



PARISH COLLECTION

22 June £2678- 29 June £2718
Peter's Pence £515

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

13 July – Sea Sunday - Stella Maris
20 July – Missionaries of Africa Appeal

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ana Ramsey, Pauline Bosley,
Lynne Rogers and Antoinette Mercieca
and all those in hospital or housebound

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Fr Ray Blake, Graham Goss,
Vincent Hughes and
Maureen Angela Rudden
and for their families at this difficult time



*Beneath your compassion,
we take refuge,
O Mother of God:
do not despise our petitions
in time of trouble:
but rescue us from dangers,
only pure,
only blessed one.*

(16 July is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 6 and 13 July 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 5 July	OLR	6.00 pm	Cosmo Alchin RIP
Sun 6 July	St G	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Fourteenth	OLR	10.15 am	Elizabeth Cullen RIP
Sunday in Ordinary	St A	11.30 am	Armanda Gouveia RIP and Luis Ferreira RIP
Time	OLR	5.30 pm	Gerald and Joy Shakespeare RIP
Mon 7 July	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Sarah Brown
Tues 8 July	OLR	11.00 am	Tina Field RIP
Wed 9 July	OLR	11.00 am	Sybil Glenister RIP
Thurs 10 July	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Vincent Hughes RIP
Fri 11 July	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Graham Goss RIP
Sat 12 July	OLR	10.00 am	Robert Bedwell RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Nunzia Cirillo RIP
Sun 13 July	St G	9.00 am	Margaret Abraham RIP
Fifteenth Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
in Ordinary Time	St A	11.30 am	Repose of souls of deceased Knights of St Columba & their wives
	OLR	5.30 pm	Rafael Lerate RIP
Mon 14 July	OLR	11.00 am	Kathleen Barrow RIP, Margaret Corrigan RIP
Tues 15 July	OLR	11.00 am	Recovery of Jennifer and Guinevere Tsang's nephew
Wed 16 July	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of St Mother Teresa
Thurs 17 July	OLR	11.00 am	Colm Young RIP
Fri 18 July	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: Maureen Angela Rudden RIP
Sat 19 July	OLR	10.00 am	Fr David Parmiter
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10.30-11.00 am

Thursday Holy Hour 10-11 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, Wednesday and Thursday Masses

DAILY PRIVATE PRAYER: OLR open daily 8.00 am-6.00 pm

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES: www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

THE WAYS OF GOD

Scripture teaches us this Sunday that the ways of God are not the ways of man. Hence, God calls us to follow his ways. Jesus in the Gospel (Luke 9:51-62) disappoints the expectations of man with divine patience and love. James and John's immediate reaction to those who refused to prepare for the Lord will be to call down fire on them, but Jesus will rather walk away. Jesus walks away to give us time to retrace our steps. He walks away so that we can realise our mistakes and return to him. Today is a good day to say yes to Jesus and stop making excuses. We decide to follow Jesus, we will then realise that it is all worth it after all because, "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption" (Ps. 130:7).

God bless, 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 2025

Mon 7 July – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm

Sun 13 July - Coffee in the Hall with Cake, plants and fruit for sale after 10.15 Mass, all for the Lourdes Fund

Mon 14 July – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm

Wed 16 July – Kairos Charismatic Pray Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00

Thurs 17 July – Mothers' Prayers, PMR, after 11 am Mass

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 29 July, 12.00 noon in the Hospital Chapel. If you or a loved one are in hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, or are going for surgery and would like to be Anointed in advance, please let Fr Kevin or Fr Charles know.

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA APPEAL: Our commitment is to the people of Africa, which means we stand ready to respond to emergencies and any urgent needs whether they are caused by natural disasters or man-made crises and our urgent response efforts ensure we can make a meaningful impact when these crises occur. Your generosity brings hope to those facing the most challenging circumstances. Thank you.

