



This Parish is part of

The Catholic Deanery of Eastbourne & St Leonards

working towards implementing the Pastoral Plan

Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. Is:43,5

Churches of Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory and St Agnes

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

Month of August - £10454

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

4 October - CAFOD Harvest Day Collection

11 October – Prisoners Sunday

CAFOD HARVEST DAY: This is a day when we eat a simple meal or fast and give the money saved to help families fighting global hunger and climate change.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for all those who are sick, housebound or in hospital.

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

and their families at this difficult time

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT

‘O God, eternal and loving Shepherd, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen, to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven. May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.’

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 12 September	OLR	6.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sun 13 September	St G	9.00 am	Delia Markham RIP
Twenty-Fourth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	James Moulding RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Enid Joy Smith RIP
Mon 14 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Annunziata Cirillo
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Tues 15 September	OLR	11.00 am	Enid Joy Smith RIP
Wed 16 September	OLR	11.00 pm	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 17 September	OLR	11.00 am	Sandra McMeekin RIP
Fri 18 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Margaret Forde
Sat 19 September	OLR	10.00 am	Stanley David Victor Wilkins RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Philip Somers RIP
Sun 20 September	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Twenty-Fifth	OLR	10.15 am	Intentions of Victoria Candriotti
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Intentions of Cheryl Wood
	OLR	5.30 pm	Bernabe Cordero RIP
Mon 21 September	OLR	11.00 am	John Forde RIP
Tues 22 September	OLR	11.00 am	Mr and Mrs Will Carrivick RIP
Wed 23 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Maria Jose Nunes
Thurs 24 September	OLR	11.00 am	Bridget McDermot RIP
Fri 25 September	OLR	11.00 am	In thanksgiving and good health
	St A	12.00 pm	REQUIEM: Martha Byrne RIP
Sat 26 September	OLR	10.00 am	Jean Rother 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

BELONGING TO GOD, BELONGING TO EACH OTHER

The beauty of the Scriptures, however many times we hear any reading, is that they bring us always back to the basics, the foundations, of who we are, why we are here ... and where we are going! In the parable of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus describing the relationship of servants to their master, and servants to each other. This sort of language and imagery is alien to us today, but in the ancient world servants literally belonged to their master as property. Because of this ownership any harm inflicted on a fellow servant is an act of defiance against the master. It's this divine stamp of ownership that connects us to each other with bonds that we cannot and should not break. Belonging to God, as God's beloved children rather than servants, gives us the foundation of all our human dignity and the right to be respected by others. To forgive is not simply a matter of personal whim or choice, but rather an obligation that flows from our belonging to God, the merciful Owner of us all. The question in the first reading from the book of Sirach, drives home this sense of obligation: *"If somebody has no mercy towards another like themselves, can they then seek pardon for their own sins?"* As we regather after the summer let us ask our loving and merciful God to help us treat each other always with utmost respect, because we all belong to God and in God we belong to each other. 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 – JUNE 2026

Mon 14 Sept - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30
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Mon 14 Sept - Knights of St Columba, OLR, PMR, 7.45-9.00 pm
Wed 16 Sept – West Hub Meeting, OLR Hall, 5.30-7.00 pm
Sat 19 Sept – Baptism Class, OLR Hall, 9.00 – 10.30 am
Mon 21 Sept – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30
Thurs 24 Sept – Parents' Meeting for FHC, OLR Hall, 7-8.00 pm

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: Fri 2 October. Please donate to Family Fast Day Collection and support CAFOD's work helping our global neighbours access food and safe water. Please use CAFOD envelopes or go online <https://www.cafod.org.uk>

EASTBOURNE PARKINSON'S CHOIR would like to offer huge thanks to all for their generous and supportive contributions which raised over £2200, most gratefully received.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INTRODUCTION TO SYNODALITY – 2 x Zoom sessions of 2 hrs. Tues 22 Sept and 29 Sept, 11 am - 1pm (or 7-9 pm). Are you new to synodality? Then this is for you, no prior knowledge is needed. Go to <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/> to join this excellent opportunity to learn more.

