



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. Isaiah 43,5

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

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SINGLE AUGUST NEWSLETTER – 2 to 29 AUGUST 2026

Sat 1 August	OLR	6pm	Yesenia Reina RIP
Sun 2 August Eighteenth Sunday (A)	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Delia Markham RIP People of the Parish Emma Moulding RIP Derek McCoy RIP
Mon 3 Aug	OLR	11am	Yvette Russell RIP
Tues 4 Aug	OLR	11am	Brian Phipps RIP
Wed 5 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Teresa O'Brien
Thurs 6 Aug - The Transfiguration	OLR	11am	Sean Power RIP
Fri 7 Aug	OLR	11am	REQUIEM: Philip Mendoca RIP
Sat 8 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Alvy and Dieter Korte RIP Jack O'Brien RIP
Sun 9 August Nineteenth Sunday (A)	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Edith and John Ashworth RIP People of the Parish Brian Keaveney RIP James Boyle RIP
Mon 10 Aug	OLR	11am	Luis Isaac Candriotti RIP
Tues 11 Aug	OLR	11am	Wellbeing of Pauline Crunden
Wed 12 Aug	OLR	11am	Derek Buckley RIP
Thurs 13 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Geoff Brown on his 100 th Birthday
Fri 14 Aug	OLR	11am	Grace Canelle-Dance RIP
Sat 15 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Terence North RIP Fr Tony Shelley –Anniversary of Ordination – 63 years
Sun 16 August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Rocco Macari RIP Grace Canelle-Dance RIP Intentions of Joseph (Joe) Walsh on his 90 th Birthday
Mon 17 Aug	OLR	11am	Eileen Geelan RIP
Tues 18 Aug	OLR	11am	REQUIEM: Pat Avann RIP
Wed 19 Aug	OLR	11am	Breda McCoy RIP
Thurs 20 Aug	OLR	11am	Malcolm Hall RIP
Fri 21 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Will Carrivick
Sat 22 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Varghese Kurian RIP Intentions of Doreen Bergin
Sun 23 August Twenty-First Sunday (A)	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Delia Markham RIP People of the Parish Christine Humby RIP Sheila O'Neill RIP
Mon 24 Aug	OLR	11am	Doris Keogh RIP
Tues 25 Aug	OLR	11am	Agostinho Jorge Alves RIP
Wed 26 Aug	OLR	11am	Zofia Baryga RIP
Thurs 27 Aug	OLR	11am	Deceased members of Whiterod family
Fri 28 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Catherine and Michael Kelly
Sat 29 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 10.30	Patrick O'Rourke RIP <i>Adoration & Confessions</i>

Rosary & Adoration as usual. Church is open for prayer daily 8am-6pm

TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS – 10.15am and Weekday Masses, go to www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

LOOKING BACK in GRATITUDE - LOOKING FORWARD in HOPE

Another busy parish year draws to a close. Much good work has been done across the parish, and we have welcomed many new parishioners, always a joy and blessing, as well as saying goodbye to others who have moved on to other places. We've also had to say goodbye to many loved ones who have died and gone home to God, a cause of both deep sadness but also pointing us all to the greatest hope of our faith: the Resurrection and the promise of Eternal Life.

This past year, alongside our other local Catholic parishes, we have continued quietly building foundations for our coming together as a new large Parish. One thing that has become ever clearer is that this journey we are on is not 100-yard sprint but a long-distance run! Losing our Bishop in January meant that no big changes or decisions could be made until appointment of a new Bishop. Thankfully we have an excellent Bishop-elect, Stephen Wang, who will be Ordained in Arundel on Monday 19 October. After a short time, to get his bearings, I am sure he will give good fresh insight and vision to help us continue moving forward. Let's all be ready to step up and support in every good way what will need to be done, and especially to keep praying for inspiration for our new Bishop and us all, to be Spirit led into pastures new for the mission of the Church, for the good of all.

Finally thank you, from myself and Fr Charles, for your dedication, support, and hard work over this past 12 months and, in anticipation, for the coming 12 months! Have a blessed and peaceful August, and we extend a very warm welcome to any visitors in this holiday month. God bless, Fr Kevin

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

At the heart of parish life is preparing people — young and older — to receive the Sacraments: Adults coming into the Church (RCIA); First Reconciliation and Communion; Confirmation; Marriage; Baptism. Thanks to our wonderful catechists who already help and to those who, please God, will begin assisting in the new programmes below.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Is it for YOU? We're all on a "journey of faith" which is unique and personal, and which is greatly enriched when we come together and share with others. Maybe you're a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to the Catholic Church and now feel drawn to become part of this faith community. Maybe your "roots" are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you're a Baptised Catholic but, as a young person, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Later this year we begin a new programme. If you are interested, please complete and return the initial Enquiry Form in the Porch and return to Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests to find out more. **Deadline for Enquiry forms - Friday 25 September 2026.**

First Holy Communion: Enquiry Forms for the First Holy Communion Programme 2025-26 (Year 3 or above) are available in the Porch. A compulsory Introductory Meeting, for Parents *only*, will take place on Thursday 24 September (7.00 – 8.00 pm) when the full programme and requirements for this year's Course will be explained and Registration onto the Programme will then take place. **Deadline for Enquiry forms - Friday 18 September 2026**

Lumen Christi group offers formation for those young Catholics in school years 9-13, with consideration given to seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation (subject to discernment). Registration forms are available in the Porch. **Deadline for Registration forms Saturday 3 October.**

Baptism Forms: available in the Porch with details of the next Baptism course.

Marriage Enquiries: please email the Parish Office for further information.



The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children.

She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

No prayer groups during August – resume September

Thurs 6 & 13 Aug - The Eastbourne Parkinson's Concert, OLR Hall, 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00pm)
Wed 5 Aug - CWL ice-cream & stroll: Come & join us for a lovely summer evening and stroll.
Favoloso Café, 19 Carlisle Rd, 6.00 pm – See poster at back of churches. Anyone can come!

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you talk to a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk - Website: <https://cafod.org.uk> to sign up.

PARISH OFFICE DURING AUGUST

The Parish Office will be **substantially closed during August**. Emails will be answered, when possible, but for URGENT calls (e.g. sick calls) please leave a message for the priests following the answer machine instructions.

The next Newsletter will be issued on 30 August. Please send any items for inclusion by 25 August at the very latest.

JULY OLR CLUB WINNERS: 1st Ron & Clare Brazier £100; 2nd Jean Martin £60; 3rd Stephen Bergin £50; 4th Bea Jackson £25; Next draw: Sun 16 August after 10.15 Mass; New members welcome.

THE EASTBOURNE PARKINSON'S CHOIR: Two concerts, 6 & 13 Aug, OLR Hall, 7.30pm, with beer, wine and soft drinks on sale. Tickets £10, available after Masses or ring 01323 654468 – Mick or Veronika Lees. Ensure you have the **correct coloured tickets** for the date you have chosen; they are NOT interchangeable.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: All men invited to our next meeting at 7.45pm on Fri 14 Aug, OLR Parish meeting room. Also, do join us at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation** at West Grinstead Sat 15 Aug. Talk by Canon Tom Treherne 11am, Mass at 12 noon, followed by a picnic, rosary and benediction.

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!