SEA SUNDAY (STELLA MARIS): For fishers and seafarers, life at sea can be extremely challenging. Our port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors provide a beacon of hope and support to them, in a foreign port where they know no-one. Your generosity helps to ensure that seafarers and fishers both here and around the world continue to receive the care and support they need. We thank you.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF HOPE: 20 SEPTEMBER (ARDINGLY): Our Diocese will be gathering to celebrate its 60th Anniversary, the Jubilee Year of Hope, and the Pastoral Plan with its call to Mission. Sadly, space is limited which means that not everybody who might wish to attend will be able to. Each parish has a small number of tickets which will be allocated via its parish priest. Thanks for your understanding. The whole Diocese will be prayed for, and those attending will be encouraged to share back in their parishes the fruits of the day's reflections.

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS BILL: The news that Parliament voted in favour of this Bill has been a shock and disappointment. Although a cause for great concern the fight is not over yet and the House of Lords will not cease to do all it can to oppose it.

ABORTION: This extreme *Abortion up to Birth* amendment was also passed with virtually no discussion or public consultation. But it is not law yet – and again the House of Lords will continue fighting. To find out how your MP voted on both these issues, go to www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if any amendment returns during the “ping-pong” sessions.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Please note that Plaques now cost £68. Please complete a pink form at back of the churches and return to the Parish Office with your payment. Thank you.

MASS FOR PILGRIMS GOING TO LOURDES: This Mass will now be said on **Tues 22 July at 6.00pm** followed by a cup of tea in the hall. If anyone wants a Petition to be taken to Lourdes, please deliver to Parish Office no later than 17 July.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wed of the month, 2.00 pm

NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH will be on Thursday 10 July at 12.30 pm

POLISH MASS: Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, 6.00 pm

PASTORAL AND FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR FOR OUR NEW PARISH: Adoration and Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace and Benediction, 10-11am

FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION: from after 11am Mass until Benediction at 6pm, is live streamed for those unable to come to church.

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

OUR NEW PARISH - UPDATE

I want to update you on where we are in the journey towards becoming a New Parish, joining together all the 8 parishes of our Eastbourne – St Leonard's Deanery. There have been, over the past 6 months, fruitful meetings of a Parish Leadership Group of the clergy and some lay reps from our parishes. There have also been plenty of meetings with the Diocese and those involved across the other Deaneries in this process. Our 11 Deaneries will become 11 large parishes in the coming months. We have realised as the months have passed that this is a “long haul” journey, not a sprint, that must not be rushed but instead, step by step and with everyone playing their part, we can build together a vibrant and mission centred “Community of Communities”. We are now ready for more concrete work to be done and will begin in July working in 2 X Hub Leadership Groups, at the 2 ends of what will be the New Parish (Eastbourne and St Leonards). These Hub Leadership Groups, clergy and lay reps from each church, will work with you all in implementing changes that will allow us to use our many good resources in a way that best serves everybody, and also reaches out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. The first 2 important areas we are working on, ready for the autumn, will be [1] coordinating a joined-up approach to our Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA etc), and [2] working on coordinated new Hub Mass Schedules that provide all our churches with a better thought-out and sustainable range of Mass times. In the coming days we will be launching a New Parish Website that will provide lots of detail of what's happening and how you can be involved [<https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>]. Please continue to keep all this important work in your daily prayers. Many thanks. *Fr Kevin (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)*

SUNDAY MASS SHEETS: Some months ago, in a meeting with the Parish Pastoral Team (reps from each of our 3 churches), we unanimously agreed that it makes sense to now discontinue use of the weekly Sunday Mass Sheets. **The reasons are:** (1) most parishes would not have sheets as the Church **encourages us to listen** during the Mass, rather than be reading, and handling sheets becomes a distraction from this; (2) the **cost and environmental waste** of throwing away 1000 sheets at the end of each weekend. I appreciate that this change will impact on some parishioners who find it difficult to hear, or who are not confident in familiarity with the Mass prayers. **Therefore, we will:** (1) have some laminated Mass Cards with prayer texts in each church for those who need them; (2) there will be a small number of printed sheets with the Scripture readings for those who otherwise would struggle to hear the readings; (3) we will ensure that readers and microphones are all working well. There are excellent (free) phone apps and resources online that provide the texts for daily Mass. Details will be provided in the next newsletter. This new arrangement will begin from the end of July. Many thanks for your understanding – Fr Kevin

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 20 July – all items needed 15 July please