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Deanery Newsletter for Parents/Carers

Your Church

School – Home – Parish

Our schools are one part of our children's journey of life-long catechesis. As parents you bring your child to baptism and your family take on the role of helping your child grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. At the heart of this your parish is the Eucharistic community and the liturgical life of Christian families; it offers a privileged place for catechesis of children and parents.

In this the first Deanery focused newsletter, dedicated to helping families maximise opportunities in your parishes for you and your children, we have provided all parish Holy Week services, some specific seasonal devotions and links to each parish and church in our deanery including Saturday and Sunday mass times.

Please do direct any questions you may have about the parish programmes direct to the specific parish as they will be able to fully answer your query.

As current Dean of our Deanery of Eastbourne & St Leonards, Bishop Richard has asked me to prepare to take on the role of Moderator of our single Moderated Parish from the coming November. The months will move fast and so we all need to begin looking at the new structures etc that we will need to have in place. The Diocese will be guiding us, and all the other Deaneries, through this process. It's the Lord's work so we need to keep positive and mission-focused.

We will try to keep everyone informed and involved as much as possible to bring about all that will be needed.



God bless
Fr Kevin

The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission

The formation of a Moderated Parish for our Deanery and all those within our Diocese was announced in January by our Bishop Richard within the most recent pastoral plan, found here:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan>

Regular news from our diocese can be found here:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news> where you will also be able to sign up to the weekly email update.

Deanery Confirmations 2024



Many of our young people will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year at services led by our Bishop Richard.

You are all invited to attend and celebrate with them on this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne

Saturday 15th June at 11am

St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill

Friday 28th June at 7.00pm

Musicians and singers are also invited to form a Deanery choir.

Please contact:

marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com for Eastbourne and the Parish Office at bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk for Bexhill if you or your child are interested in being part of this ministry.

Programmes to prepare young Catholics Year 9-13 for the Sacrament of Confirmation run from October. They are parish led, details for 2024/2025 will be available nearer the time in your parish newsletters.

Called to Serve

Becoming a Governor within **Bosco Catholic Education Trust**

The Bosco Catholic Education Trust, which exists to serve Catholic schools in Sussex, invites you to consider taking on the wonderful role of being a governor. You could do this to help your local Catholic school or support the strategic development of the Trust itself. To register your interest, join their 'talent pool' and find out if this could be the role for you, please click [here](#).



Deanery Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism.

Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week we pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and victory over death.

Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith. To help you, as families, access together as much as possible in our Deanery parishes during Holy Week, we have listed all services in time order below – full details of all our churches are also provided on page 3.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY - 24/25 March

Saturday Vigil:

5pm	Christ the King
6pm	Our Lady of Ransom
6pm	Our Lady Immaculate
6pm	St Anthony of Padua
6pm	St Mary Magdalene
6pm	St Mary Star of the Sea
6pm	St Thomas of Canterbury

Sunday:

8am	St Anthony of Padua
9am	Holy Redeemer
9am	St George
9am	St Gregory
9am	St Martha
9am	St Teresa of Lisieux
9.30am	St Joachim
10am	St Mary Star of the Sea
10.15am	Our Lady of Ransom
10.30am	St Wilfrid
10.45am	St Anthony of Padua
11am	Our Lady Immaculate
11am	St Thomas of Canterbury
11am	St Mary Magdalene
11.30am	Christ the King
11.30am	St Agnes
11.30am	St Mary Star of the Sea
4pm	Christ the King (Devine Worship)
5.30pm	Our Lady of Ransom

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper	
7pm	Christ the King
7pm	Our Lady Immaculate
7pm	St George
7pm	St Thomas of Canterbury
7.30pm	St Mary Star of the Sea
8pm	Our Lady of Ransom
8pm	St Anthony of Padua
8pm	St Mary Magdalene

Good Friday: 29th March

10am	St Gregory	Family Stations/Walk of Witness
10am	St Wilfrid	Family Stations of the Cross
10.30am	St Thomas'	Family Stations of the Cross
11am	St Martha	Stations of the Cross
12pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Stations of the Cross
12pm	St Teresa of Lisieux	Stations of the Cross
3pm	Christ the King	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	Holy Redeemer	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	Our Lady Immaculate	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	Our Lady of Ransom	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

3pm	St Agnes	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	St Anthony of Padua	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	St George	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	St Joachim	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	St Mary Magdalene	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3pm	St Mary Star of the Sea	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
3pm	St Wilfrid	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
5pm	Christ the King	Stations of the Cross
7pm	St Agnes	Stations of the Cross
8pm	St Thomas'	Taizé Service

Holy Saturday: 30th March

Easter Vigil

7pm	St Wilfrid
8pm	Christ the King
8pm	Our Lady Immaculate
8pm	Our Lady of Ransom
8pm	St Anthony of Padua
8pm	St Mary Magdalene
8pm	St Mary Star of the Sea
8pm	St Thomas of Canterbury

