



PARISH COLLECTION

6 July £2936 – 13 July £2667

Stella Maris £297

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

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 ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Vivian Condon RIP
and for her family
at this difficult time

CHRIST IS OUR WAY

*Do you wish to walk?
I am the Way*

*Do you wish not to be deceived?
I am the Truth*

*Do you wish not to die?
I am the Life.*

*There is no place for you to go
except to Me*

*There is no manner of going
except through Me*

St Augustine of Hippo

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 20 and 27 July 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 19 July	OLR	6.00 pm	Intentions of Jean Sommers
Sun 20 July	St G	9.00 am	Patricia Smith RIP
Sixteenth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday in Ordinary	St A	11.30 am	Mercy Rita Fernandusz RIP
Time	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Mike Sherlock
Mon 21 July	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr David Parmiter
Tues 22 July	OLR	11.00 am	Well-being of Sue Lewington
Wed 23 July	OLR	11.00 am	Margaret Brennan RIP
Thurs 24 July	OLR	11.00 am	Joe Monaghan RIP
Fri 25 July	OLR	11.00 am	Mary Barber RIP
Sat 26 July	OLR	10.00 am	Saffron Coleman RIP
	OLR	6.00 pm	Anthonia Orefuwa RIP
Sun 27 July	St G	9.00 am	Good Health of Kevin Humby & Family
Seventeenth	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
Sunday in Ordinary	St A	11.30 am	Intentions of Jane Mathers
Time	OLR	5.30 pm	Peg Maxwell RIP
Mon 28 July	OLR	11.00am	Intentions of Mary Irving
Tues 29 July	OLR	11.00 am	Marcia Da Souza
Wed 30 July	OLR	11.00 am	Anna Mogford RIP
Thurs 31 July	OLR	11.00 am	Adrian McCauley RIP
Fri 1 August	OLR	11.00 am	Toby Andrews RIP
Sat 2 August	OLR	10.00 am	Gregory Perry RIP
	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

LESSONS FROM MARTHA & MARY

The choices we make, day by day, reflect what we consider to be our priorities. How much time and effort are we willing to give to the many and varied demands that surround us? Much frustration comes about when we lose balance in our priorities and even feel “swept along” by circumstances. I know, and we all know, how easily that can happen! Jesus teaches us through Martha and Mary a very important lesson about healthy balance and prioritising in our Christian lives. Paramount, as shown in Mary, is to give quality time each day to PRAYERFULLY LISTENING to the voice of the Lord, who teaches and guides us daily on the path of life, the path to God. That’s why Mary has “chosen the better part”. Martha is actively serving, preparing the food and looking after their guest. Jesus no doubt highly valued her work and efforts but teaches her and us all that service must always flow from a life of prayer and listening to the voice and promptings of the Holy Spirit. As we begin more actively to prepare to become a new very large Parish of 15 churches, in the coming months, the beginning and the end of all our activity must be prayerfully listening together to the promptings of God, so that God’s work advances according to God’s priorities! 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 2025

Mon 21 July – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm

Tues 22 July – Mass for Pilgrims to Lourdes, OLR, 6.00pm

Mon 28 July – Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm

Wed 30 July – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30-9.00 pm

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: We welcome Fr Joshua Masive who will be coming to talk about the work of the Order and to preach the Appeal. Their vital work needs our prayers and of course our generosity in responding to the Appeal through the second collection this weekend. Thank you.

THE WELCOME DIRECTORY: is a network of faith organisations up and down the country, supporting Prison Leavers. Our Parish is part of that important network. If someone identifies themselves to you as a Prison Leaver, please welcome them and invite them to speak to either Fr Kevin or Fr Charles. For more details, please see the posters in the Narthex and www.welcomedirectory.org.uk.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH, 4 October, 10am-3pm, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. How can we help parents bring their family into a more intimate lifelong relationship with the Lord? visit: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com> to book free place.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS, 11 October, 11.30am, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, KT13 8JD. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass with couples marking special anniversaries or simply giving thanks for their marriage. Followed by a drinks reception. To register visit: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com>

WALK THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO FOR MARY'S MEALS: 1 – 8 Sept 2025. During this Jubilee Year join us either the whole pilgrimage or just a day, as Pilgrims of Hope, starting from Rochester Cathedral to the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate, taking in four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in the area: Aylesford; Faversham; Canterbury and Ramsgate. For more info please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.

JOIN TEAM LIFE AND SKYDIVE IN SEPTEMBER: An exhilarating challenge and raise money for LIFE supporting vulnerable people in need with compassion, care and vital resources. Go to: <https://getinvolved.lifecharity.org.uk/news/life-news-july-2025>

MASS FOR PILGRIMS GOING TO LOURDES: On **Tues 22 July at 6.00pm** there will be a Mass for those pilgrims going to Lourdes, followed by a cup of tea in the hall. If anyone wants a Petition to be taken to Lourdes, please deliver to Parish Office by 22 July, latest.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS' MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2 pm

NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH: There will be no Thursday lunch in August, back in September

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

IDEAS FOR PRAYER THEMES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Once and for all, a short rule is laid down for you: Love and do what you will. If you keep silence, do it out of love. If you cry out, do it out of love. If you refrain from punishing, do it out of love. Let the root of love be within. From such a root nothing but good can come. (Adapted from 1 John, 7-8)

OUR NEW PARISH - UPDATE

Since my last update, work has begun in earnest in our two Hubs. Both Leadership Groups have met and started to plan how we are all going to work together in the implementation of necessary changes needed for sharing resources and reaching out to those many people who are searching for Christ and faith. We read of big increases in numbers of adult baptisms in the Church both here and in Europe, showing what an opportunity there is for evangelisation. There have also been very fruitful meetings of the Catechists of both Hubs in a first coming together as we start to work on a joined-up approach to our Sacramental programmes. The New Parish Website is also up and running; <https://eastbourne-stleonards.org.uk>. We now enter a time of rest and relaxation in the month of August and will have more news early in September but do please keep praying for this important work. Many thanks. Fr Kevin (Moderator – on behalf of the Clergy Team)

SUNDAY MASS SHEETS: At a recent joint Pastoral Team meeting, we unanimously agreed to discontinue use of the weekly Sunday Mass Sheets, for reasons of encouraging more attentive listening to the Word of God, to limit environmental waste plus the cost. Acknowledging however that some parishioners find it hard to hear or are unfamiliar with the Mass prayers, we will have available laminated **Order of Mass Cards** within each church. We will also have a small number of printed sheets with the Scripture readings for each Sunday. To view Mass Readings **in advance**, there are excellent phone apps and resources online that provide the texts for daily Mass. The best is Universalis.com (1 month free then £10 lifetime subscription) giving Mass readings, commentary on the readings plus Morning and Evening Prayer and more. This new arrangement will begin from 3 August. Many thanks for your understanding – Fr Kevin

BIG CHURCH FESTIVAL - THE UK'S BIGGEST CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL: A reminder that if you wish to go to Big Church Festival, at the Wiston Estate in West Sussex, for **FREE** this summer, they are still looking for volunteers for their Kids and Youth Streams, which means you have: Free access to the festival! - Free meals when working! Volunteering is during the morning so no missing out on seeing the big artists on the main stage as this takes place after lunch! Free camping in the volunteers' camp- designated A&B area! – and many more exciting perks! Email bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk for more information or check out the BCF website: Big Church Festival - The UK's Biggest Christian Festival

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 3 August for the month of August – no space left