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PARISH COLLECTION

26 Oct £2521 – 2 Nov £1632

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

16 November – Retired Priests Fund

23 November – Arundel Cathedral
Maintenance Fund

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Audrey Shadbolt and Peter Bellewes
and for their friends and families at this
difficult time



*“Perhaps peace is not, after all,
something you work for, or ‘fight
for.’ It is indeed ‘fighting for peace’
that starts all the wars. Peace is
something you have or do not
have. If you are yourself at peace,
then there is at least some peace
in the world. Then share your
peace with everyone, and
everyone will be at peace”*

Thomas Merton

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 9 and 16 November 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 8 November	OLR	6.00 pm	Paul Hughes RIP
Sun 9 November	St G	9.00 am	Mike Condon RIP
Dedication of the	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Lateran Basilica	St A	11.30 am	Melvin Moulding RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Menai Jones RIP
Mon 10 November	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Pamela Becson
Tues 11 November	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS – Annual Deanery Mass for deceased Clergy and parishioners, Bexhill
Wed 12 November	OLR	11.00 am	Colin Taylor RIP
Thur 13 November	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: PETER BELLEWES RIP
Fri 14 November	OLR	11.00 am	Susan, Mary & George Glynn RIP
	St A	11.30	REQUIEM: AUDREY SHADBOLT RIP
Sat 15 November	OLR	10.00 am	In thanksgiving for passing assignments
	OLR	6.00 pm	Rita Dore RIP
Sun 16 November	St G	9.00 am	Well-being of Marie Therese Goldberg
33rd 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	Lilly Paul and Geevar Paul RIP
Mon 17 November	OLR	11.00am	Ann Farmer RIP
Tues 18 November	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mary Birkett
Wed 19 November	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother St Teresa
Thur 20 November	OLR	11.00 am	Edward and Beryl Roberts RIP
Fri 21 November	OLR	11.00 am	Ben Pineda RIP
Sat 22 November	OLR	10.00 am	Philip Wilkins RIP and Monica Wilkins
	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

WE REMEMBER THEM

This weekend we remember the sacrifice of so many men and women, young and old, whose lives have been taken in war and conflict. We remember the dead of the First and Second World wars, but also the tragic loss of life in so many other more recent conflicts around the world, up to and including the ongoing war in Ukraine and heart-wrenching suffering of people in Gaza and the Middle East. There are no victors in war, but there are many people who act with great heroism and self-sacrifice to try to bring about a just peace and protect the lives of the most vulnerable and innocent. We honour their sacrifice. We know that behind purported “higher” motivations, so much destructive war-energy comes through an uncontrollable hunger for power and wealth. May we, as the Lord’s disciples, always seek to be gentle and “poor in spirit” and profoundly committed to protecting the most vulnerable people who are so often the innocent victims of war. During this month of the Holy Souls, we pray that all who have died in conflict and violence, as well as all our own beloved dead, may rest in peace and rise in glory. 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 10 Nov – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6-7 pm
Mon 10 Nov – “Tensions between Faiths in Nigeria”, talk by Fr Charles, OLR Hall, 7-9 pm
Wed 12 Nov – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall 7.30-9.00
Sat 15 Nov – FHC Classes, 9-10 am and 10.30-11.30 am, OLR Hall
Sat 15 Nov – Lumen Christi Group, OLR Hall, 3.30-6.45pm
Mon 17 Nov – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Wed 19 Nov – St Mother Teresa Group, PMR, after Mass
Thurs 20 Nov – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after Mass
Sat 22 Nov – RCIA Session, OLR Hall, 9.00-10.30 am
Sat 22 Nov – Baptism Class, PMR, 9.00-10.30 am

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 25 Nov, 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.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO NEWSLETTER: from 30 Nov our Newsletter will cease production and be replaced by a new Monthly Hub Newsletter (for the 7 churches of the Eastbourne end of our new parish). This will be supplemented each month with an Information Sheet of extra news on events in our own particular churches.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND COFFEE: Starting Thurs 27 Nov and for the following three Thursdays, December 4, 11 and 18 from 11.45 – 12.45 (after 11 am Mass), come and join us for Advent Reflections and prayer taken from Pope Leo’s new encyclical *Dilexi Te - (I have loved you)* urging all Christians to recognise Christ in the Poor and Suffering.

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF EDUCATION: Pope Leo recently addressed world educators in Rome saying *inter alia*: Interior life, Unity, Love, and Joy, form the cornerstones of Christian education. He urged that these become the “key elements” of educational practice, which he believes help to embody the face of “the Church, Mother and Teacher, for the many pupils and students to whose education you dedicate yourselves.” He added that truth does not flow through sounds, walls, or corridors, but through “the deep encounter between persons — without which every educational proposal is doomed to fail.”

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 10 NOV, 7-9 pm - FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: Our next event will be a joint evening with the Newman Society and will be a most interesting talk to be given by **Fr Charles** on “*The Tensions between Faiths In Nigeria*”. All welcome – 6.30 for teas and coffees.

“RED” WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: a day for us to support and pray for persecuted Christians around the world. See www.acnuk.org for more information.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm
NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH: Thurs 13 Nov, 12.30pm and last bookings for Christmas meal. All welcome. Contact Pauline 07724 162207, for further information.
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6.00 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 NOVEMBER

For those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, that they might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - SUNDAY 16 NOV 2025: The theme this year is “You are my hope” (based on Psalm 71:5). Pope Leo has issued a message emphasizing that the poor are “witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope,” and urges Christians to see them as creative subjects who can challenge us to live the Gospel in new ways. Hope, states the Holy Father, is found in God’s faithfulness; the poor are not a distraction, but a vital part of the Church that puts us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. In our efforts to serve the poor and marginalised, let us ask God to show us how to hold the needs of the world at the heart of our everyday lives.

KING CHARLES’ VATICAN VISIT: may have done more to repair ecumenical relations than anyone could have imagined. When King Charles III and Pope Leo prayed together in the Sistine Chapel it was a deeply significant and historic moment. If the motives of the media were to capture the deeply furrowed brow of the monarch, it was harder to avoid the splendour and history of this occasion, where symbolism abounded. The moment of joint prayer in the Sistine chapel may have been the definitive picture, but it was the visit to the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls with the tomb of St Paul, that had the most historic meaning. In this moment the old enmities became quite meaningless. The current basilica may only date from 1823, but there was church here as far back as AD324. Records also show an ancient connection between this church and the English monarchy – the Saxon kings Offa and Æthelwulf were known to have contributed to the upkeep of the church and, pre Reformation, the English monarchy were protectors of the church, as evidenced by the basilica’s coat of arms, the insignia of the Order of the Garter, the highest order of chivalry in England. *Adapted from an article by Joseph Kelly, Catholic Writer & Public Theologian*

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

DEANERY MASS FOR ALL DECEASED CLERGY AND PARISHIONERS: Tues 11 Nov in St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill (TN40 1RH) - all are welcome to attend. (NO MASS IN THE PARISH that day)

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP: If you have any alcohol, sweets, biscuits, vouchers, etc we would be delighted to have them for our Christmas fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Lourdes fund.

HELP AT ST GREGORY’S: If you are able to join the team to deliver Children’s Liturgy please contact the parish office. The commitment would be once every 5-6 weeks during term time at the 9.00 Mass.

GIFT AID: To add Gift Aid to your donations please contact Nick Price, Parish Treasurer on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk
NEXT NEWSLETTER: 23 November. Items please by 18 Nov latest.