



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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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

6 September Columban Mission Appeal

11 October – Prisoners Sunday

27 October - CAFOD Harvest Day

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL - 5-6 SEPTEMBER:

we extend a very warm welcome to Fr Patrick O'Beirne SSC of the Columban Missionary Society. Fr Pat has worked in Taiwan and China and the Order works in many parts of the world, sharing the Gospel and supporting people in varied and important ways spiritually and materially. We support their good work this weekend with a Second Collection.

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

***"We want to be a synodal Church,
a Church that walks,
a Church that always seeks peace,
that always seeks charity,
that always tries to be close
especially to those who suffer".***

Pope Leo

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29 Aug	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of the Harding family
Sun 30 August	St G	9.00 am	Bozenha Phillips RIP
Twenty-Second	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Paula Fly RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Maeve Gallagher RIP
Mon 31 August	OLR	11.00 am	Margaret Clifford RIP
Tues 1 September	OLR	11.00 am	Rose McNulty RIP
Wed 2 September	OLR	11.00 pm	Intentions of Teresa O'Brien
Thurs 3 September	OLR	11.00 am	Members living and deceased of Mothers' Prayers Group
ST GREGORY			
Fri 4 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Darina Wheatley
Sat 5 September	OLR	10.00 am	In thanksgiving
	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Zita Pineda
Sun 6 September	St G	9.00 am	Jean and Geoff Brown RIP
Twenty-Third	OLR	10.15 am	Bridget and Michael Burke – Golden Wedding
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	OLR	5.30 pm	Gordon de Waal RIP
Mon 7 September	OLR	11.00 am	NO MASS – Fr Kevin and Fr Charles away
Tues 8 September	OLR	11.00 am	In thanksgiving and good health
Wed 9 September	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP
Thurs 10 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr Chris Bergin
Fri 11 September	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Pauline Crunden RIP
Sat 12 September	OLR	10.00 am	Denis and Susan Walsh – Diamond Wedding
	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

TENSIONS WITHIN US

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. This statement flows from the fall of our first parents at the Garden of Eden. The fallen state of man means that we will constantly deal with tensions within us - between the forces of good and evil. This is what St. Augustine refers to as 'concupiscence'. We will to do good, but sometimes we are too weak to do the good that we have willed.

Jesus in the gospel reading this weekend offers us a way of dealing with these tensions. This time, to will good and do the good we have willed. He invites us to rebuke ourselves (put off the flesh), and to come follow Jesus.

This invitation to follow Jesus requires constant rededication of self to the things of the Spirit rather than the things of the flesh. St. Paul, in the second reading, invites us to present ourselves as living sacrifices and not to be conformed to the standard of the world. Jeremiah in the first reading calls it docility. To surrender completely to the will of God, which is the best way to deal with the constant tensions within us. We ought to allow ourselves to be inundated by the spirit of God.

For truly, "Our soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God." (Ps. 63). St. Augustine said, "O Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in 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

Sat 12 Sept – Baptism Class, OLR Hall, 9.00 – 10.30

Mon 7 Sept - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30

Mon 14 Sept – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30

Thurs 24 Sept – Parents' Meeting for FHC, OLR Hall, 7-8.00 pm

DURING CHURCH SERVICES: As we start back after the summer, just a gentle and respectful reminder to everybody about creating a prayerful space in church. If during services you have a young child that needs "to let off steam", as youngsters do, please let them do so in the Narthex (porch) or the corridor between church and hall, accompanied by you. Please can we also all be aware to turn off / silence phones before Mass begins. Thanks everyone for cooperation and understanding.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL START AGAIN SUN 13 SEPTEMBER:

We welcome back our young children and any new ones to the new term during morning Masses at OLR and St Gregory's.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CATHEDRAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS: SAT 12 SEPT, 12 NOON. Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director, Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to this special Mass to celebrate and thank all our altar servers for their service to our parishes. It is for anyone already serving or who would like to serve - all are welcome to attend. Refreshments after Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk To confirm your attendance and see the Poster at the back of our churches.

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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 2026 CANCELLATION:

With regret this Pilgrimage has had to be cancelled for this year. The Diocese will look for new dates in 2027.

FORGIVE AND LET GO: "St Francis entered into pain and suffering rather than avoid it. The religious word for letting go is forgiveness. Forgiveness is giving up your investment in and identification with your own painful story. This comes from a place of inner freedom and awareness of goodness—God's, your own, and the goodness of the person you choose to forgive", (Richard Rohr, internationally renowned Franciscan spiritual teacher). www.newpilgrimpath.ie. to find out more about 'The Welcoming Prayer' - a truly valuable practice of letting go and forgiving.

ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers and support for Year 11 pupils who sat exams earlier in the Summer. Results were again extremely high with 93% of pupils passing Maths and 90% passing their English exams. Please keep these pupils in your prayers as they begin their new courses in September

ST AGNES

NEXT GRANDPARENTS' MEETING: Wed 9 September at 2.00pm

THURSDAY LUNCHES: Please note, the next lunch will be 10 September, 12.30, no booking needed.

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

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 SEPTEMBER

For the care of water; for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

NEW WHATSAPP CHANNEL FOR NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched with News regularly shared. WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. Only those in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity. whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0VYff0E to join.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME ENQUIRY FORMS: Please note that the deadline for submission of completed forms for the various Sacramental programmes is close. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT LATE FORMS.** 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**

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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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, CAFOD Representative at OLR and former Lady Mayoress, entitled "The Social Teachings of the Catholic Church".

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.