



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. Is:43,5

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

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

13 Sept £2416 – 20 Sept- £2266

Mission Sunday £468

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

4 October - CAFOD Harvest Day Collection

11 October – Prisoners Sunday

CAFOD HARVEST DAY: This is a day when we eat a simple meal or fast and give the money saved to help families fighting global hunger and climate change.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

and their families at this difficult time

PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT

'O God, eternal and loving Shepherd, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen, to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven. May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

To be Ordained as Bishop on 19 October

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 26 September	OLR	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 27 September	St G	9.00 am	Pat Avann RIP
Twenty-Sixth	OLR	10.15 am	Intentions of Fr David Parmiter
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Kitty Crowley RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Zita Pineda RIP
Mon 28 September	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Gill Lee
Tues 29 September	OLR	11.00 am	Brian Phipps RIP
Wed 30 September	OLR	11.00 pm	REQUIEM: Harry Andrew Timpson RIP
Thurs 1 October	OLR	11.00 am	Joseph FitzSimmons RIP
Fri 2 October	OLR	11.00 am	William Hollier RIP
	OLR	12 noon	WEDDING of Peter and Fiona
Sat 3 October	OLR	10.00 am	Margaret Clifford RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	Blessing of Pets
	OLR	6.00 pm	Needs and intentions of donor
Sun 4 October	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Fr Kevin
Twenty-Seventh	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday (A)	St A	11.30 am	Derek Buckley RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Well-being of Emma and John MacPherson
Mon 5 October	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Femi Fox (birthday)
Tues 6 October	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Michelina Green RIP
Wed 7 October	OLR	11.00 am	Ziggy Rudnik RIP
Thurs 8 October	OLR	11.00 am	Audrey Rogers RIP
Fri 9 October	OLR	11.00 am	Jesus Antonio Herrera Palomino RIP
Sat 10 October	OLR	10.00 am	Welfare of Frank Power
	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

The God of Second Chances

In today's Gospel reading, mercy speaks clearly in the parable of the two sons - one was asked to go into the vineyard; he refused and later went. The second son agreed to go but never did. The gospel ends by praising the first son, who earlier refused but later returned to his senses and did the will of the father. Like the two sons, especially the first, we want to do what God has commanded us to do, but human weakness and other distractions prevent us from doing it. Upon reflection on the word of God and through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we come back to them. Notice that whenever we come back to God, it is always rejoicing, not judgment. Hence, do not be afraid to have a change of heart and return to God today.

We must not allow our efforts to do God's will to go in vain as recorded in the first reading. We must consistently strive to do what God wants us to do. If prostitutes and tax collectors have a chance at God's kingdom, then definitely you even stand a better chance. All you need to do is to turn from your old sinful ways and return to the mercy and love of God. Remind God of his nature, just like the Psalmist said, "Remember your compassion, O Lord." The mercy of God is always there waiting for you because he is a God of second chances - come to him today. God bless you. Fr. Charles

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 28 Sept - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Sat 3 Oct – FHC classes, OLR Hall, 9-10am and 10.30-11.30 am
Sat 3 Oct – Lumen Christi for Parents & new members, 4-6.45 pm
Mon 4 Oct - Contemplative Prayer Group, OLR, PMR, 4-5.30 pm
Mon 4 Oct – SVP Meeting, PMR, OLR, 6-7 pm
Thurs 8 Oct – Talk in OLR Hall, 11.30 – 12.45 after 11 Mass
Fri 9 Oct - Knights of St Columba, OLR, PMR, 7.45-9.00 pm
Sat 10 Oct – RCIA Session, OLR Hall, 9-10.15 am

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: Fri 2 October. Please donate to Family Fast Day Collection and support CAFOD's work helping our global neighbours access food and safe water. Please use CAFOD envelopes or go online <https://www.cafod.org.uk>

THURSDAY TALKS ARE BACK: Thurs 8 October, OLR Hall after 11am Mass, come, grab a coffee and be prepared to be very challenged at an intriguing debate between Richard Dawkins, atheist, and Ayann Hirsi-Ali, Christian convert. Don't miss it!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 30, 40, 50, 60 ...) and would like a blessing at the end of Mass please speak in advance to one of the priests.

