



PARISH COLLECTION

28 Sept £2614 - 5 Oct £2583
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

12 October - Prisoners' Sunday
19 October – World Mission Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

We pray for them all and their families



Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come so that we may
have life to the full.
Listen to our prayers for all in prison
and their families.
Touched by your spirit
may they find newness of heart
and be open to that new life
that is found only in you.
May they know care and receive support
from those around them.
May they find new purpose
in serving you
in their brothers and sisters.
Prayer of PACT for Prisons Week

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER –12 and 19 October 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11 October	OLR	6.00 pm	Fr Gary Carter intentions
Sun 12 October	St G	9.00 am	Bo Phillips RIP
28th Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year C	St A	11.30 am	Derek Buckley RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of C.M. Jose
Mon 13 October	OLR	11.00 am	Graham Goss RIP
Tues 14 October	OLR	8.00 am	Blessing of Pilgrims going to Walsingham
		11.00 am	Billy Fitzsimmons RIP
Wed 15 October	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of St Mother Teresa
Thurs 16 October	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of the Callahan family
Fri 17 October	OLR	11.00 am	For the protection of unborn children
Sat 18 October	OLR	10.00 am	Moises Misa RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Evelyn Alchin
Sun 19 October	St G	9.00 am	Jimmy Walsh RIP
29th Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year C	St A	11.30 am	Carmen Pumar RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Kim Thomas RIP
Mon 20 October	OLR	11.00am	Marites Javier – Recovery from illness
Tues 21 October	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mrs Cobb
Wed 22 October	OLR	11.00 am	Kay Cunningham RIP
Thurs 23 October	OLR	11.00 am	Clare and Ron Brazier Wedding Anniversary
Fri 24 October	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS – Diocesan Clergy Retreat
Sat 25 October	OLR	10.00 am	Phyllis Tarpey 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 10.25-10.50 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

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

GOD'S LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDS

Today's Scripture readings hold together the two strands of "leprosy" and "God's superabundant goodness". Leprosy, even if substantially now physically cured across the world, epitomises through the ages the state of being "unclean", and very particularly of being "religiously impure". This is a terrible state to be in, a terrible perception for others to have, and a painful label for anyone to have to carry! One thing that is clear beyond doubt in the Bible is that God has a special love and concern for people living with stigma and rejection. Jesus fulfils God's loving outreach to all who are marginalised or considered beyond redemption. Nobody is beyond redemption and, ironically, those who might be judged to be at risk of being so are shown by Jesus to almost always be far closer to the Kingdom and to God than the religiously upright. Isn't that the reversal at the very heart of the Gospel. Isn't that the key to not judging and instead humbly abandoning ourselves to God's love and mercy and helping others to do the same. As we pray today for prisoners, let us especially ask that they may live free from stigma and shame and be empowered to grow in all good ways under God's love. May we be to them and to all people ambassadors of mercy. God bless – Fr Kevin

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

Mon 13 Oct – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
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Wed 15 Oct – Co-workers of St Mother Teresa, PMR, after Mass
Wed 15 Oct – School Signing for St Richard's Catholic College, OLR Hall, 5.45 – 6.15 pm
Thurs 16 Oct – Mothers' Prayers, PMR, after 11 am Mass
Sat 18 Oct – Lumen Christi, OLR Parish Hall, 10 -11am
Mon 20 Oct – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Sat 25 Oct – RCIA Session, OLR Hall, 9.00 – 10.15

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FOR ST THOMAS A BECKETT

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor. You must be a practising Catholic and have a keen interest in education and young people. If you can spare a few hours to support the school, please email Fr Kevin at eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk or sbyrne@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk for more information.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 19 October gives us a chance to join with missionaries across the world supporting them in spreading the God News of God's love for all people, especially in these difficult times. With MISSIO no-one is forgotten, and your generosity supports vulnerable children and families as well as faith communities to pray and celebrate God's love. Please use the Missio envelopes and gift aid your donation if possible. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: Many children, young people and adults have now started on their sacramental journeys for this year and we have large numbers of candidates on these programmes. For **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**, 58 children are joined by their parents getting ready to receive Jesus for the first time. For **LUMEN CHRISTI/CONFIRMATION** 51 young people are now preparing for this Sacrament and we are delighted to welcome 14 adults onto the **RCIA PROGRAMME** wishing to explore and/or develop further the Catholic faith. Please keep them all in your prayers and their Catechists.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT: Fr Kevin and Fr Charles will both be attending the annual Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Buckfast Abbey from **Mon 20-Fri 24 Oct**. There will be a parish Mass every day that week **except Fri** when there will be Adoration from 10 – 6pm

FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: As part of this programme there will be a joint evening with the Newman Society, with a talk to be given by Fr Charles on *"The Tensions between Faiths In Nigeria"* - **Monday 10 Nov 2025**, 7-9 pm. All welcome.

CAR PARK AT OLR: Please note the car park on Sat 18 Oct and 15 Nov will be unavailable, due to FHC classes between **9-11.30 am**. Please do **not** use the car park and do **NOT** double park blocking parents in. More Saturdays will follow in due course. Thank you.

SIGNING FOR SCHOOLS: Fr Kevin will sign school forms for St Richard's on **Wed 15 October** from 5.45 – 6.15 pm in OLR Hall

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm
NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH: 13 Nov and last bookings for Christmas meal. All welcome, contact Pauline 07724162207, for further info
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, live streamed for those at home.

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

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

That believers in different religious traditions work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: We wish our parishioners on pilgrimage 14-16 Oct a blessed and joyous time of renewal.

TEACHING MASS, OLR 10.00 am, SAT 18 OCT: During Mass Fr Kevin will be teaching how the various parts of the Mass come together in a single prayer. Especially for those beginning Sacramental Programmes and all are welcome.

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: Do you ever struggle with the Bible being too big? Then this online course is for you. Starting **Wed 1 Oct at 7.00 pm** and for 8 free sessions, the Bible is explained in 12 clear, simple colour-coded periods from Genesis to Revelation. It is not too late to join this excellent course, go to www.comeandsee.org.

PRISONS WEEK 12-16 OCTOBER: During this very important week we pray for all those affected by the Criminal Justice System, CPS, Police, Prison and Probation Services and for prisoners, their families especially the children. Please see the posters at the back of all our churches and visit www.prisonsworld.org. The second collection on **Sun 12 Oct** will be for PACT, the Catholic Charity that supports all affected by imprisonment and on **Wed 15 Oct** we shall offer the Rosary for prisoners and their families.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

PARISH MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS - SAT 1 NOV (10am): We are inviting all families who have celebrated a Funeral in the past 12 months, but everyone is welcome as we pray for all deceased parishioners. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - SAT 1 NOVEMBER: OLR Garden of Remembrance (after 10am Mass). **Local Cemeteries:** Langney 11.30 am, Willingdon 11.30 am, Ocklynge 12 pm.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT – SUN 2 NOV (2.30pm) IN OLR: With Eastbourne Silver Band and Guests, for all who have died in wars and conflicts. Refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL- OPEN DAY:

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School warmly invites parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2026 to our Open Day on **Wed 5 November**. We will be holding three sessions throughout the day - 9am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Please contact the school for further information or to be added to one of the sessions. Email - Office@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk or Phone - 01323 737221.

GIFT AID: To add Gift Aid to your donations please contact Nick Price, Parish Treasurer on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk
NEXT NEWSLETTER: 26 October. Items please by 20 October latest.