Easter Sunday: 31st March

8am	Our Lady of Ransom (Latin)
9am	Holy Redeemer
9am	St George
9am	St Gregory
9am	St Martha
9am	St Teresa of Lisieux
9.30am	St Joaquim
10am	St Anthony of Padua
10am	St Mary Star of the Sea
10.15am	Our Lady of Ransom
10.30am	St Wilfrid
11am	Our Lady Immaculate
11am	St Thomas of Canterbury
11am	St Mary Magdalene
11.30am	Christ the King
11.30am	St Agnes
11.30am	St Mary Star of the Sea
4pm	Christ the King (Devine Worship)
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Parishes

Our Deanery offers our Catholic and local community so much it is currently formed of eight parishes and 14 churches each with Sunday Eucharistic celebration weekly and during each week a wide variety of additional faith and community focussed services, devotions, events and meetings can be accessed through our parishes. We are lucky to be rich with opportunity to be a bigger part of our Catholic Faith together and should access as much as we can as families of faith. Listed below is each of our Deanery Parishes, current priest and contact details along with links to their websites.

Parish of Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory & St Agnes

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Dring

Assistant Priest: Fr Bruno Witchalls

Churches:

Our Lady of Ransom, 2-4 Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU

St Gregory, 251 Victoria Drive, Eastbourne BN20 8QY

St Agnes, 10 Whitley Rd, Eastbourne BN22 8NJ

Parish office 01323 723222 / eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk

Website: <http://ourladyofransom.org.uk/>

Masses:

Saturday: 6.00pm at Our Lady of Ransom

Sunday: 9.00am at St Gregory's

Sunday 10.15am at Our Lady of Ransom

Sunday 11.30am at St Agnes

Sunday 5.30pm at Our Lady of Ransom

Parish of St George & St Wilfrid

Parish Priest: Father Rory

Parish Deacon: Deacon John Truman

Churches:

St George, 110 Eastbourne Rd, Polegate BN26 5DF

St Wilfrid, South Road, Hailsham, BN27 3JG

Parish office 01323 841504 / ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com

Website: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/>

Masses:

Sunday 9am at St George's

Sunday 10.30am at St Wilfrid's

Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Dray

Parish Deacon: Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Churches:

St Mary Magdalene, Sea Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN40 1RH

St Martha's, Little Common, Cooden Sea Road, TN39 4SL

Parish office: 01424 210 263 opt 4 / bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

Masses:

Saturday 6pm at St Mary Magdalene:

Sunday 9am at St Marthas

Sunday 11am St Mary Magdelene

Parish of St Mary Star of the Sea

1 High St, Hastings TN34 3EY

Parish Priest: Fr Eamonn Monson

Parish Deacon: Deacon Duncan Brown

Parish office 01424 421263 / hastings@abdiocese.org.uk

Website: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/>

Masses:

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10am & 11:30am

Parish of the Good Shepherd

Parish Priest: Fr Mícheál Beatty

Parish Deacon: Deacon Ian Moon

Churches:

St. Thomas of Canterbury, 31c Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET

Holy Redeemer, 24 Upper Church Road, St. Leonards on Sea, TN37 7AS

Parish Office: 01424 602077 / stleonards@abdiocese.org.uk

Website: <https://parishofthegoodshepherd.net/>

Masses:

Saturday 6pm at St Thomas'

Sunday 9am at Holy Redeemer

Sunday 11am St Thomas'

Parish of Christ the King and St Joachim

Parish Priest: Fr Neil Chatfield

Parish Deacon: Deacon Eugene Adams

Churches:

Christ the King, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT

St Joachim 106, Brodrick Road, Hampden Park, Eastbourne, BN22 9NY

Parish office: 01323 760048 / priest.ckk@icloud.com

Website: <https://christthekingeastbourne.org/>

Masses:

Saturday 5pm at Christ the King

Sunday 9.30am at St Joachim

Sunday 11.30am at Christ the King

Sunday 4pm at Christ the King (Divine Worship)

Parish of Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael with St Teresa of Lisieux

Parish Priest: Fr Richard Blythen

Churches:

Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael,

14 Mount St, Battle TN33 0EG

St Teresa of Lisieux, Horns Cross, between Northiam and Brede, Northiam TN31 6JQ

Parish office: 01424 773125 / battle@abdiocese.org.uk

Website: <https://battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net/>

Masses:

Saturday 6pm at Our Lady Immaculate

Sunday 9am at St Teresa

Sunday 11am at Our Lady Immaculate

Parish of St Anthony of Padua - Watchbell Street Rye, TN31 7HB

Parish Priest: Fr Maximilian McKeown

Parish office: 01797 222173 / chapelrye@gmail.com

Website: <https://stanthonrye.com/>

Masses:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am & 10.45am