MONEY COUNTING TEAM: Can anyone spare a couple of hours, only every 4 weeks, to help count and bank the Collection money on a Thursday, 8-10 am. Full training will be given. Please let the parish office know if you could help us out. Thanks.

GRATITUDE FOR DEFEAT OF TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS BILL: Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has issued sincere thanks to everyone who wrote to their MPs to ensure the defeat of the *End of Life Bill*. Thanks be to God for this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 11 Oct - Eastbourne Council 433 of The Knights of St. Columba, Welcome Ceremony for Elliot Mitchell, Gary O'Brien, and Adam Brunsdon-Hill during 5.30pm Mass at OLR, led by our Chaplain, Fr. Charles Ezejide, who will also be presented with his Member of Honour Certificate in thanks for his great support of the Knights of St. Columba.

Mon 12 Oct - 7-8.30pm, OLR Hall, a Talk by Dr Anthony Bracuti entitled "What do young people think of the direction and future of the Church?" OLR & Newman Society collaboration.

ST AGNES

NEXT GRANDPARENTS' MEETING: Wed 14 October at 2.00pm

THURSDAY LUNCHES: The next lunch will be on 8 October, 12.30

POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6pm

SEPT 2026 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS:

1st Ann Bennell £100; 2nd Peter Butler £60; 3rd Marilyn Clark £50; 4th Alan Hobden £25; Next draw: Sun 18 Oct after 10.15 Mass; new members' Registration Forms at the back of churches.
RENEWALS: subs are due for renewal by 30 Sept for those paying Oct-Sept by cheque or bank transfer, (not applicable to ongoing standing order payers and those who joined mid-year).

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.

TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR ALL READERS: Sat 14 Nov at OLR Church, 12 noon to 1.30pm there will be a Refresher Training Workshop for **all Readers** at OLR, St Agnes and St Gregory's. This training will include a comprehensive review of this vital Ministry, will give clear guidance and advice and share updated practical skills on how we can better proclaim the Word of God with clarity and confidence at all our Masses. Please can all Readers confirm their attendance, and if anyone who is not a Parish Reader would be interested in helping in this ministry please send an email to Caroline: pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

SUPPORTING EX-PRISONERS IN OUR PARISH: Our parish is part of the Welcome Directory, a clear and connected signpost of acceptance and practical support for those leaving prison and transitioning back into our community. We pray to be non-judgmental and that God will help nurture their faith.

HOW DO WE AT OLR HELP PRISONERS? Our SVP, via funding received, allocate certain monies during the year to the Prison Chaplaincy. This means that, as a Parish we can buy books for spiritual reading and teaching, prayer cards, Rosaries and much needed reading glasses. Importantly, through the Christmas Giving Tree, and vouchers gifted by you, we can provide toiletries and microfibre towels for those men being released with nothing.

PLEASE HELP THE PARISH SAVE MONEY: Please make your offertory donations by standing order or use the card machine at the rear of OLR, to free us from large Bank charges. Standing order forms are on the parish website, or email Nick Price pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk.

LAST CALL FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME ENQUIRY FORMS: Please note the deadline for submission of completed forms. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please ensure all Forms for the Lumen Christi (Confirmation) programme are in by **Sat 3 October**.

BLESSING OF PETS: SAT 3 OCTOBER AFTER 10.00 MASS: The animals share with us in God's Creation. On the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, we invoke God's blessing upon our pets, thanking God we share the earth with all his creatures. The blessing will be **immediately after Mass (i.e. 10.30)**. Please, if you bring a pet, have them in your charge at all times!

Watch excerpts of **POPE LEO'S APOSTOLIC VISIT TO FRANCE** 25-28 Sep on YouTube: Paris, Lourdes and Metz!

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