



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM 2-4 Grange Road, BN21 4EU
ST GREGORY Victoria Drive BN20 8QY ST AGNES 10 Whitley Road BN22 8NJ
Parish Office Hours: The office will have limited opening times during the month of August
Tel: 01323 723222 **E-mail:** eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk **Parish website:** www.ourladyofransom.org.uk
Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Alison Parsons - sg1.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk
Pastoral Assistant: Caroline Rother – pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk; **Parish Secretary:** Cheryl Wood
Priests: Fr Kevin Dring (Parish Priest) Fr Charles Ezejide (Assistant Priest)

SINGLE AUGUST NEWSLETTER 3 to 31 AUGUST 2025

Sat 2 August	OLR	6pm	Fr Kevin – Anniversary of Ordination
Sun 3 August 18th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	In thanksgiving – Melanie Edwards People of the Parish Emma Moulding RIP Armanda Gouveia RIP
Mon 4 Aug	OLR	11am	REQUIEM: Vivian Condon RIP
Tues 5 Aug	OLR	11am	Brian Phipps RIP
Wed 6 Aug - The Transfiguration	OLR	11am	Frederick Hunter RIP
Thurs 7 Aug	OLR	11am	Cathal O'Malley RIP
Fri 8 Aug	OLR	11am	Brian Phipps RIP – Mass celebrated by Fr Scott Coleman
Sat 9 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Jack O'Brien RIP - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Donato Forte
Sun 10 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mary Carter – Belated Birthday People of the Parish Intentions of Pauline Crunden Carmela Basile
Mon 11 Aug	OLR	11am	Theresa Nolan RIP
Tues 12 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Mary Irving
Wed 13 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Sylvia Orinden
Thurs 14 Aug	OLR	11am	Grace Canelle-Dance RIP
Fri 15 Aug (Holy Day of Obligation) The Assumption of Our Lady	OLR OLR	11am 6.00pm	Intentions of Loretta Wood Concetta Macari
Sat 16 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Jonas - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Intentions of Evelyn Alchin
Sun 17 August 20th Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Daphne Collingham RIP Grace Canelle-Dance RIP James Boyle RIP
Mon 18 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of David Sanders
Tues 19 Aug	OLR	11am	M. J. Joseph
Wed 20 Aug	OLR	11am	Good health of Paul, Wendy and Aaron Newman
Thurs 21 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Maria
Fri 22 Aug	OLR OLR	11am 1pm	Brian Keaveney RIP Wedding of Alexander Nelson and Sarah Reading
Sat 23 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Eva Ohnesorge RIP - <i>followed by Adoration & Confessions</i> Repose of the Soul of Fr Ray Blake
Sun 24 August 21st Sunday in Ordinary time	St.G OLR St.A OLR	9am 10.15am 11.30am 5.30pm	Mrs M. Cobb People of the Parish Private Intention Intentions of Fr Kevin and Fr Charles Winifred Gentle RIP
Mon 25 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Fr Christopher Bergin
Tues 26 Aug	OLR	11am	Mary Mother of Jesus
Wed 27 Aug	OLR	11am	Intentions of Fr Kevin
Thurs 28 Aug	OLR	11am	Reginald Read RIP
Fri 29 Aug	OLR	11am	Frank D'Souza RIP
Sat 30 Aug	OLR OLR	10am 6pm	Gregory Carey RIP– <i>followed by Adoration & Confession</i> Vocations to the Priesthood

Rosary & Adoration as usual. Church is open for prayer daily 8am-6pm
TO VIEW LIVE STREAMED SUNDAY MASS – 10.15am and Weekday Masses,
go to www.youtube.com/ourladyofransom

LOOKING BACK in GRATITUDE - LOOKING FORWARD in HOPE

Another busy parish year draws to a close. Much good work has been done in the parish, and we have welcomed many new parishioners, always a joy and blessing, as well as saying goodbye to others who have moved on to other places. We've also had to say goodbye to many loved ones who have died and gone home to God, a cause of both deep sadness but also pointing us all to the greatest hope of our faith: the Resurrection and the promise of Eternal Life.

