



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

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**FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER: 10 and 17 MAY 2026**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

26 April £2548 -3 May - £2619  
 Vocations for the priesthood - £836

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

17 May – World Communications Sunday  
 24 May – Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese of Chulucanas

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

**FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Rose McNulty and for her family at this difficult time

**Praying with the Holy Spirit**

From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture and other special gifts.

Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness and abide in God.

Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God.

Indeed we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations,

we become God.  
**St Basil the Great**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 9 May	OLR	6.00 pm	Enid Jay Smith RIP
<b>Sun 10 May</b>	St G	9.00 am	Robert Price RIP
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Paula Sparkes – Recovery from surgery
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Eamon Fingleton
Mon 11 May	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP and Intentions of Norman Rogers
Tues 12 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions and needs of Donor
Wed 13 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr Kevin
<b>Thurs 14 May</b>	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr Charles
<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	OLR	7.00 pm	Donald Ashford RIP
Fri 15 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Margaret & John Forde
Sat 16 May	OLR	10.00 am	Intentions of Bernadette Wenban – 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of all those Confirmed today
<b>Sun 17 May</b>	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Mary Haggart
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Intentions of Bernard and Rita Davies
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Gosia Groves & Elzbietha Gebrowska
Mon 18 May	OLR	11.00 am	Delia Markham RIP
Tues 19 May	OLR	11.00 am	<b>REQUIEM: Rose Christina McNulty RIP</b>
Wed 20 May	OLR	11.00 am	Richard and Sheila O’Grady RIP
Thurs 21 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of the Glynn Family
Fri 22 May	OLR	11.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Sat 23 May	OLR	10.00 am	M. J. Joseph 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](http://www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom)

**TIME MOVES FAST**

In only 2 weeks’ time we will celebrate the great Feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, and the Birthday of the Church. How quickly these weeks of Easter have been passing by. The speed of time seems more our experience of life itself ... speeding along! Sometimes I think “I wish it would slow down ... just a little bit” but speeding doesn’t equal “draining away” as life has no end ... life is eternal. On 8 July we will celebrate a wonderful landmark of time, 100 years since the Consecration of Our Lady of Ransom Church. Even though it was substantially finished and opened 25 years earlier, it wasn’t until 1926 that the Lady chapel and sacristy were completed and the church therefore Consecrated. To mark this great anniversary, we will have the wooden floor and benches cleaned and refreshed, giving the church a lovely “lift” for the centenary. But of course, what we will be celebrating above and beyond pews and flooring, will be 100 years of 1000s of “living stones” of the church, men women and children, coming together in worship and praise of God, in love of our Lady and the Saints, in commitment of mission to spread the Gospel of God’s love to all. 100 years has gone by fast ... here’s to the next 100, but one day at a time! 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 – MAY 2026

**Mon 11 May** – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm  
**Mon 11 May** – SVP Meeting, PMR, 6- 7.00 pm  
**Sat 16 May** – FHC classes, 9 - 10 am and 10.30 – 11.30 am, OLR Hall  
**Mon 18 May** – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm  
**Thurs 21 May** – Mothers Prayers, PMR, after 11 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.

**PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** Sat 23 May our Pentecost Celebration will take place at OLR with a Holy Hour from 5pm and a multi-cultural Mass at 6pm. In the Mass Emma Headworth will be received into the Church. Afterwards we will have a shared Supper and Party in the Hall. Contributions of multi-cultural, already plated COLD FINGER FOOD (not requiring heating or cutlery to be eaten and labelled as to basic ingredients, e.g. NUTS). Drinks will be provided. All are welcome and especially those parishioners new to the Parish in the last year. We hope you can come and be part of the celebration.

**MANY CONGRATULATIONS:** to our 47 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in OLR last weekend. A wonderful celebration was enjoyed by families, friends and parishioners. We pray that they continue to grow under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**VERY IMPORTANT DATE: DON'T MISS IT - WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026, 7.00 pm:** A date, not to be missed, approaches! The Centenary celebration of our Church's 100 years will be a most joyful occasion, starting off with a wonderful Mass of Thanksgiving to God for all these years of service. Let's make it the festival of the year! All are invited: former clergy, civic dignitaries, charities, representatives from other churches, local partners, parishioners, families and friends. There will be delicious international and local delicacies, with great music for everyone. Make a note of it in your diaries so as not to miss out

**GIFT AID:** If you would like to add Gift Aid to your donations to help the Parish, please email Nick Price, our Parish Treasurer, on [pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk). Thank you.

## ST AGNES

**GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month, 2 pm  
**THURSDAY LUNCHESES:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 12.30pm. All welcome!  
**POLISH MASS:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**New Parish Website:** [www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk)

## 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

**THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING:** What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? Join us for a screening of this 50-minute eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters. The Catholic Church has joined a coalition of the UK's church denominations and Christian organisations encouraging the screening of this important and newly released film. **Our Lady of Ransom Hall, 11.45 am (after Mass) on Friday 29 May.**

## FROM FR JONATHAN MARTIN, DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

My dear brothers and sisters,  
It's become a regular Sunday evening 'thing' for me to flick through parish websites and social media platforms to get a glimpse of the life of our communities of faith. How blessed we are to be in such good company with one another in our discipleship of Jesus and in our service of the Gospel. I recently spent a week in Rome with the Bishops of England and Wales, amongst whom there was much talk of, and encouraging interest in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. I know that, across the Diocese, you are working closely with your priests and deacons to help realise the beautiful vision Bishop (Archbishop) Richard set out for us in 'The Word Who is Life'.

I pray for you all daily. I'm especially mindful of the people of the parishes in which I have been privileged to serve; of the specific needs, sorrows, and joys marking the life of our parish communities in any given week; and of those whose names appear in your newsletters by reason of receiving the Sacraments, or in sickness or bereavement, and the souls of those of our number who have died. All of these prayers I gather together in the Mass I am asked to offer each Sunday 'for all the people of the Diocese'. Please pray for me; and keep praying, each day, for the election of a new Bishop for our Diocese. God bless you all.

**APRIL 2026 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Rob Dixon £100; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jo Sutherland £60; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Peter Butler £50; 4<sup>th</sup> - Alison Sheppard £25; Easter Bonus of £20 each: Ann Bennell, Doug Robertson, Gina Moulding, Stephen Bergin, Jean Butler.  
**Next draw:** Sun 17 May after Mass; new Forms in all the churches.

**LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:** *In recent days we had a 2-day meeting of the Deans and Diocesan Pastoral Team, reviewing progress towards all our Deaneries becoming new (multi community) large parishes. Already, before Bishop Richard left us, 3 of the 11 Deaneries have become New Parishes (Brighton & Hove, Weybridge, Guildford). Their feedback is that generally all is going well in getting new working structures in place and people are engaging with the good work to be done. Most of us, the remaining 8 Deaneries, are also actively working to help prepare for change, but nothing can formally happen until we have our new Bishop. In our own Deanery you can follow progress and development steps via our Deanery Website: [www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk](http://www.eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk). Let us keep all this work in prayer, as well as praying for a new Bishop!*