



PARISH COLLECTION
For the month of August
£8491

Upcoming Second Collections:
15 Sept Home Mission Sunday
29 Sept Xaverian Mission Appeal

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pauline Bosley, Joan Garbet,
Valerie Downey, Gerald Shakespeare,
Juliette Romeo, Liz Mason and all
those in hospital or housebound.

For those who have recently died:

Grace Canelle-Dance, Mireille Watson
and for their families
at this difficult time



**"The mission of the Christian
in the world
is a mission for all,
a mission of service,
which excludes no-one;
it requires great generosity and in
particular the gaze and heart
turned heavenward
to invoke the Lord's help"**
Pope Francis

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 31 Aug	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Delia Markham RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> The Harding family
Sun 1 Sept 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St. A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Teresa Stogden RIP Morel/Deschapper family reunion People of the Parish Youth of the Deanery
Mon 2 Sept	OLR	11am	Fr Laurence Quin-Morris RIP
Tues 3 Sept	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: health of Caroline McGrath
Wed 4 Sept	OLR	11am	REQUIEM MASS: Mireille Watson, RIP
Thurs 5 Sept	OLR	11am	Janet Jackson RIP
Fri 6 Sept	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Paula Woolf RIP Latin Mass: Maria Faronilo & Evan Evans
Sat 7 Sept	OLR OLR OLR	10am 10.30am 6pm	Delia Markham RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Dario Masento RIP
Sun 8 Sept 23rd Sunday in in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Patricia Smith RIP In thanksgiving, Maura Phipps Armanda Gouveia RIP & Luis Ferreira RIP People of the Parish
Mon 9 Sept	OLR	11am	Pat Price RIP
Tues 10 Sept	OLR	7.30am	Latin Mass: Sheila Lyon RIP
Wed 11 Sept	OLR	11am	Elizabeth Needham RIP
Thurs 12 Sept	OLR	11am	Joseph Walsh RIP
Fri 13 Sept	OLR OLR	11am 6.30pm	Paula Woolf RIP Latin Mass: Angela Reid

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.40-11.50am & 5-5.45pm (Our Lady of Ransom)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30-11am; Friday 11.30am – 6pm Benediction; Saturday 10.30am-12pm Benediction

ROSARY: Tuesdays 10.30am St G & Sunday after 9am Mass; OLR after Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mass. DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER: Our Lady of Ransom Church open daily 8am – 6pm

LIVE STREAMED MASSES: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

St Augustine (354-430) gave a sermon on the Anniversary of his Ordination. Speaking to his people he said being a bishop for them was a duty and a danger, but being a Christian with them was a grace and salvation. We are coming into September now – holidays are ending, summer is moving on, and the normal round of school and work is resuming. As we each take up our unique duties we remember that we do so as Christians. This is the most important thing in our lives. We are not alone, but through grace the Lord is with us and guides us. Cardinal Mercier's words come to mind: 'I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit), speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to him: 'O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul, I adore thee! Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me thy orders. I promise to submit myself to all that Thou desirest of me and to accept all that Thou permittest to happen to me. Just make me know Thy will.' If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you strength to carry it, and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.'

God bless you this September and throughout the whole of this 'new year', Fr Bruno

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. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!

PARISH DIARY

Thurs 5 Sep - Mothers Prayers after 11am Mass PMR
Sun 8 Sep - Children's Liturgy during all morning Masses
Sun 8 Sep - **NO TEAS/COFFEES** due to a private party
Mon 9 Sep - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR – 4.00-5.30pm
Mon 9 Sep - Padre Pio Group, PMR, 7.30 pm
Wed 11 Sep – First Holy Communion Parents' Mtg, OLR Hall, 7-8pm

HOSPITAL MINISTRY:

NEXT MASS: Tuesday 24 Sept at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you are in hospital or have a friend in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let us know.

