challenge They would appreciate your sponsorship. More info at back of the churches.

EASTBOURNE FOOD BANK: are particularly short of teabags, instant coffee and cooking rice. If you are able to donate it would be appreciated.

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 31 March. Please send any items in by 21 March. 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.