



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

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

15 March £2538 – 22 March £2831

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Good Friday – The Holy Places
 Sun 26 April – World Day of Prayer for
 Vocations: The Education of Future Priests

EASTER OFFERING: is your personal gift to the clergy, as part of their annual income. Please use the envelopes provided. Many thanks.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Tom Shell, Bill Evans, Maria Comet, Audrey Rogers and their families at this difficult time

Jesus loves us to the point of giving his life for us.

It is no coincidence that this assurance of the Lord's love is joined to the institution of both the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Jesus continues to stoop, to wash us, to serve us, to sanctify us and to love us through the Priesthood and the Eucharist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28 March	OLR	6.00 pm	Deceased members of the Duggan and Clarke families RIP
Sun 29 March	St G	9.00 am	Bryan Barrow RIP
PALM SUNDAY	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
	St A	11.30 am	Mark Moorton RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Eileen Walsh RIP
Mon 30 March	OLR	11.00 am	Roman Rudko RIP
Tues 31 March	OLR	11.00 am	Breda McCoy RIP
Wed 1 April	OLR	11.00 am	Eileen Walsh RIP
Thurs 2 April	OLR	8.00 pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
HOLY THURSDAY			
Fri 3 April	St G	10.00 am	Family Stations of the Cross followed by Ecumenical Walk of Witness
GOOD FRIDAY			
	OLR	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	OLR	3.00 pm	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	St A	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 4 April	OLR	8.00 pm	The Solemn Vigil of Easter
HOLY SATURDAY			Intentions of those receiving Sacraments
Sun 5 April	St G	9.00 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased
EASTER SUNDAY	OLR	10.15 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased
	St A	11.30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased
	OLR	5.30 pm	Peace in the World
Mon 6 April	OLR	11.00am	Eileen Walsh RIP
Tues 7 April	OLR	11.00 am	Bernadette Meares RIP
Wed 8 April	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Mike Dring
Thurs 9 April	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Bill Evans RIP
Fri 10 April	OLR	11.00 am	Julia & Felicidade Abreu RIP
Sat 11 April	OLR	10.00 am	Eileen Walsh 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

THE HOLIEST OF WEEKS

This Sunday begins Holy Week. We begin with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus knew that this entrance would be his last, until His return in glory and the inauguration of the New Jerusalem. His entrance into the city of Jerusalem to suffer and die opens the gateway of the heavenly Jerusalem for all humanity. This entry is triumphant because, through his saving death on the Cross of Calvary, Christ conquers sin and death once and for all so that we might live eternally. As we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and to the Cross, let us die to self(ishness) and sin, so as to rise with him on Easter Day. Wishing you, your loved ones, all fellow Christians, and indeed the whole world, a very Blessed Holy Week and Joyful Easter.

Fr Kevin & 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 – MARCH 2026

Mon 30 Mar – Contemplative Prayer Grp, OLR, PMR, 3-4.30 pm
Tues 31 Mar – Lenten Reflection, OLR Hall, 11.45 -12.45 pm
Thurs 2 April – Mothers’ Prayers, PMR, 11.45-1.00 pm
Wed 8 April – West Hub Leadership Meeting, OLR Hall, 5.30-7.30pm
Sat 11 April – Baptism Class, OLR Hall, 9.00-10.30 am

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 11 April, OLR, 3.00pm led by Fr Kevin. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1935). She was Canonised as a Saint in the year 2000. All welcome.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, OLR, 8.00 pm

Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, OLR, 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross - St Gregory’s 10.00am – for Children and families, followed by the Ecumenical Walk of Witness
OLR 12 noon, St Agnes, 7.00 pm

Holy Saturday – The Solemn Vigil, OLR, 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday – St Gregory’s 9.00am, OLR 10.15am,

CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS: We need help to maintain the church grounds. Even one hour a month can be invaluable; please contact the parish office. If anybody has a tree to donate, similar to the ones at the narthex door, please let us know.

CLOTHES IN OLR PORCH: Please DO NOT leave bags of clothes in the porch, they will be binned. ONLY donations of food (in date).

ST AGNES

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

THURSDAY LUNCHESES: Please note there will be no Thursday lunches during April. We shall resume in May.

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

THE JOURNEY FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

The joy of Easter does not end on Easter Sunday. The 50 days leading to Pentecost are special in the life of the Church, a time to prepare for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. An excellent way to do this would be to join the LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR in support of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Thursday evenings 7.30pm from 16 April to 4 June at St Martha's Hall, Little Common, TN39 4SL. (The Pentecost Vigil on Sat 23 May provides the chance to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.) This journey is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus and to experience anew the abundant power of His Holy Spirit. Each session includes teaching, personal testimonies, small-group sharing and prayer. If, however, you prefer to do it online, you can join the online seminar happening on Tuesday evenings from 14 April but you will need to register here: www.abcharismatic.org

NEW PARISH MAGAZINE: Copies of the first quarterly edition of the New Parish Magazine have been made available in our churches over recent days. The number of copies has to be limited due to the size of the magazine but you can view a full colour PDF via the homepage of our parish website.

MARCH 2026 OLR MONEY CLUB DRAW WINNERS: 1st Jean Peterken £100; 2nd Una Carter £60; 3rd Alan Hobden £50; 4th Doreen Bergin £25.

Next draw: Sun19 April after the 10.15 Mass;

New Registration forms at the back of all 3 churches.

MASSIVE THANKS to all who worked so hard to ensure that our St Patrick’s celebration was not only great fun but also very successful. Nearly £1300 was raised for Lourdes.

GIFT AID: The envelopes for cash donations for the next financial year are available for collection. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme to benefit the Parish, please contact Nick Price, on pfc.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 12 April - Items please by 8 April latest.

NEW PARISH UPDATE:

As a Catholic community, a “community of communities”, we’re called to a life of discipleship: to follow Jesus, learn from him, become like him, and join him in his mission to love and serve others. In the journey of discipleship, we are always being invited to deepen our faith, hope and love. One of the key priorities for us as we continue to move forward together in the Church’s Mission, is to look for all good ways to help everybody, of all ages, in our communities continue to deepen their Faith. As we enter the Season of Easter, we will begin to share through newsletters good and varied resources that you can access to help grow in your faith. Especially we pray for the many adults who will have been received into the Church with us at Easter. They are an inspiration for us all! – *Fr Kevin*