



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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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 21 and 28 JUNE 2026

PARISH COLLECTIONS

7 June £2910 – 14 June £2885

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

21 June Day for Life

28 June – Peter's Pence

12 July - Sea Sunday – Stella Maris

PETER'S PENCE are voluntary donations made by Catholics around the world to support the Pope's personal charitable projects.

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

CENTENARY CELEBRATION – 8 JULY 2026!

The countdown is on for our very special celebration! We start at 7.00pm with our Centenary Thanksgiving Mass (this will be the only Mass that day) which will be attended by many of the clergy from past years, other dignitaries and community friends to praise and thank God for his many blessings.

We then continue the evening with shared memories, fun and friendship, great food from around the world, fabulous souvenirs and gifts!

Come on everybody, let's all come together – young, older and everyone in between – to thank God for a century of faith and service as we look forward to the future with joy and hope. Don't miss this wonderful celebration!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 20 June	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Sarah Brown
Sun 21 June	St G	9.00 am	Paddy and Maura Cauty RIP
Twelfth	OLR	10.15 am	Gilberto da Silva RIP
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	OLR	5.30 pm	Toby Andrew RIP & Sue Lewington RIP
Mon 22 June	OLR	11.00 am	Mollie Callus RIP
Tues 23 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mario Neves
Wed 24 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Clare and Ron Brazier
John the Baptist's Birth			
Thurs 25 June	OLR	11.00 am	Delia Markham RIP
Fri 26 June	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP
	OLR	2.00 pm	Wedding of Kriss and Juliet
Sat 27 June	OLR	10.00 am	Maria Comet RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Philip Sommers RIP
Sun 28 June	St G	9.00 am	Christine Humby RIP
Solemnity of St	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Peter and St Paul	St A	11.30 am	Flora Pumar RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Robin James Butler RIP
Mon 29 June	OLR	11.00 am	Molly Barry RIP
Tues 30 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Martin Bromley
Wed 1 July	OLR	11.00 am	Bryan Barrow RIP
Thurs 2 July	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Florida De Souza
Fri 3 July	OLR	11.00 am	Anne Reynolds RIP
Sat 4 July	OLR	10.00 am	In Thanksgiving
	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

DO NOT FEAR!

The Prophet, Jeremiah, sets the tone for our reflection this weekend. Jeremiah expresses fear and anxiety because of his role as a prophet. He faced persecution, and voices were calling him to denounce his message. Rather than give up on God and his mission, Jeremiah turned to God for help and strength. Of course, the Lord did not forsake him. In the gospel as well, Jesus calls not to fear those who can only kill the body. If we must fear, then we must fear he who can destroy both body and soul. Since it is not the intention of God to destroy us, His precious creation, we ought to stand on the side of God and seek His will. Our task as Christians is to continue doing the will of God, not the will of man. Because we have chosen to do the will of God rather than of man, we expect to face trials and persecutions, just as Jeremiah did, but we will not succumb. We are aware of our weakness and struggles with sin, which came into the world through the old Adam, but Christ, the new Adam, has conquered sin forever and given us our freedom as sons and daughters of God. Let us not allow ourselves to be mastered by sin because the grace of God is there to help us even when we are weak. Do not fear because in the great mercy of God, he will answer us. 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 22 June – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30
Fri 26 June – Wedding of Kriss and Juliet, OLR, 2.00 pm
Sat 27 June – Baptism Session 2, OLR Hall, 9-10.30am
Mon 29 June – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CENTENARY PARTY: We need some volunteers to help before, during and after the party on **8 JULY** – Please sign up on the clipboard notice at the back of the Churches to help make this day a memory that will last another 100 years. Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026 7.00pm: Join the Catholic Women’s League Eastbourne Parishes for a fun evening at Christ the King Hall. Teams of up to 6, £5 per person (under 12s free). Cash prize, raffle and refreshments (bring your own wine and nibbles). All proceeds support the Deanery West Hub Youth Formation Fund. Ticket enquiries to sandraforte40@gmail.com

DAY FOR LIFE: Sun 21 June, marks the Day for Life under the theme “The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.” The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. Our second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death.

LOURDES PRAYER NETWORK: MONDAYS WITH MARY: This offers a chance to extend the Lourdes experience, continuing pilgrimage prayers during the year. It consists of Asst Chaplains and pilgrims, praying for the intentions of our Diocese and beyond. There is also a monthly online gathering. If you have a prayer intention, email prayer.lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk to join the [Zoom](#) meeting

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: During weekend Masses of 20/21 June we will be commissioning some new Eucharistic Ministers and invite ALL Eucharistic Ministers to renew their commitment to this important ministry.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We pray for all our 35 children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday.

SHOCKING NEWS: Parliament has approved an amendment that removes legal consequences for a woman aborting her own baby – at any stage, for any reason. If you feel this is a step too far then join in the fight to bring this to an end, see Poster in your Church. Please also fill up one of the cards and place in the large envelope provided. For more information on the campaign, email information@spuc.org.uk or insert spuc.org.uk/campaign/join-the-fightback into your browser.

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY, KENT - Everyone is invited to attend the Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, ME20 7BX on Sun, 28 June organised by The Knights of St. Columba. Mass at 12 noon, picnic afterwards, with Rosary procession at 3.15pm. Further details from Bob (07752 043009)

OFFERTORY DONATIONS – The parish pays a monthly fee for 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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LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:

“As the new larger parishes come into being across the Diocese, clergy are encouraged to embrace opportunities for delegation, including developing the skills and gifts of lay staff and volunteers to enable the clergy to focus on their primary mission and achieve balance in their life and ministry. This will also engage and empower laity into new roles and ministries. The new parishes will make decisions collectively. The key will be working in synodality. This emphasises relationships, collaboration and listening to the voices of all. To enable our clergy to lead, and for communities and parishioners to feel connected and involved, there will need to be some new structures, roles, teams, and communication channels”.

Diocesan Pastoral Team