LIFE NEWS: An inspiring and very courageous story. Natalie Fleet MP has shown extraordinary courage, after telling her story to BBC News. She revealed that she became pregnant at 15 after being groomed by an older man. She says that, despite the man telling her to have an abortion, she chose to continue with the pregnancy and gave birth to her daughter, now 23, who she says is the "absolute love of my life". To read Natalie's whole story and of how **LIFE** helps in these tragic situations go to [Pregnant after assault: A courageous story - Life \(lifecharity.org.uk\)](#). Ms Fleet says, "I really want to be a voice for all of those people, all of those women that have children in far from ideal circumstances." LIFE is a UK charity for women and families facing unexpected pregnancy or pregnancy loss, including

THE OCTOBER SYNOD: the final session of the General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality will be held in Rome from 2 – 27 October. Please keep this very important meeting of the 3 year process of consultation in prayer. To view the Working Document and other useful information please www.cbcew.org.uk/working-document-released-for-second-session-of-synod-on-synodality

SAVE THE DATES: Advance notice of some important Diocesan Events to make a note of.

21 Sept 2024 - Catechists Day at Worth Abbey School.

12 Oct 2024 – Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Arundel Cathedral - Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us to renew your wedding vows. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please go to www.abdiocese.org.uk.

12 Oct 2024 – Youth Engagement in Your Parish Day – St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. 11am – 3 pm. If you wish there was more happening in your parish community for young people, then this day is for you. Email: formation@abdiocese.org.uk to book your place. See also poster at the back of the Church.

AUGUST 2024 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Doreen Bergin £108; 2nd Mary McKeon £67; 3rd Anne Knowles £54; 4th Jean Peterken £27;
Wildcards of £20 each to Jo Sutherland, Mike & Cathy Kelly, Mary Robertson, Marilyn Clark, Alan Hobden.
The next draw will be on Sunday 15 September, the final draw of Year 3. Subs renewals for Year 4 draws from October 2024 are due by end of September for Members who pay in one go by cheque or bank transfer. New members are always welcome, new registration forms at the back of churches.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS MEETINGS: These resume on 9 October and every second Wednesday thereafter.

ST AGNES LUNCHES: From Thurs 12 Sept – then every 2nd Thurs

POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm.

PASTORAL & FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE: continues every Thursday, during Exposition at OLR between 10.20 – 10.50am. Please join in.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Sacred Heart Chapel - Thurs after 11 Mass.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

PARISH PRAYER GROUPS RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER: All our prayer groups start again in September so would all Leaders please submit as soon as possible the days, times and locations of their Groups to the Parish Office for the period September 2024 to July 2025.

BISHOPS' REFLECTION ON GENDER IDENTITY: in response to the sensitive pastoral questions raised in response to the current debates around gender identity, the Bishops have produced a helpful reflection, "Intricately Woven by the Lord". Copies of the summary are at the back of church, or you can read the full text via the Bishop's Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk

LAUNCH OF OUR NEW SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: As our Schools begin the new term, we turn our attention to the new Sacramental programmes. Enquiry and Application Forms are available at the back of all our churches but here is a quick reminder of the **very latest deadlines** for submission that you need to note:

OLR REPOSITORY: In order for this to remain open, your help is urgently needed - just one or two Sundays per month before and after the 10.15 Mass. Please call or email the Parish Office if you can help.

CHURCH CLEANING: Our beautiful Church needs the help too of some volunteers to maintain the warm hospitable welcome afforded both to parishioners and visitors, either as cover for the Team's holidays or as occasional members of the team. If you could offer a little of your time, please contact the Parish Office to discuss options. Thank you so much.

OUR SCHOOLS

ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transition. Mr Paul Barber, Principal, is extending an invitation to you and your child to attend a presentation at **St Thomas a Becket Primary School on Tues 17 September 2024 at 6.30pm** where he, together with some of the Senior Leadership Team, will be delighted to talk to you about St Richard's Catholic College and the admissions process.

CONGRATULATIONS on their excellent GCSE exam results achieving 84% at 4-9 grades and 70% at 5-9 grades. They can now look forward to even greater success in their future careers. Mr Barber also thanks the staff and parents/carers for their support to all pupils.

ST RICHARD'S own Open Evening will take place on Wed 2 October 2024 from 4.30 to 7.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note there is currently a 3-month waiting list for Mass Intentions to be said.

GIFT AID: If you wish to join the scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

Next Newsletter: will be issued on 15 Sept. Please send any items in by 4 Sept. Items after this date cannot be guaranteed.