



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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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 19 and 26 JULY 2026

PARISH COLLECTIONS

5 July £2561 – 12 July £2688

Stella Maris £821

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

20 September - Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

4 October - CAFOD Harvest Day

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: *(was Home Mission Sunday). We support our Bishops in evangelising in England and Wales proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all who receive it with an open heart.*

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

THINK LOWLY

Do you wish to be great?

Then begin from what is slightest.

Do you plan to construct a high and mighty building?

Then think first about the foundation of humility.

When people plan to erect a lofty and large building, they make the foundations all the deeper. But those who lay the foundation are forced to descend into the depths.

Lord my God, how great you are, and yet you make your home in the humble of heart. It is you who lift up the down-trodden and you who are their grandeur.

St Augustine of Hippo

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18 July	OLR	6.00 pm	Roman Rudko RIP
Sun 19 July	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Jean Lloyd
Sixteenth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Bernadette Wenban on her 90 th birthday
	OLR	5.30 pm	Recovery from Cancer
Mon 20 July	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Ciaran Kefford
Tues 21 July	OLR	11.00 am	Elizabeth Peters RIP
Wed 22 July	OLR	7.00 pm	Annette Barker RIP
Thurs 23 July	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mary McKeon
Fri 24 July	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Barber RIP
Sat 25 July	OLR	10.00 am	Tom Hennelly RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Sean Duggan
Sun 26 July	St G	9.00 am	Michael Carter RIP
Seventeenth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Joe Monaghan RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Sue Peate RIP
Mon 27 July	OLR	11.00 am	Deceased members of Ettl family
Tues 28 July	OLR	11.00 am	Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Wed 29 July	OLR	11.00 am	Daniel Peters RIP
Thurs 30 July	OLR	11.00 am	Maureen Angela Rudden RIP
Fri 31 July	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Our livestream Community
Sat 1 August	OLR	10.00 am	Aurelie Grimmon RIP and Anna Mogford 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

WHO SOWED THE WEEDS?

Today's gospel reading is about the parable of the wheat and weeds. The planter had sowed good seeds (wheat) only to discover that weeds (bad seeds) were growing alongside the good seeds. This discovery is even more interesting from the perspective of creation because "Everything God created was good" (Gen. 1:31). The gospel records that an enemy had sown the bad seeds.

The master allowed both the good and bad seeds to grow together to give the bad seed an opportunity for a change of heart (repentance).

This is what St. Peter speaks to when he said, "We must think of the Lord's patience as our opportunity to be saved." (2 Pet. 3:15).

Dearly beloved, the parable explained in simple terms means that the field on which the seeds are planted is our world today. The seeds are those who live in it - good and bad people alike. The master of the field is God, the creator of us all.

The question then is, are you a good seed or a bad one? Do you know that even if you started as a bad seed, the Lord is patiently waiting for you to repent? The time of repentance is now; do not delay. That is why the Spirit of God comes to help us in weakness (Rom.8:26). The response to the Psalm even puts it better, "O Lord, you are good and forgiving" (Ps. 86:5). Come back to the Lord today, & he will forgive you.

God bless. Fr. Charles

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 20 July – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30

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ENQUIRY FORMS FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2026-2027:

If anyone would like to register their interest in the programmes of First Holy Communion, Lumen Christi (Confirmation) or RCIA in Sept/Oct, forms are now available at the back of all three churches. Full registration will then be confirmed in September.

OLR CENTENARY: what a wonderful celebration we had of our centenary at OLR. Great to see the church completely full, including past clergy and other happy guests. Our lovely local Mayor, Margaret Bannister, sent a thank you card afterwards: *"It was such a lovely service and so nice to catch up with so many people afterwards. Here's to the next 100 years!"* A very special word of appreciation to those parishioners who worked so hard and generously in the build up to and the celebration itself. I'm sure there was great joy in Heaven!

POPE LEO VISITS LAMPEDUSA: On 4 July, Pope Leo not only referred to the dignity of migrants, but also the potential of international economic, political and diplomatic solutions: "Europe is capable of addressing the regional crisis, which is a task not only for public institutions but also for civil society as a whole and for the Church." <https://thecatholicnetwork.co.uk> for the whole article.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE PETITIONS: Mon 20 July is last day for any petitions to be taken to the Grotto. please leave in the Parish Office in an envelope marked **LOURDES PETITION**

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.

ST AGNES

NEXT GRANDPARENTS' MEETING: Wed 9 September at 2.00pm

THURSDAY LUNCHES: Please note, the next lunch will not be until 10 September - none in August!

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

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 26 JULY IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY: So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. Use the link below to take you to the Pope's full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html>

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.

MEDITATE ON OUR LADY DURING AUGUST

Pope Leo calls Mary "A woman icon of the Mystery" and explains how the word "*woman* highlights the historical reality of this young daughter of Israel," to whom it was granted to become the mother of Jesus. The word *icon* shows how "in Her, both God's gratuitous election and Her free consent of faith in Him shine forth." "Mary is therefore the woman who is the icon of the Mystery, that is, of the divine plan of salvation, once hidden and now revealed in its fullness in Jesus Christ," The "sole mediator of salvation is Jesus Christ" and Mary "fosters the immediate union of the faithful" with Him, Pope Leo explained, citing *Lumen Gentium*. Let us, then, as we relax during the month of August ask Our Lady to obtain this gift for us: that love for the Holy Mother Church may grow in all of us.

IN NEED OF A LITTLE RELATIONSHIP HELP OR SUPPORT?:

Retrouvaille is an organisation that offers a safe, confidential way to rebuild trust, reconnect and move forward to people needing a helping hand. In person or online. There are dates available for 2026 and 2027. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info or Ring: 07887 296983.

BEACHY HEAD CHAPLAINCY IS LOOKING FOR A SALARIED CHAPLAIN:

Could you answer the call to be the person they are looking for? 10-20 hours per week, (to suit you). Visit www.bhct.org.uk/join-our-team to find out more about this role and how to apply. Closing date **1 August 2026**.

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Entitled "Mary, Cause of our Joy" this Pilgrimage takes place from 23- 25 October 2026.

It will be led by Fr David Murphy, and all are invited to journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at "England's Nazareth".

Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

To book your place or find out more visit the A&B Diocesan website: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp> Please also see the poster at the back of our churches.