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PARISH COLLECTION

Month of August - £10,491

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

21 Sept - Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

29 Sept – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley,
Lynne Rogers and Antoinette Mercieca
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Derek Buckley, Maria Penfold,
Robert Cutler and Maria Castro
and for their families
at this difficult time

A MOTTO FOR LIFE

Be humble

*in this life that God
may raise you up in the next.*

Be gentle

*so that you may
never oppose justice.*

Be honourable

*so that you
may never voluntarily
bring disgrace upon anyone.*

St Stephen of Hungary

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 31 August and 7 September 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 30 August	OLR	6.00 pm	Frank D'Souza RIP
Sun 31 August	St G	9.00 am	Peace in the World
22nd Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year C	St A	11.30 am	John and Judith Barnes, Golden Wedding
	OLR	5.30 pm	Peace in Gaza and Ukraine
Mon 1 September	OLR	11.00 am	Celeste Fusciardi RIP
Tues 2 September	OLR	11.00 am	Special Intention of James H-D
Wed 3 September	OLR	11.00 am	Dorothy and Joseph Humby RIP
Feast of St Gregory			
Thur 4 September	OLR	11.00 am	Teresa Fusciardi RIP
Fri 5 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Martin Bromley
Sat 6 September	OLR	10.00 am	Recently bereaved parishioners & families
	OLR	2.30 pm	Wedding of David & Nishani
	OLR	6.00 pm	Vocations to the Priesthood and all vocations
Sun 7 September	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Kevin Humby
23rd Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year C	St A	11.30 am	Armanda Gouveia and Luis Ferreira RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Stewart Dine RIP
Mon 8 September	OLR	11.00am	Private Intention of Sylvia Corinden
Tues 9 September	OLR	11.00 am	Janusz Grebowski RIP
Wed 10 September	OLR	11.00 am	T. J. McMonagh RIP
Thur 11 September	OLR	11.00 am	Sheila Lyon RIP
Fri 12 September	OLR	11.00 am	Special Intention of James H-D
	OLR	2.30 pm	Wedding of Ugo and Immaculater
Sat 13 September	OLR	10.00 am	Saffra Coleman RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10.30-11.00 am

Wednesday Rosary for Peace 10.25-11.05 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, Tuesday and Thursday Masses

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

God exalts the humble

Jesus, in the gospel reading, and the author of the first reading teach lessons on humility. Humility, which originates from the Latin word "*humus*", which means earth. This calls us to humble ourselves and be down to earth. To be humble means to acknowledge that all that we are and have comes from God! Remember that "The Lord opposes the proud and exalts the humble.

Dear friends, just as the second reading tells us, we have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, where all are welcome - The rich and the poor alike. So, we have no reason to discriminate. Even the psalmist reminds us that, "In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor." Lord, teach us to be grateful for all that we have and to acknowledge that we have them because you have given them to us.

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 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Wed 3 Sept – West Hub Leadership Group, OLR Hall, 7.30 pm
Thurs 4 Sept – West Hub Catechists' Mtg, OLR Hall, 6.30-8 pm
Mon 8 Sept – Padre Pio Prayer Group, PMR, 6.00 pm
Mon 15 Sept – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 30 Sept, 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.

BECOME A LIFE COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR: Volunteer whatever time you can to share news of Life's work, Helpline and build essential networks within your local community! Training provided. The minimum commitment is simply letting us send you posters, cards and leaflets in the post to share in your local community/church. To get your Ambassador Pack email fundraising@lifecharity.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL START AGAIN SUN 14 SEPTEMBER AT MORNING MASSES: Parents must fill in a consent form for their children who attend. Copies are at the back of the churches or fill in the form at the beginning of the first session. We look forward to welcoming the children back.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS - Sat 27 Sept, 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral. All altar servers invited to a special Mass led by Bishop Richard, which will celebrate and thank servers for their service and is for anyone serving or wishing to serve. Please email aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk - Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - 14-16 OCTOBER 2025: please contact Cheryl at the parish office for more info.

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER: with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, including Veneration of a Relic of the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis. For further information, click on : <https://rcdow.org/news/Celebrating-BI-Carlo-Acutis-Canonisation-Diocese-of-Westminster>

CAFOD GAZA UPDATE: Your donations to Gaza are a vital lifeline. We have helped 1,400 households and fed over 2,000 people with CAFOD's local partners. With your ongoing support, they keep doing so. Thank you for backing our work and for your prayers. *Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there - crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering.*

AUGUST 2025 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st John and Jean Taylor £100; 2nd Joan Ritchie £60; 3rd Maureen Doyle £50; 4th Misses E&D Walsh £25; **RENEWAL SUBS** are due **by 30 Sept** for those paying Oct-Sept by cheque or bank transfer, (not applicable to ongoing standing order payers and those who joined mid-year). Next draw: Sun 21 Sept; new members welcome, registration forms at the back of churches.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm
NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH: will be on 11 September. All welcome, contact Pauline 07724162207, for further information"
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6 pm

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE: is prayed every **WEDNESDAY**, during Exposition at OLR between 10.25 – 10.50am

FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION: from after 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

EUROPEAN CHURCHES INVITE PRAYER FOR PEACE DURING SEASON OF CREATION: Recalling Isaiah's vision of a "garden of peace," and ahead of the 2025 Season of Creation, all Christians are invited to pray for a healthy relationship with creation, from 1 Sept, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4 Oct, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Christian communities are asked to embrace a sober life and to respect the gifts of creation, while rejecting the exploitation of natural resources and all people.

STONE SCULPTURES AND DRAWINGS' EXHIBITION BY JOHN ROBERTS ARBS AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, ALFRISTON, BN26 5TL, 7-21 SEPT, 11AM-5PM: Famous for carving the Manche Masebola and some of the Christian martyrs on the West front of Westminster Abbey the exhibition comprises some 20 sculptures, including several beautiful carvings of the Head of Christ, inspired by the Turin shroud. See Flyer at the back of the Church for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME ENQUIRY FORMS: Please note that the deadlines for submission of completed forms for the various Sacramental programmes are approaching. Please ensure that Forms are submitted at the latest by:

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion – **Friday, 19 September**

Lumen Christi (Confirmation) – **Friday, 3 October**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - **Friday, 26 September**

PARISH SUPPORT FOR LOURDES: We are delighted to give financial support to some pilgrims to Lourdes every year. This includes sick pilgrims, helpers and especially young helpers (Red/purple shirts). To enable us to continue doing this, we must fundraise. Please look out for many fundraising activities coming up, starting with "Sausage sarnies" (£2.00 cash only) and a cake & plant sale 21 Sept. All donations of cakes and plants very welcome.

EXCITING CAREER VACANCY FOR THE POST OF FINANCE MANAGER: Based full time at St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley - (some Hybrid Working opportunity), please see <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers> for info and how to apply.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Once again the highest performing school in the county for GCSE results. 86% of pupils secured strong passes in English and Maths, (41% achieving grades 7-9, 30% of whom with a top grade 9). The staff, Governors, pupils and families would like to thank parishioners for their ongoing support for the school. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for the new term.

GIFT AID: To add Gift Aid to your donations please contact Nick Price, Parish Treasurer on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk
NEXT NEWSLETTER: 14 September. Items please by 10 Sept latest.