This past year we have been quietly building foundation stones for our coming together as a New Parish: 15 churches, 5 schools, 9 priests, 5 deacons and thousands of parishioners. Very soon after the summer we will begin to see the fruits of the "behind the scenes" work of preparing foundations. My big appeal to us all is to be ready to step up and offer our services, just as we already do, in the many roles and responsibilities that will be needed. It is an exciting time, even if also a little daunting. Above all, after the priority of praying for grace and inspiration, we need to pray for that spirit of openness and flexibility in all that we do for the mission of the Church and for the wider parish that we will all soon be a part of.

Finally thank you, from myself and Fr Charles, for your dedication, support, and hard work over this past 12 months and, in anticipation, for the coming 12 months! Have a blessed and peaceful August, and we extend a very warm welcome to any visitors in this holiday month.

God bless

Fr Kevin

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

At the heart of parish life is preparing people — young and older — to receive the Sacraments: Adults coming into the Church (RCIA); First Reconciliation and Communion; Confirmation; Marriage; Baptism. Thanks to our wonderful catechists who already help and to those who, please God, will begin assisting in the new programmes below.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Is it for YOU? We're all on a "journey of faith" which is unique and personal, and which is greatly enriched when we come together and share with others. Maybe you're a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to the Catholic Church and now feel drawn to become part of this faith community. Maybe your "roots" are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you're a Baptised Catholic but, as a young person, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Later this year we begin a new programme. If you are interested, please complete and return the initial Enquiry Form in the Porch and return to Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests to find out more. **Deadline for Enquiry forms - Friday 26 September 2025.**

First Holy Communion: Enquiry Forms for the First Holy Communion Programme 2025-26 (Year 3 or above) are available in the Porch. A compulsory Introductory Meeting, for Parents *only*, will take place on Thursday 25 September (7.00 – 8.00 pm) when the full programme and requirements for this year's Course will be explained and Registration onto the Programme will take place. **Deadline for Enquiry forms - Friday 19 September.**

Lumen Christi group offers formation for those young Catholics in school years 9-13, with consideration given to seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation (subject to discernment). Registration forms are available in the Porch. **Deadline for Registration forms Friday 3 October.**

Baptism Forms: available in the Porch with details of the next Baptism course.

Marriage Enquiries: please email the Parish Office for further information.



*"Our world, wounded by war,
violence and injustice needs to hear
the Gospel message of God's love and
to experience the reconciling power of
Christ's grace."*

*The church is called to be "a missionary
Church that opens its arms to the world,
proclaims the Word and becomes a
leaven of harmony for humanity."
(Pope Leo XIV)*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

No prayer groups during August – resume September

Thurs 21 Aug – The Eastbourne Parkinson's Choir – 6.30pm (doors open 6.00pm), OLR Hall

Tues 26 Aug – Eastbourne Hospital Mass – 12 noon - to pray for patients and staff.

Sat 6 Sept – Bi-monthly Mass for recently bereaved parishioners and their families, 10 am, OLR

Sat 6 Sept – Marriage of David Rich and Nishani Columbage Don – 2.30pm, OLR

National Tour of Relics of St Andrew, the Apostle, St Columba of Iona and St Margaret of Scotland: The relics will be available for veneration at St Wilfrid's Church, South Road, Hailsham on Wednesday 27 August from 9.30am to 7pm.

Fr Scott Coleman: who was recently ordained, and remembered by many, will be with us to celebrate 11 am Mass on Friday 8 August. Afterwards we will have coffee and cake in the hall.

PARISH OFFICE DURING AUGUST

The Parish Office will be **substantially closed during August**. Emails will be answered, when possible, but for URGENT calls (e.g. sick calls) please leave a message for the priests following the answer machine instructions. The next Newsletter will be issued on 31 August. Please send items for inclusion at latest 24 August.

JULY 2025 OLR CUB WINNERS: A. Weyman £100, M. Geelan £60, S. Bergin £50, J. Peterken £25.

THE EASTBOURNE PARKINSON'S CHOIR: will be performing in concert on 21 August at 6.30pm (doors open at 6.00pm) in the church hall at Our Lady of Ransom. to raise funds for the Midlands Orphanage and Care Centre in Colenso, South Africa as well as for Our Lady of Ransom church. Halfway through a Ploughman's meal will be served. There will also be a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets are priced at £12 each and will be on sale after all Masses on 9/10 and 16/17 August or book tickets by phoning 01323 654468 – Mick or Veronika Lees.

A WARM WELCOME: to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors. If you are new to the Parish, you too are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass so that we can properly welcome you!