



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

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 12 and 19 APRIL 2026

PARISH COLLECTIONS

29 March - £3016

3 April - Holy Places £833

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sun 26 April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The Education of Future Priests

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pat Avann, Pauline Bosley, Nora Woolf and Antoinette Mercieca and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Tom Shell, Maria Comet and Audrey Rogers and their families at this difficult time

ETERNAL CALVARY

The central act of devotional life in the Catholic Church is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Sacrifice of the Mass is the unbloody repetition of the Sacrifice of the Cross.

On the Cross of Calvary Christ gave His life to redeem the world. The life of Christ was a life of sacrifice.

The life of a Christian must be a life of sacrifice.

We cannot imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary

by trying to get all we can.

We can only imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary

by trying to give all we can.

Peter Maurin

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11 April	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of the Harding family
Sun 12 April	St G	9.00 am	Barrow Family
2nd Sunday of Easter	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Tim O'Brien RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	John Kimberley RIP & Intentions of Sue Kimberley
Mon 13 April	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Maria Comet RIP
Tues 14 April	OLR	11.00 am	In thanksgiving
Wed 15 April	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of St Mother Teresa
Thurs 16 April	OLR	11.00 am	Breda RIP and Kathleen RIP
	StA	12 noon	FUNERAL SERVICE: Tom Shell RIP
Fri 17 April	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Audrey Rogers RIP
Sat 18 April	OLR	10.00 am	Neirobys Hernandez RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Loretta Wood RIP
Sun 19 April	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Fr Kevin
3rd Sunday of Easter	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Teresa Dillon-White RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Eileen Walsh RIP
Mon 20 April	OLR	11.00am	Josephine Staunton RIP
Tues 21 April	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Brenda Harding
Wed 22 April	OLR	09.00 am	The Grove Road Community
Thurs 23 April	OLR	11.00 am	Frederick Whitby Briscoe RIP
Fri 24 April	OLR	11.00 am	Zofia Baryga RIP
Sat 25 April	OLR	10.00 am	Holy Souls
	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

DIVINE MERCY AND PRAYING FOR PEACE

Pope Leo has invited all people to join him this Saturday (11th April), the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, for a Peace Vigil in St Peter's Square: "We are growing accustomed to violence," Pope Leo warned, "resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent." Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing "globalization of indifference," to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who's first anniversary of death we celebrate on 21st of this month. As we continue to celebrate in our parish the Joy of Easter, and the blessings and graces we have received from the Lord, let us always keep this urgent intention of prayer close to our hearts.

A big thanks again to everybody for making Holy Week and Easter weekend such wonderful celebrations of our faith, and we continue to give thanks for the 12 adults who received the Sacraments of full Initiation into the Church. On Sunday 3rd May we will have another joyful celebration here of the Confirmation of nearly 50 young adults from across our local parishes. Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to everybody – "Jesus, in you we trust!" God bless, Fr Kevin

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

Mon 13 April – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 3-4.30 pm
Mon 13 April – Talk on women in Nigeria (WWDP), OLR Hall, 7pm
Thurs 16 April – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11 am Mass
Sat 18 April – RCIA Session, 9 - 10.15am, OLR Hall
Sat 18 April – Lumen Christi Session, OLR Hall, 3.30 – 6.45 pm
Mon 20 April - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 3-4.30 pm
Sat 25 April – FHC classes: 9-10 and 10.30-11.30, OLR Hall
Sat 25 April - Baptism Session 2 – OLR Church, 12.30 – 1.30

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: The monthly multi-denominational prayer service at EDGH will be led this month by the Catholic Church of Christ the King on **Sunday 26 April at 3.00 pm**. All are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 12 APRIL, OLR, 3.00PM: Fr Kevin will lead this popular devotion to the Divine Mercy. All welcome.

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 and note a **mandatory** rehearsal on Sat 25 April at 11.30am in the hall at OLR.

HOLY HOUR SUNDAY 19 APRIL 4.30-5.30 OLR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are holding a Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life aimed at promoting a culture of life and to oppose the legalization of assisted suicide. Do come and join us in the OLR Holy Hour at the same time.

ARTEMIS MOON MISSION AND THE MORALITY OF SPACE EXPLORATION: The whole moral, ethical framework we give to space exploration has thrown up complex theological questions. Read this article by Joseph Kelly, Catholic writer at www.thecatholicdirectory.co.uk. Copies at back of the churches.

CAR PARKING AT ST GREGORY’S: Please can parishioners be aware of how important it is to park safely and legally when coming to Mass. We have had polite but strong contact from neighbours with photographs showing very bad parking practices. Please be responsible.

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 Thank you.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm
THURSDAY LUNCHES: Thursday lunches will resume in May.
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd 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

RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Congratulations to Adam, Ciaran, Adam, Robert, Sue, Greg, Liam, Callum, Victoria, Robert, Daniel and Lucas who were all received into the Church at the wonderful celebration of the Easter Vigil. We warmly welcome them into our parish family and continue to pray and support them on their faith journeys.

“HARRY GOES TO ROME”: A 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. it.

THE ART OF BEAUTY IN THE MORAL FORMATION OF THE PERSON AND OF SOCIETY: The Catholic Union is hosting a webinar on Mon 20 April at 6.00pm to explore the place of beauty, amongst the other transcendentals. Join Catherine Pepinster, Fr Patrick van der Vorst (Christian Art website) and Stefan Kaminski for this fascinating webinar. Essential booking and to get the zoom link, send an email, to info@catholicunion.org.uk, spaces are limited.

REFLECTIONS FROM TWO OF THE RCIA GROUP RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL:

“I went through my teenage years calling myself an atheist and trying to disprove religion, to which one of my friends at the time said that those who do, end up believing in God. After leaving school I felt empty, and for many years after I began searching for God. Our Lady of Ransom drew me in after passing the Church so many times and the first Mass I attended was the Vigil at Pentecost, since then I always felt something drawing me back. Receiving the Sacraments at Easter gave me a feeling of renewal. I know I’ve made it home and I’m so thankful to be welcomed into the Catholic Church”. *Ciaran Kefford*.

“I felt drawn to come into full communion with the Catholic Church after living for a year in Italy, where I encountered its beauty in everyday life. The strong family values and principles rooted in the Church deeply moved me. Attending Mass, even without fully understanding the Italian language, I still felt the presence of God in a powerful way. My in-laws welcomed me with genuine love and kindness, embodying the faith they practiced daily through prayer and devotion. Their example inspired me. I was also married in a Catholic church. Receiving the sacraments at Easter was a profound and joyful experience. I felt truly blessed, at peace, and finally at home in the Catholic Church”. *Victoria Giannacaro*

NEW PARISH UPDATE: One of the great joys of Easter is welcoming new adult members into the Church through reception of the Sacraments. There’s been a definite pattern of increase this year across parishes, praise God! This shows how important it will be, as we move forward into new closer ways of working together, to focus energy and resources on **evangelisation** (rather than traditional parish maintenance!). There is a great hunger and thirst all around us to know Christ and to experience true belonging and community. As we listen to the Acts of the Apostles over Eastertide, we hear of the very human struggles, just as we have, but above all the power of the Holy Spirit at work to build the Church. Happy Easter to everybody across our 15 deanery churches! – *Fr Kevin*