



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. Isaiah 43,5

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

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

21 June £2560 – 28 June £2327

SPUC £405 – Peter's Pence £548

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

12 July - Sea Sunday – Stella Maris

STELLA MARIS: supporting seafarers across the world in time of need.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: *Formerly Home Mission Sunday*

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

Message from our Bishop-Elect Stephen

I'm so happy to be appointed as your new bishop, and I am really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know the Diocese.

The news came as a complete surprise to me. The first thing I did after being told on Tuesday morning was to visit St Peter's Basilica. I prayed at the tombs of St Peter and St John Paul II for you all and offered Mass for the Diocese. There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope.

Let's pray for each other, and for our Diocese. Please pray for me and for my intentions. I put all my trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in his Church, and in his mother Mary. His love is so powerful. There is so much to be grateful for.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 4 July	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Sean Geelan and family
Sun 5 July	St G	9.00 am	Christine Humby RIP
Fourteenth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Emma Candiotti RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Healing for Lucy
Mon 6 July	OLR	11.00 am	Deceased members of Ruthner family
Tues 7 July	OLR	11.00 am	Olimpio and Filomena Forte RIP
Wed 8 July	OLR	7.00 pm	In Thanksgiving
OLR CENTENARY			
Thurs 9 July	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP
Fri 10 July	OLR	11.00 am	Holy Souls
Sat 11 July	OLR	10.00 am	Ezinne Paulina Nklosu RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Paddy and Bridget Duggan RIP
Sun 12 July	St G	9.00 am	Maura Eivers RIP
Fifteenth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Robert Bedwell RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Enid Joy Smith RIP
Mon 13 July	OLR	11.00 am	Deceased members of Needham family
Tues 14 July	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP
Wed 15 July	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of Mother Teresa
Thurs 16 July	OLR	11.00 am	Mothers' Prayers Group
Fri 17 July	OLR	11.00 am	Francis Fitzsimmons RIP
Sat 18 July	OLR	10.00 am	Enid Joy Smith RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	Adoration and Confessions

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

SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR

I take the title of this little reflection from the final words from the message above of our just appointed Bishop-Elect, Stephen Wang. We will celebrate on Wednesday our Centenary of Dedication of Our Lady of Ransom, which I really hope you will be able to attend. It's not simply the cause for a good party but is a wonderful marking of the long-term presence of the Catholic Church in the heart of our town. I've been thinking how many spiritual fruits and blessings will have been born from this presence – all the babies Baptised, the children and young people nurtured in faith, adults received into full communion with the Church, the sick cared for and ministered to, the dying comforted in their final hours with the Sacraments, and the dead given final loving service from the community with the dignity of a Christian funeral. And what a wonderful community we have today, across our 3 churches and beyond. So much to be grateful for! Another cause of gratitude – a new Bishop on his way to us! His consecration and installation will be in the autumn (October) to allow time to complete all his current commitments and responsibilities. I have known Bishop-Elect Stephen since 1992 when he joined the Seminary in Rome, and we overlapped for my final year and became friends. He was my #1 choice for Bishop (if we can have one!) and I am delighted with the news and know he will be a great Shepherd and teacher for the Diocese. God bless him and us all. 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 6 July – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm

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Mon 13 July - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm

Thurs 16 July – Mothers’ Prayers, OLR, PMR, 11.45 – 1.00 pm

ST AGNES GARDEN: The lady who has been caring for the garden over a long period is no longer able to do this. Are there any St Agnes parishioners who would like to volunteer to do this? Please contact the parish office if interested. Thanks

OLR CENTENARY: Please note that the **Church carpark will be CLOSED on Tuesday afternoon through to Thursday**. After the Thanksgiving Mass, please make your way through the Hall, collect a plate of food and a drink and go to the tables and chairs in the outside dining area.

DEANERY MAGAZINE – LATEST ISSUE: The new issue of the Deanery Magazine is available on the parish website with printed copies in all our churches. This single parish update also has many good news stories, forthcoming events and opportunities for prayer, formation and mission. If you take a copy away to read, please return it or pass it on to a friend, or even leave it in a local community centre, medical practice waiting room or other public place where others in our community might discover and enjoy it too. Thank you for helping to share the Good News more widely!

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: some of us will be journeying to Lourdes at the end of this month (24-31 July) for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, always a special experience. I will be celebrating a **Mass on Friday 17 July at 6.15 pm in OLR** (after end of Adoration), followed by tea / coffee in the hall, for any pilgrims who would like to come and meet others who will be going. Also, if anyone would like a small **Prayer Petition** taken to the Grotto, please leave in the Parish Office in an envelope marked **LOURDES PETITION** (no money enclosed) **by Monday 20**. Thanks – Fr Kevin

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE: If you wish to donate, please go to <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2pm

THURSDAY LUNCHES: Thurs 9 July, 12.30pm, All are welcome

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

OUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A NEW PARISH:

Ultimately the new Parish will be overseen by a Priests Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. They will work closely with a Leadership Team of clergy and lay reps, and with Hub Pastoral Teams of clergy and lay representatives from across our churches, in the development of our Pastoral Plan and our shared mission. The West Hub covers Eastbourne, Polegate, Hampden Park, Hailsham, and the East Hub covers St Leonards, Hastings, Bexhill, Battle and Rye.

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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.

POPE LEO’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For respect for human life, for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God

STELLA MARIS MARITIME CHARITY: Life at sea is tough and can be risky, and many seafarers go weeks without seeing a friendly face. Stella Maris chaplains step in offering friendship, faith, and practical support when most needed. Your generous donation helps to ensure this important work can continue. Thank you.

OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS JUNE 2026:

1st Rob Dixon £100; 2nd Orla Phipps £60; 3rd Molly Phipps £50; 4th Sheila Harper £25;

Next draw: Sun 19 July after 10.15 Mass; Registration Forms for new members are at the back of churches.

MARRIAGE IN A RUT - OR NEED HELP WITH DEEPER ISSUES?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage, by offering a safe, confidential way to rebuild trust, reconnect and move forward together. In person or online. There are dates available for 2026 and 2027. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info or Tel: 07887 296983

OFFERTORY DONATIONS – The parish pays a monthly fee when paying in cash from offertory donations. If you could make your donation by standing order or use the card machine at the rear of OLR, this would be greatly appreciated. You can get Standing order forms from pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk (Nick Price) or leave a message with the parish office.

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SUMMER DEANERY UPDATE: A final short final update, as we come towards the summer holiday season. Thanks to everyone from across our Deanery churches who have been working hard to help us prepare for change and re-organisation. We realise as time goes by that we are in for a long-distance run rather than a quick sprint, quite rightly so as change needs to happen in a way that makes sense for people. We have just had news of appointment of our new Bishop-Elect, Stephen Wang. I know him well and am confident he will be a great new Shepherd for us all. Just to end with some encouraging words he shares with us on his appointment: *“There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I’ve seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward”* We pray for him as he prepares to join us after the summer.