



PARISH COLLECTION

27 April £2734 – 4 May £2702

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- 11 May World Day of Prayer for Vocations:
The education of future Priests
- 25 May The Missionary Endeavour of the
Diocese – Diocese of Chulucanas

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

and for their families
at this difficult time



Habemus Papam - Pope Leo XIV

Today we rejoice at the election of our new Pope Robert Cardinal Francis Prevost, a very experienced 69-year-old Augustinian missionary, an advocate for social Justice and great devotee of our Blessed Lady. In his first speech to the world, he says: "Evil will not prevail we are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward... disciples of Christ, whose light the world needs. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love to help us to build bridges so we can all be one people always in peace. We must become together a missionary Church, always open to receiving everyone, like this Square, open to all, who need our charity, presence, dialogue & love." **God bless Pope Leo; God bless and keep his Church.**

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER – 11 and 18 May 2025

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10 May	OLR	6.00 pm	Judy Rowlands RIP
Sun 11 May	St G	9.00 am	Intentions of Kevin Humby and family
Fourth Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
of Easter	St A	11.30 am	Bridie RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Bridget Ray RIP
Mon 12 May	OLR	11.00 am	Helen, Clare, Martin and Emma Bromley
Tues 13 May	OLR	11.00 am	Betty Needham RIP
Wed 14 May	OLR	11.00 am	Anne Reynolds RIP
Thurs 15 May	OLR	11.00 am	Shane McGrory RIP
Fri 16 May	OLR	11.00 am	Vocations to the Priesthood
Sat 17 May	OLR	10.00 am	Joe Bradley RIP
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	OLR	6.00 pm	Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sun 18 May	St G	9.00 am	Jack Smith RIP
Fifth Sunday	OLR	10.15 am	People of the Parish
of Easter	St A	11.30 am	Michael, Juliana and Elroy RIP
	OLR	5.30 pm	Intentions of Caroline Rother
Mon 19 May	OLR	11.00 am	Olimpio and Philomena Forte RIP
Tues 20 May	OLR	11.00 am	Brendan McGloin
Wed 21 May	OLR	11.00 am	Co-workers of St Mother Teresa
Thurs 22 May	OLR	11.00 am	REQUIEM: David Rippon RIP
Fri 23 May	OLR	11.00 am	Intentions of Jennifer Podesta
Sat 24 May	OLR	10.00 am	Good health of Jonathan Dixon
	OLR	10.30 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday, 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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (VOCATIONS SUNDAY)

St. Augustine, speaking to the people of the diocese of Hippo, once said, "What I am for you terrifies me; what I am with you consoles me. For you, I am a bishop; but with you, I am a Christian. The former is a duty, the latter a grace. The former is a danger; the latter, salvation." This reflection of St. Augustine's is apt for our reflection on this "Good Shepherd Sunday". Today, we offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. We pray for those already in ministry for the strength and grace of perseverance. We also, as Christians, rekindle our universal call to mission as co-evangelisers. We are reminded to preach the gospel everywhere and every time, and when necessary, to use words. *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 – APRIL 2025

Fri 25 Apr to Wed 14 May - Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
Mon 12 May - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Mon 12 May – Padre Pio Group, PMR, 6-7.00pm
Thurs 15 May – Mothers’ Prayers Group, PMR, after 11 Mass
Sat 17 May – FHC Class, OLR Hall, 09.00-10.15 am
Mon 19 May - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Tues 20 May – New Parish Open Meeting, OLR Hall, 6.30-8.00
Wed 21 May – Kairos Charismatic Prayer Grp, OLR Hall, 7.30pm
Mon 26 May - Contemplative Prayer Group, PMR, 4-5.30pm
Sat 31 May – Bi-monthly Bereavement Mass, OLR, 10 am

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

NEXT MASS: Tues 27 May, 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.

NEW PARISH OPEN MEETING - POSTPONED: This meeting will now be rescheduled to a later date soon, to be advised. Thanks and sorry for any inconvenience.

PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION

On Saturday **7 June** a Parish Pentecost Celebration will take place at OLR with a **Holy Hour from 5pm and a multi-cultural Mass at 6pm**. In the Mass 6 young people will be Baptised into the Church: Beau, Fernanda, Jared, Kaitochukwu, Rethika and Ruchika. Afterwards we will have a shared Supper and Party in the Hall. Contributions of multi-cultural, already plated COLD FINGER FOOD will be gratefully received (i.e. **not** requiring heating or cutlery to be eaten and labelled as to basic ingredients e.g. NUTS!). Drinks will be provided. We have also especially invited those new parishioners who have registered in the parish in the past two years. We hope you can be part of the celebration!

ECUMENICAL OUTREACH

SAT 17 MAY - PRAY EASTBOURNE PRAYER WALK: Come along to Churches Together Prayer Walk for our town and the wider Eastbourne area. Join as and when you are able. Starts at Christ The King at 10 am, 11am St Agnes, ends at Salvation Army.

SAT 17 MAY – I AM MARK: A Daring New Staging of the Gospel of Mark. One Man, One Chair, One Incredible True Story. A unique portrait of the Son of God, performed at Elim Family Church, 1A Hartfield Rd, BN21 2ET, 7.00pm, Tickets FREE – see flyers at back of churches - but must be booked online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/elimfamilychurcheastbourne.

SAT 7 JUNE – VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH GRAND OPEN DAY: 10.00 – 13.00. Come and join us to celebrate our Centenary and enjoy a great family day out. More info at helpdesk@victoriabaptist.org.uk. All are welcome at any time.

ST AGNES

GRANDPARENTS’ MEETINGS: 2nd Wed of the month, 2.30pm
NEXT ST AGNES LUNCH will be on Thursday 12 June at 12.30pm
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 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 33 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACROSS OUR DEANERY who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Richard in Arundel Cathedral last Saturday. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will be their constant guide throughout their lives.

CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION: This wonderful Exhibition, designed and catalogued by young Blessed Carlo, continues until **Wed 14 May**. Don’t miss the opportunity to see how “God’s love resounds in every celebration of the Eucharist, Today ... like yesterday! These Eucharistic miracles are there to reaffirm that Jesus Christ the Nazarene is the one and only Saviour of the World” (***Cardinal Angelo Comastri***). All are welcome ... invite a friend!

ST WILFRID’S HOSPICE SPECIAL COFFEE MORNINGS: A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed so generously to these two great fundraisers. A wonderful £695 was raised.

FOOD BANK TRUSTEE VACANCY: for someone who has experience of finance/charity accounts to join us. Work with a fabulous group of passionate staff and volunteers. Full details <https://eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk/trustee-application-information/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

St Thomas a Becket Catholic Primary School
T: 01323 737221 – www.stthomasbecketcatholicsschool.co.uk
St Richard’s Catholic College (11-16)
T: 01424 421421 – www.strichardscscc.com

REFINING YOUR HEART WORKSHOP: Discover your temperament, how it shapes your spiritual journey and how to refine it to reflect Mary’s virtues – helping you grow in faith, peace and fulfilment. St Francis & St Anthony Church, Crawley, RH10 1HR (Cost £19). Sat 31 May, 10-3pm

16-20 AUGUST: CELEBRATE - WITNESS TO HOPE, CATHOLIC FESTIVAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY : Fun, faith and friendship at Worth School. Camp or residential accommodation available. Speakers include Fr Roberto Pasolini, Papal Preacher to Pope Francis. Book early to avoid disappointment at www.celebratetrust.org

MARY’S MEALS: Please put any leftover currency in the envelopes marked for Edwina Lucani. Many thanks

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: A big thanks to all contributors to this Scheme. The Parish received over £19,500 by way of tax refund in 2024/25. If you would like to join the Scheme and help support the Parish, please contact Nick Price by email on pfc.eastbourneolr@abdiocese.org.uk.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: 25 May 2025. All items needed by 21 May at the latest please.