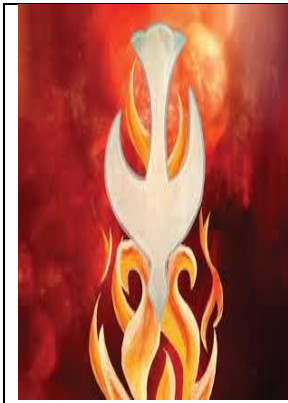


EASTBOURNE DEANERY NEWSHEET



"The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit."



PRAYER

What's happening in your Parish around Prayer ?

Rye

- Adoration on the first Saturday of each month
- Novena to St Anthony weekly
- St Anthony prayer group set up on WhatsApp

St Leonards

- Scripture Group - first Wednesday of the month
- Rosary & Benediction – monthly for Vocations
- *Faith in the Family* WhatsApp group coming soon

Eastbourne

- New Parish Mission Prayer launched at Pentecost
- Weekly Rosary for Peace
- New Parish Charismatic Prayer Group started
- Monthly Tea & Social Gathering for housebound

CTK

- Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi
- Weekly Prayer before Sunday 10.30 Mass
- Adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays 5.30-7.00pm with a Holy Hour for priests and before Vigil Mass every Sat pm

Bexhill

- A small but enthusiastic weekly Charismatic Prayer Group
- Weekly evening Masses on Thursdays that provide workers with an extra Holy Mass.
- '3 Churches in Little Common' meet monthly for a time of prayer and fellowship.

MISSION

What's happening in your Parish to promote Mission?

Rye

- *We Miss You* postcards offering chat with PP or Deacon for people who have lapsed, or challenged in their faith.
- Looking to set up an SVP group

St Leonards

- We contribute to Hastings Foodbank
- SVP re-commencing in September
- UCM meeting monthly - new members welcome
- Supermarket Vouchers for needy families

Eastbourne

- Open Church, monthly – Inviting people to come into, walk round and pray in OLR with aid of *Prayer Walk Booklet*. Welcomers on hand to assist
- Local Food Bank supported
- Homeless initiative weekly in winter months offering evening meal and fellowship to 7 people

CTK

- Weekly meeting of 'Men of St Joseph', aimed at Catholic men to equip them to promote and deepen their faith.

Bexhill

- We are planning an "Ignition Weekend" in October (6th - 8th) to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the parish of Bexhill. The help of the Sion Catholic Community will help us focus on a new vision for the future. It will be a weekend of prayer, formation, and social activity.

FORMATION	SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING & OTHER
What's happening in your approach to promote formation of children and adults? Rye • Scripture Discussion Group – weekly in afternoon St Leonards • Parish First Holy Communion 11th June, • Confirmation 18.06.2023 at Arundel Cathedral Eastbourne • Faith Enrichment Talks monthly – teaching and informative topics with discussion • There is a wide variety of Prayer Groups active in the Parish • Children's Liturgy in all 3 churches CTK Fr Neil delivering talks based on 'Theology of the Body' using the teachings of St John Paul II. CTK : Regular meetings of Newman Association focussing on current issues Bexhill We have an active RCIA programme. At Easter 2023 we baptised 5 adults and received 5 adults into full communion with the Catholic church.	What's happening in your Parish for fundraising and celebration? Rye • Parish lunch to celebrate the feast of St Anthony • Parish trip to the National Gallery to see the exhibition of artwork depicting St Francis. St Leonards • 17 September: 1New Parishioners Mass and Picnic 11.00 am at St Thomas' Church Eastbourne • Monthly Tea and Social Gathering – fun activity • OLR Money Club - monthly draw CTK Parishioner completing the Camino Portuguese ending at Santiago di Compostela raising funds for 'You Raise Me Up', a charity supporting families affected by. Loss of a child. CTK. : International Food Festival bringing together different cultures and countries. Bexhill • Bexhill SVP hold a monthly "Tea @ 3pm" in St Martha's Hall, Little Common. • They also run a monthly bereavement session. • And they have started a new Friday Pop-in morning, a café style game time. • The CWL meet the 1st Monday of the month to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community. • The Catenians are looking to re-energise a Bexhill Circle.
PARISH WEBSITES OF THE DEANERY Battle: battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net Bexhill: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk Eastbourne: www.ourladyofransom.org.uk Eastbourne (Langney & Hampden Park): christthekingeastbourne.org Hailsham & Polegate: www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk Hastings: www.stmarystarofthesea.net Rye: www.stanthonyrye.com St Leonards-on-Sea: www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net DIOCESE: www.abdiocese.org.uk	THOUGHTFUL GEMS - SPIRITUAL & OTHER "The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission" – <i>Pope Francis</i>  "Pray, even if you feel nothing, see nothing. For when you are dry, empty, sick or weak, at such a time is your prayer most pleasing to God, even though you may find little joy in it. This is true of all believing prayer" – <i>Julian of Norwich</i>  On a lighter note ... Man – What is a million years like to you? God – Like one second Man – What is a million dollars like to you? God – Like one penny Man – Can I have a penny? God – Just a second.