



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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PARISH COLLECTIONS

24 May £2693 -31 May - £2614

The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese
£519

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

21 June – A Day for Life

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

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

HELP ME PRAYER

Help me to pray with a humble heart.

Help me to speak with wisdom and charity.

Help me to listen before I answer.

Help me to love the people entrusted to me.

*Help me to preach Christ faithfully and
without fear.*

Help me to serve the poor with tenderness.

Help me to forgive quickly and completely.

*Help me to remain faithful in times of
dryness and trial.*

Help me to seek holiness in hidden things.

*Help me to bear suffering with patience and
hope.*

Help me to lead others gently to the Truth.

*Help me to decrease, that Christ may
increase.*

*Help me to finish each day in gratitude and
peace.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 6 June	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Joan, Louis & Adrian Marolf RIP
Sun 7 June	St G	9.00 am	In thanksgiving – Melanie Edwards
Feast of Corpus Christi	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Tom Shell RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Audrey Rogers RIP
Mon 8 June	OLR	11.00 am	Rocco Macari RIP
Tues 9 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr Hugh Dutton
Wed 10 June	OLR	11.00 am	Margarita Doherty RIP
Thurs 11 June	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Reina Yesenia Yosmar Lopez RIP
Fri 12 June	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Rena Mary Philomena Augustine RIP
Sat 13 June	OLR	10.00 am	Holy Souls
	OLR	6.00 pm	Judy Rowland RIP
Sun 14 June	St G	9.00 am	Jack Smith RIP
Eleventh Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Year A	St A	11.30 am	Tom Shell RIP
FIRST COMMUNIONS	OLR	5.30 pm	Roman Rudko RIP
Mon 15 June	OLR	11.00 am	Graham Goss RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Tues 16 June	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP
Wed 17 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Will Carrivick
Thurs 18 June	OLR	11.00 am	Brinsley Sheridan RIP
Fri 19 June	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Pauline Bosley on her birthday
Sat 20 June	OLR	10.00 am	Maria Carmela Cirillo 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

POPE LEO on MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY

Pope Leo’s “Magnifica Humanitas” is a bold and timely first encyclical, a sweeping meditation on artificial intelligence, human dignity, technology, war, labour, truth, and the future of civilization itself. It is, to use the phrase, “going viral” and touching a void that affects the whole of humanity. It’s highly recommended that everybody try to read this as it gives a beautiful and powerful overview of Catholic belief on human dignity, as well as a deep insight into the mind and heart of our wonderful Pope. You can read online by going to www.vatican.va and clicking on the link to “Magnifica Humanitas”. At the very heart of his reflection stands the dignity of the person, created in the image and likeness of God. Pope Leo warns that “the pressure of new ideologies or certain highly powerful interests can reduce the human person to a resource to be used and exploited” based only “on what they achieve or produce”. On the contrary, “the fundamental dignity of each person...is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified”. His message is not anti-technology but a profound warning that technology must always serve the true good of the human person, not the other way round. The beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi gives the highest and deepest affirmation of our dignity, sharing the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity. 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 – JUNE 2026

Mon 1 June – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30
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Thurs 4 June – Mothers’ Prayers, OLR, PMR, 11.45-1 pm
Mon 8 June – Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30
Sat 13 June – Summer Baptism Class, OLR Hall, 9-10.30am

WELCOME: to Fr Lawrence, a friend of Fr Charles, who will be staying with us for 5 days and will kindly celebrate the Parish Masses on Mon 8 and Tues 9 when Fr Kevin and Fr Charles are away on annual clergy In Service training.

PARISHIONER ORLA PHIPPS: studying for her PhD entitled “*Journeys through Care: A qualitative, longitudinal study exploring the preferences and experiences of people moving into Care Homes*”, is looking to speak with care home residents who moved into a Home in the last six months, or their family members. For more info please email orla.phipps@york.ac.uk or 07596 799914.

QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026 7.00pm: Join the Catholic Women’s League Eastbourne Parishes for a fun evening at Christ the King Hall. Teams of up to 6, £5 per person (under 12s free). Cash prize, raffle and refreshments (bring your own wine and nibbles). All proceeds support the Deanery West Hub Youth Formation Fund. Ticket enquiries to sandraforte40@gmail.com

VERY IMPORTANT DATE: DON’T MISS IT - WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026, 7.00 pm: In 8 short weeks, we shall be celebrating the Centenary of our Church’s 100 years of service to Catholics in Eastbourne and the surrounding area. All parishioners are invited to come and be part of this joyous occasion, that will start with a wonderful Mass of Thanksgiving to God for all these years of service. Come and join former clergy, civic dignitaries, charities, representatives from other churches, local partners, parishioners, families and friends. A great evening for everyone!

HELP FOR LOURDES REDSHIRT: Young parishioner Liliana is holding a cake sale to raise funds for her journey to Lourdes. Please donate cakes and your support on the day, Sun 21 June, after Mass.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2pm
THURSDAY LUNCHES: Thurs 11 June, 12.30pm, All are welcome
POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6pm

GIFT AID: If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to add Gift Aid to your donations to help the Parish, please send an email to pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk, (Nick Price, Thank you.

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

ROSARY FOR PEACE: is prayed every Wednesday, during Exposition at OLR between 10.25 – 10.50 am

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: During weekend Masses of 20/21 June we will be commissioning some new Eucharistic Ministers and invite ALL Eucharistic Ministers to renew their commitment to this important ministry.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - Sat 6 June Join the parish of Christ the King and St Joachim in a procession from St Joachim’s at 2.30pm, walking to Christ the King for Adoration at 4.00pm. (approx 3 miles).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: please pray for 37 children who will make their First Communion in our parish on Sun 14 June

MY EXPERIENCE OF THE RCIA GROUP

“I had been a practicing and committed Anglican for over 30 years, but in recent times had started to feel a pull towards the Catholic Faith. The RCIA course was a perfect introduction to the doctrine and beliefs of the Church. The structure of the meetings with a talk, and a time to question and reflect on the different doctrines and beliefs really helped you to grow at your own pace. Our fellow attendees were a real mix of ages and backgrounds, and this proved to be a great blessing, and some friendships have grown which I am sure will last beyond the course. The Service at Arundel felt like a real turning point for me, and it reinforced that sense of being part of a very large family of fellow worshipers. The journey through the services of Holy week leading up to the Vigil on the Saturday evening was just an incredible experience. It’s hard to put into words how it felt to be worshipping alongside so many others and so welcomed by the community, a deeply moving time, and one I shall always remember. The RCIA course has literally been life changing for me”. **Gregory Potter**

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OUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A NEW PARISH:

Ultimately the new Parish will be overseen by a Priests Team, moderated by Fr Kevin Dring. They will work closely with a Leadership Team of clergy and lay reps, and with Hub Pastoral Teams of clergy and lay representatives from across our churches, in the development of our Pastoral Plan and our shared mission. 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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LATEST DEANERY UPDATE:

We have had a first meeting of a new Deanery Leadership Group, some priests and lay people from across the deanery. They will be working closely with the team of parish priests, and with our Hub Leadership groups to build on the good work that has already been done over the past year in beginning to build foundations for our parishes coming together and working and sharing closely in the mission of the Church. From September, by which time we may (please God) have a good new Bishop in post, the work of these various groups will begin to impact more directly within the church communities, inviting everyone to play their part in the important work ahead. Everything we do will only be done if it clearly aims to build up our communities in strong faith, to support the most needy, and to reach out to share the Good News with all those around us. God bless – Fr Kevin