



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

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PARISH COLLECTION

15 Feb £2413 – 22 Feb £2769

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

1 March – CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Fri 3 April – The Holy Places

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Maria Featherstone and her family at this
difficult time

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock
with unflinching care, grant in your
boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through Christ our Lord

Amen

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28 February	OLR	6.00 pm	John O'Connor RIP
Sun 1 March	St G	9.00 am	Michael Glynn RIP
2nd Sunday of Lent	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Intentions of Tricia Goodwin
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Brigid and Ollie Cahill
Mon 2 March	OLR	11.00 am	Rosza RIP
Tues 3 March	OLR	11.00 am	Anne Reynolds RIP
Wed 4 March	OLR	11.00 am	Antonio & Maria Teixeira RIP
Thurs 5 March	OLR	11.00 am	Needs and Intentions of Donor
Fri 6 March	OLR	11.00 am	Enid Joy Smith RIP
Sat 7 March	OLR	10.00 am	Renate Jurgens RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Brenda Harding
Sun 8 March	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
3rd Sunday of Lent	OLR	10.15 am	Alan Cullen RIP
	St A	11.30 am	Recovery of Bernadette Shell
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Ana Ramsey
Mon 9 March	OLR	11.00am	Loretta Wood RIP
Tues 10 March	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Gerry Lacoua
Wed 11 March	OLR	11.00 am	Eileen Walsh RIP & Intentions of Dorthy Walsh
Thurs 12 March	OLR	11.00 am	Tony Carr RIP
Fri 13 March	OLR	11.00 am	The Election of a Bishop
Sat 14 March	OLR	10.00 am	The Living and the Dead
	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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

This Second Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Transfiguration Sunday, as every year on this day we have the account of Jesus' light and glory being made visible to the 3 apostles. Pope Leo emphasizes that the Transfiguration took place not only for the sake of those present but also for us. He declares, "in these three Apostles the whole Church has learnt all that their eyes saw and their ears heard." And what we learn is nothing less than the glorious truth of the Godhead's "common plan for the restoration of humankind." This revelation is ratified by the Father's own voice from heaven: "This is my beloved Son. . .listen to Him." As all the readings today testify, our life is a JOURNEY ... from God, with God and to God. Abraham and Sarah called to leave for a strange foreign land, St Paul encouraging the young Timothy to keep going in living the faith in the power and strength of the Lord, and then the 3 apostles being called by Jesus to continue down the mountain to Jerusalem where he will give his life and rise for us. It's a powerful touch in the Scriptures that St Peter will write years later, as Bishop of Rome, "we were with him on the Holy Mountain, we saw his glory, we heard the Father's voice". Even though Peter and the others scattered in fear in Jerusalem, they came back in the light of Easter and reconnected with the Transfiguration, as they went out to evangelise and share the light and glory of Christ with others ... with us!

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

Tues 3 Mar – Lenten Reflection, OLR Hall, 11.45 -12.45
Thurs 5 Mar – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, after 11 am Mass
Sat 7 Mar – RCIA Session, OLR Hall, 9 – 10.30
Tues 10 Mar – Lenten Reflection, OLR Hall, 11.45 -12.45 pm
Wed 11 Mar – West Hub Leadership Group, OLR Hall, 5.30-7.30 pm
Sat 14 Mar – St Patrick’s Night Celebration, OLR Hall, 7.15 pm
Wed 18 Mar – Co-workers of St Mother Teresa, PMR, after 11 Mass; new members welcome

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: The monthly Hospital Mass is discontinued for the time being due to a lack of attendance. If anyone is going into hospital, please let us know so we can ensure Sacramental visits. If you are in hospital or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please tell Fr Kevin or Fr Charles.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Many thanks for our recent parish collection towards an exceptional **£163,369.45** raised in support of Christians in the Holy Land.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Fri 6 March, 2pm: All welcome for the Prayer Service at All Saints’ Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne followed by refreshments and slide show on Nigeria. The **WWDP** is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who join together in prayer and action for peace and justice on the first Friday in March each year.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

OUR LADY OF RANSOM: After 11am Mass on Fridays

ST GREGORY: 10.30am Tuesdays

ST AGNES: 7.30 pm Tuesdays

PARISH LENT RETREAT: **Saturday 14 March**, after 10.00am Mass with short reflections from Fr Kevin and Fr Charles, Adoration and Reconciliation finishing 1.00pm with Benediction

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: “Made for Heaven” Prayer, Reflection, Discussion, OLR Hall, Tues 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March, 11.45–12.45.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm

ST AGNES WEEKLY SOUP LUNCH: Soup, cheese, tea & coffee for St Wilfrid’s Hospice; Thursdays, 12.30 pm, No booking needed.

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

POPE LEO’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

That believers in different religious traditions work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

RECLAIMING HUMANITY: ATTENTION & LOVE IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD: Sun 22 March -1:30–4:15pm given by

Fr Toby Lees OP, Moral theologian & Director of Radio Maria England. Explore how forces in our culture fight for our attention, weakening our capacity to love; how fragmentation affects our humanity, and how we can stay grounded through contemplation, communion, and generosity. All are welcome; share lunch at 12:45pm (please bring packed lunch). No booking. Donation only. Tea and cake provided. **Venue:** The Fitzherbert Hub, St John the Baptist Church, BN2 1AP; More info: joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: 26 May - 1 June 2026; £995 pp sharing. – Gatwick- Krakow return, dinner, B&B Krakow; and excursions; Full details: email illona.darkblue@sky.com.

ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION, SAT 14 MARCH, 7.15PM: Join the Lourdes Fundraising Event: Irish Stew & Murphies, delicious dessert, licensed Cash Bar, and Raffle, Irish Sing-Along and Table Quiz. £15 pp but get your tickets early; **CASH ONLY** from the Parish Office. Any donations of raffle prizes greatly appreciated. All proceeds to Lourdes Fund.

FEBRUARY 2026 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Carol McHale £100; 2nd Richard Burbidge £60;
3rd Sue Kimberley £50; 4th Jita Taylor £25.

Next draw: Sun 15 March after the 10.15 Mass; new members’ Registration forms at the back of churches.

GIFT AID: To add Gift Aid to your donations please contact Nick Price, Parish Treasurer on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 15 March. Items please by 10 Mar latest.

NEW PARISH UPDATE:

now we are without a Bishop, some are wondering how this affects the journey of change we are all on in the Diocese to become new larger Parishes. Already, before Archbishop Richard left us, 3 of the 11 Deaneries of the Diocese had legally become new Parishes (Brighton & Hove; Guildford, Weybridge). For the rest of us we are asked to keep momentum on our journey of preparing, so that when a new Bishop is appointed, we will be in good shape. Certainly, a new Bishop will bring “fresh eyes and ears” to some of the detail of how we come together as new Parishes, but he will no doubt be committed to keeping the spirit of the Pastoral Plan. In our own Deanery (Eastbourne to Rye) we have lots of work underway to help us share and collaborate together in good and helpful ways.