



Catholic Deanery of Eastbourne & St Leonards

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

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 24 and 31 MAY 2026

PARISH COLLECTIONS

10 May £2400 - 17 May £2659
World Communications £465

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sun 21 June – Day for Life
Sun 28 June – Peter’s Pence

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Rena Augustine and Yesenia Yosmar Lopez
Reina and their families at this difficult time

Holy Father,

make us one in Christ,

rooted in his love

that unites and renews.

May all members of the Church be

united in mission,

docile to the Holy Spirit,

courageous in bearing witness to

the Gospel,

proclaiming and daily embodying

your faithful love for all creatures.

Pope Leo XIV

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 23 May	OLR	6.00 pm	Paul Hughes RIP
Sun 24 May	St G	9.00 am	Humby Family
Pentecost Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Tom Shell RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	In thanksgiving
Mon 25 May	OLR	11.00 am	Holy Souls
Tues 26 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mrs Phyllis Sibley
Wed 27 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Rosa McEntee
Thurs 28 May	OLR 11.00 am		NO MASS – JUBILIANS’ MASS ARUNDEL
Fri 29 May	OLR	11.00 am	Bryan Barrow RIP
Sat 30 May	OLR	10.00 am	Christians in the Holy Land
	OLR	6.00 pm	Bob Langhorn RIP
Sun 31 May	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Slattery Family
Trinity	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	St A	11.30 am	Eva Machniak RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Donald Ashford RIP
Mon 1 June	OLR	11.00am	Good health and welfare of Mary & Katy Kelly
Tues 2 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr Charles
Wed 3 June	OLR	11.00 am	Maria Featherstone RIP
Thurs 4 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mark and Emma Bromley
Fri 5 June	OLR	11.00 am	Joan Kennedy RIP
Sat 6 June	OLR	10.00 am	Albert Ricardo 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

THE HOLY SPIRIT: OUR FRIEND

We celebrate this weekend the great Solemnity of Pentecost - the fulfilment of the Father's promise to the church. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church. God sent forth the Holy Spirit, and it renewed the face of the earth. Indeed, God did not leave us as orphans but has sent us the Holy Spirit to teach us and to strengthen us in our Christian journey.

The first reading recounts the events of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles gathered in prayer in the Upper Room. When the Holy Spirit descended on them, although they were Galileans, they spoke in the language everyone could understand – the language of love and kindness. We are invited to speak that same language today in a world that is hurting and broken. The Holy Spirit that we receive is not the Spirit of timidity but the power of God working in and through us. Now that we have received the fullness of God's spirit, the outpouring of the various gifts of the Holy Spirit, those gifts should now bear the expected fruits in our lives. This is why we have been called and sent by God to make disciples of all nations. Do not be afraid - the Holy Spirit dwells in you. Happy Feast of Pentecost. 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!

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Fri 29 May – Film “The People’s Emergency Briefing”, OLR Hall, after 11am Mass

Mon 1 June – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30 pm

Mon 1 June – SVP Meeting, PMR, 6-7 pm

Wed 3 June – West Hub Leadership Meeting, OLR Hall, 5.30-7.30pm

Thurs 4 June – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11 am Mass

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: If anyone is going into hospital, please let us know so we can ensure Sacramental visits. If you are in hospital or going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please tell Fr Kevin or Fr Charles.

MARY’S MEALS’ COIN COLLECTION: Please continue to donate leftover foreign currency or UK notes/coins no longer legal tender. Use the envelopes at the back of the church or hand into the parish office in an envelope marked ‘Mary’s Meals’. Your kindness will help provide nutritious meals for children living in some of the world’s poorest countries.

LIFE OF CHRIST, WINTERSHALL, 18-20 June, 10.00-3.30, Discover the wonder of Jesus’ life as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join the many actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate. To book visit <https://www.wintershall.org.uk>.

CALL TO DEFEND NHS STAFF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS PETITION: to ensure that NHS staff, hospices and care homes – are not pressured to enable patients’ suicide against their conscience or ethos. Following the fall of the assisted suicide Bill, fresh bids to introduce an assisted dying law in England and Wales are anticipated. This would likely pressure NHS staff to be involved in some way and offer even less protection. You can protect healthcare workers and hospices by signing the Bios Centre online petition calling on government to protect conscientious objection rights for religious and personal beliefs. Visit: <https://bioscentre.org/petition-on-conscience-protection> to sign the petition.

ST AGNES

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

THURSDAY LUNCHESES: Thursday 11 June 12.30pm. All welcome!

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

BECOMING A NEW PARISH

The New Parish will be overseen by a Clergy Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. The team will work closely with Hub Secretaries, Hub Leadership Groups and lay representatives to support pastoral planning, governance and the shared mission of the Parish. 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: prayed every **WEDNESDAY** during Exposition at OLR, between 10.25-10.50am

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

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

NO MASS on Thurs 28 May as our priests will be attending the Diocesan Jubilarians Mass in Arundel.

REFLECTION FROM ONE OF THE RCIA GROUP RECEIVED AT EASTER, Robert Blair:

My wife had been attending Mass at St Wilfrid’s and invited me to join her when she read for the first time. Coincidentally this was the date of our wedding anniversary. During this Mass and each subsequent service, I found myself overwhelmed with emotion leaving me keen to explore my faith more deeply. I read scripture and soon felt the need to contact people on a similar journey. My wife handed me an RCIA printout from the table in the porch and I applied. I was apprehensive attending the early RCIA sessions as I did not know what to expect, but my anxiety soon disappeared after the warm welcome I received. It felt like I was home after a long absence.

Soon, I was hungry to learn more and deepen my faith, quietly kicking myself for being so resistant to the belief I felt in my heart for most of my life. I thank Father Kevin, Caroline, Mark and all the RCIA participants for their spiritual support during this journey. The Easter Vigil was the crowning glory of the programme. A beautiful, moving, humbling experience, one I shall never forget. I felt an inner peace as I looked out at the congregation in front of me, a feeling I hold to this day, and I pray that this peace in Jesus Christ never leaves me.

EASTBOURNE FOODBANK are very grateful for all donations made by parishioners. Their total donations are down on previous years help but the numbers they support remain high. If you could by donating even a little they, and those dependent on them, would be very grateful.

MAY 2026 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Maura Phipps £100; 2nd Elizabeth Dudley £60;

3rd Una Carter £50; 4th Edwina Lucani £25;

Next draw: Sun 21 June after the 10.15 Mass;

New members' Registration Forms are at the back of churches.

LATEST DEANERY UPDATE: Synodality is at the heart of how we will seek to work together in new parish structures. Synodality was developed firmly under Pope Francis, through the 3-year process of the Synod on Synodality and is now firmly promoted by Pope Leo as the way forward for all Church life and development. **What is synodality?** “Synodality is the walking together of Christians with Christ and towards God’s kingdom, in union with all humanity. Oriented towards mission, synodality involves gathering at all levels of the Church for mutual listening, dialogue and common discernment...Synodality is the path of spiritual renewal and structural reform”. **Synod Final Report §28**