



**Catholic Parish of Eastbourne & St Leonards**  
**Churches of Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory and St Agnes**

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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 26 APRIL and 3 MAY 2026**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

12 April - £2866

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

26 April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations:  
 The Education of Future Priests  
 17 May – World Communications Sunday

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

**FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Breda O’Sullivan and their families at this  
 difficult time

God of all, as we walk together

Open our hearts to your tenderness.  
 Open our minds to your understanding  
 Open our lives to your challenge.

We are one people, many nations,  
 building hope through steps for peace.

One world with many barriers,  
 breaking chains so we dance free.

One voice that shouts for justice  
 shatters hatred, calls for change.

One God, one world, one people.

**Amen.**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 25 April	OLR	6.00 pm	George Harding RIP and intentions of Brenda Harding
Sun 26 April	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Fr Charles
Fourth Sunday of Easter	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Eleanor O’Brien RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Delia Markham RIP
Mon 27 April	OLR	11.00 am	<b>REQUIEM: Breda O’Sullivan RIP</b>
Tues 28 April	OLR	11.00 am	Peg Howe RIP
Wed 29 April	OLR	11.00 am	Sue Dring RIP
Thurs 30 April	OLR	11.00 am	Devasia Kurian RIP
Fri 1 May	OLR	11.00 am	Rob O’Brien RIP
Sat 2 May	OLR	10.00 am	Don and Pam Withey RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Claire Burke RIP
Sun 3 May	St G	9.00 am	Richard Anderson RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Our Altar Servers
	OLR	5.30 pm	John Kimberley RIP
Mon 4 May	OLR	11.00am	George Harding RIP
Tues 5 May	OLR	11.00 am	Miguel A. Candriotti RIP
Wed 6 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr Charles
Thurs 7 May	OLR	11.00 am	Stephen Park RIP
Fri 8 May	OLR	11.00 am	Tom Shell RIP
Sat 9 May	OLR	10.00 am	Health & Welfare of Marlong Stig and Andrea Felix
	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](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)

**CHRIST OUR GOOD SHEPHERD**

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that the Lord stir in the hearts of young people a sense of their vocation, especially on this day to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, because "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few...". On this Sunday we continue to pray also for our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, that the Lord may give us a new Bishop, a shepherd after his heart, to lead and guide his flock to green pastures.

The Gospel reading points to Christ as our Shepherd. We listen to the qualities of a good shepherd who gently leads his flock to pastures. Where the shepherd leads, the sheep follow. We as Christians are the sheep of God’s flock. The sheep listen to the shepherd’s (Christ’s) voice, and they will not follow a stranger. We pray for the faith to know Christ our Shepherd, listen to his voice and follow where he leads us. Those who do not just hear the voice of the shepherd but listen to it are led through the door of eternity so that we may find pastures, which is to have life and have it more abundantly.

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 – MARCH 2026

**Sat 25 April** – FHC classes, OLR Hall, 9.00-10.00 & 10.30-11.30 am  
**Mon 27 April** - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm  
**Thurs 30 April** – “Harry goes to Rome”, OLR Hall, 11.45-1.00 pm  
**Mon 4 May** - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm

**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.

**“HARRY GOES TO ROME”:** The moving story of a young man’s return to faith and journey to Rome. Come and join us in a communal viewing together, **Thurs 30 April** after 11 am Mass. Everyone is welcome. It is available on iPlayer if you can’t come.

**CONFIRMATION MASS: SUN 3 MAY, 2PM OLR:** if any singers / musicians from our parish choirs would like to be part of the music group for this celebration of our young people, email Marylou [marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com) and note a **mandatory** rehearsal on Sat 25 April at 11.30am in the hall at OLR. Please pray for the many young people to be Confirmed!

### **SAVE THE DATE: CENTENARY OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026, 7.00 pm**

Our beautiful Church of Our Lady of Ransom was completed and officially Consecrated on 8 July 1926! Come and join in a very special Mass of Thanksgiving for parishioners, local dignitaries, Clergy who have served here in years past, other churches, charities, local partners and friends. Followed by delicious food and drink, reflecting the diversity of our parish family, together with music, laughter, kids’ corner, surprises and loads more.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** over these 2 weekends we welcome Flavio Iorio, a Knight of St Columba based in Hastings, who will be speaking briefly at end of Masses explaining the great work of the Knights and inviting potential new recruits.

**ST JOSEPH’S BOWER:** Fri 1 May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker), after 11 am Mass, Fr Kevin will bless and unveil the statue of St Joseph, lovingly repaired and painted by Jean Peterken.

### **ST AGNES**

**GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month, 2 pm  
**THURSDAY LUNCHESES:** Our Thursday lunches will resume in May.  
**POLISH MASS:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 6 pm

## OUR 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 covering Eastbourne, Polegate, Hamden Park, Hailsham and the East Hub; 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 – 10.50am

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

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

**PRAY WITH THE POPE:** is a global initiative of the Pope’s World-wide Prayer Network where the Holy Father shares his monthly prayer intention, an invitation to pray and mobilize for the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. It is simple and accessible, helps anyone, anywhere, to pray with the Pope and stay connected to the Church’s mission.

**MASS LIVE STREAMING:** For the statisticians amongst us we hear from YouTube that in the month of March 2026, a massive 4171 viewings took place. This equates to 54,300 minutes of viewing! Modern technology can be a blessing!

### **FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FOR ST THOMAS A BECKETT**

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School is seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor. You must be a practising Catholic and have a keen interest in education and young people. If you can spare a few hours to support the school, please email Fr Kevin at [eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk) or [sbyrne@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:sbyrne@stthomasbecket.e-sussex.sch.uk) for more information

**DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?:** A wonderful opportunity exists to experience volunteer Mission for young adults - perhaps during a Gap Year - on projects supporting refugees and asylum seekers, assisting young people to explore the relationship between justice and peace, all the while engaging in a journey of learning and reflection on your own faith. If this sounds like fun, then this Faith in Action volunteer programme is for you. It starts in September 2026. Send an email to [invitationtomission@columbans.co.uk](mailto:invitationtomission@columbans.co.uk) to request full details or an informal chat with another volunteer or the programme co-ordinators. Don’t miss this amazing opportunity to do something really exciting and fulfilling. Applications are

**GIFT AID:** In the tax year 2025/2026 the Parish received over £20,000 under this scheme. Grateful thanks to all contributors. To join the Gift Aid scheme to help the Parish, please email Nick Price: [pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk). Thank you.

**LATEST PARISH UPDATE:** *‘Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan is not a restructuring for survival, but the lens through which we view everything, so that our parishes and communities can thrive in the new situation of the change of era. During this time when the world is becoming ever more polarised and the Gospel itself can be weaponised to support ideology, our parishes, however we configure them, have to become that place of truth and calm, able to respond to the restlessness and curiosity that we see around us. For this we need the courage to nudge us out of our comfort zones and to try something new and Spirit-led. Yet none of this is in our own strength, which is why the first pillar of the Pastoral Plan will always be prayer.’ [ Canon Kieron O’Brien, Episcopal Vicar for Implementation of the Pastoral Plan]*