BLESSING OF PETS: SAT 3 OCTOBER AFTER 10.00 MASS: The animals share with us in God's Creation. On the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, we shall invoke God's blessing upon our pets, thanking God that we share the earth with all his creatures. The blessing will be **immediately after Mass (i.e. 10.30)**. Please, if you bring a pet, have them in your charge at all times!

CATHOLIC UNION WEBINAR FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS. "THE DESERT AND THE POLIS: LONELINESS AS SPIRITUAL CRISIS AND POLITICAL FAILURE": 6.00pm on Thurs 15 October with Fr John Church, OP, and Professor Anna Rowlands. Please register by emailing info@catholicunion.org.uk to reserve your place for this interesting webinar.

CHRISTIAN ART CONFERENCE: Sat 14 November at the QEII Centre in Central London. This inaugural gathering will explore the sacred dialogue between Beauty and Faith, bringing together artists, theologians, cultural leaders, and art lovers from around the world - www.https://christianart for info and tickets.

AUGUST 2026 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st Maureen Doyle £100; 2nd Jo Sutherland £60; 3rd Gina Moulding £50; 4th Caroline Rother £25; Two August Wildcards: Jaime Capon, Mike & Cathy Kelly - £20 each. Next draw: Sun 20 September after 10.15 Mass; New Members' Forms are at the back of churches. Please note Subs are due for renewal by 30 Sept for those paying Oct to Sept by cheque or bank transfer - (not applicable to ongoing standing order payers or those who joined mid-year).

ST AGNES

NEXT GRANDPARENTS' MEETING: Wed 14 October at 2.00pm

THURSDAY LUNCHES: Please note, the next lunch will be on 8 October, 12.30 pm, no booking needed.

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

OPEN EVENING AT ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE for Year 7 entry is 30 September at 4.30 pm. Application processes will be explained and there will be tours and chances to speak to staff and Paul Barber, the Principal.

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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

FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION: from after 11 am Mass until Benediction at 6pm, live streamed for those at home.

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

ADORE "HEALING - LOVE IN ACTION": Sat 19 Sept, 10.00-1.00pm. Please join us for a mini-retreat of spiritual renewal on Zoom. There will be Mass, Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, Testimony and inspiring talks, to develop our role as ambassadors for Christ. **SPEAKER:** Ros Powell, a Catholic Evangelist with a healing, deliverance, prophetic ministry, frequently at New Dawn Conference. Active in prisons too, she speaks and ministers healing to inmates throughout the UK. All details at www.altonrenewal.com/2026.

N.B: SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME ENQUIRY FORMS: Please note the deadline for submission of completed forms for the various Sacramental programmes is close. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please ensure all Forms are received no later than:

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion – **Friday 18 September**

Lumen Christi (Confirmation) – **Saturday 3 October**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) – **Fri 25 September**

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP THE PARISH SAVE MONEY: by making your offertory donations by standing order or by using the card machine in OLR? Standing order forms can be found on the parish website, from Nick Price at pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk or you can leave a message with the parish office.

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JOINT OLR AND NEWMAN SOCIETY EVENTS: please note the next 3 talks – in collaboration with the Newman Society.

Mon 12 October, 7-8.30 pm, A Talk by Dr Anthony Bracuti entitled "What do young people think of the direction and future of the Church?"

Tues 20 October, 7-8.30 pm, a talk by Clare Szanto, parish representative for CAFOD, about the Catholic Teaching on Social Justice, often called 'The Church's Best Kept Secret'.

Thurs 19 November, 7-8.30 pm, a talk by Dr Fr Andrew Pinsent, renowned Scholar and Theologian, via Zoom (to OLR Hall) on Pope Leo's Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas". He will break it down for easy understanding and challenge us on our response to it. All welcome, bring a friend.