

Lent & Easter

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fourth issue of our evolving New Parish Newsletter. I would like to thank Sandra King very much for overseeing this helpful "communication tool"! I know, as time goes forward that offers of help will be appreciated as we develop communications for our new parish. Soon we hope to have a simple website which will be able to build on this newsletter and sharing all that we are doing and hope to do across our many communities.

The season of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on 5th March and moves on Palm Sunday, 13th April, into our Holy Week devotions, culminating in the joy of Easter and 50 days of celebrating the Lord's Resurrection.

Within the newsletter you will find many ways to help make Lent and Easter the truly holy seasons we would all want them to be. Our 15 church communities (from Eastbourne to Rye) offer varied devotions and opportunities for you to come and celebrate and grow in faith.

We are very conscious of the fragile health of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for whom we are all praying at this time. In his message for Lent, Pope Francis writes:

"We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

We are also in a Holy Year, the Jubilee Year of Hope, and Pope Francis invites us to reflect on hope especially by becoming more aware of the plight of the many in the world who are refugees, exiles and in most need of knowing the closeness of God through our solidarity and compassion.

Following on from the December newsletter, I am also pleased to include on page four and five the latest update on the steps of development towards becoming a New Parish.

Wishing you and all loved ones a very Holy & Blessed Lent and Easter

Fr Kevin Dring

(on behalf of the clergy team)



We invite you all to embrace Lent as a time of renewal—through prayer, sacrifice, and charity, draw closer to God and make a difference in the lives of others!

See page four for information on things to consider this lent and as we move into the season of Easter on this Jubilee year.

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Jubilee Year in our Diocese



The Holy Year offers people across our global faith family an opportunity to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. For everyone to share in the celebration of the Holy Year, these diocesan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage:

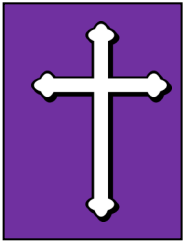
[Arundel Cathedral, Arundel, BN18 9AY](#)

[Worth Abbey, Crawley, RH10 4SB](#)

[St Joseph's, Guildford, GU1 4AZ](#)

Our parishes are all considering opportunities to maximise our ability to attend pilgrimage together these will be within the parish newsletters so keep looking. Meanwhile, page eight has suggestions and the diocese website has a dedicated page to its offerings see here. www.abdiocese.org.uk/jubilee

Regular news from our diocese can be found here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news> you can also sign up to the weekly email update.



New Parish Update

The Call to Mission

The formation of a New Parish for our deanery and all the deaneries within our diocese was announced in January 2024 by our Bishop Richard within the most recent pastoral plan, **The Word Who is Life**, found here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan>

Your Part in the New Parish

We have now begun meetings of our New Parish Leadership Group with clergy and lay representation from each of our current 8 parishes of the deanery. We are working towards June as the possible month when we will be formally constituted by the Bishop as a New Parish. As the foundations for our New Parish begin to take shape, the full and active participation of the laity will be essential. This is not just about “doing jobs” but about every person taking up their Baptismal dignity and vocation to play their part in the building up of the Church. Access to the Parish Development Plan we are working with will be available via your current parish websites. As we move forward, we will be looking to create good opportunities for everyone to be able to contribute to the reflecting and then the actions that will follow.



Our New Parish Boundary Map

The diminishing number of priests in our Diocese precipitates the need for greater lay involvement, but this is as it rightly should be! We need everyone to help in the running of our communities and in the changes set out in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. In practical terms, this will entail help with areas of work that have normally been associated with priests and clergy (e.g. the maintenance and upkeep of buildings, finance, health and safety and safeguarding). Also, even more help will be needed in the preparation for and delivery of Sacraments (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage) and in the many different Liturgical ministries.

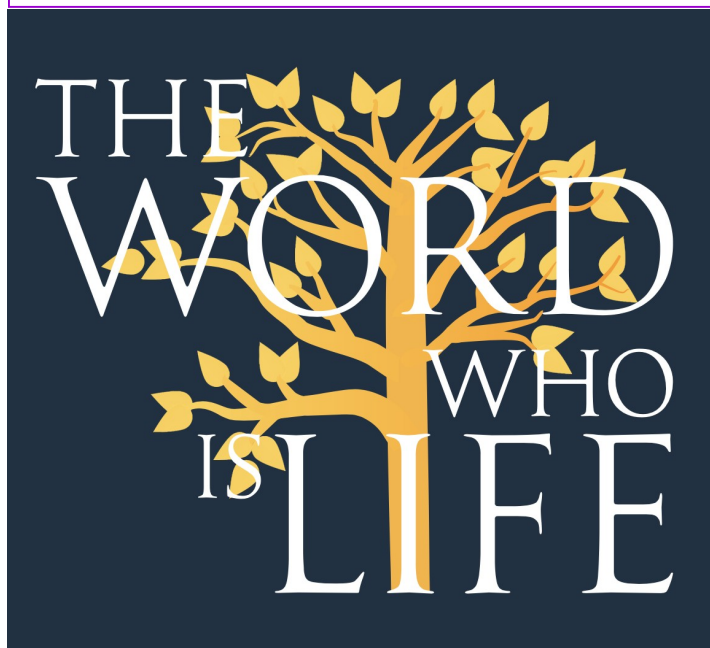
Ironically people have been saying for years: *why should priests have to be worrying about buildings, finance, administration?* Well now is a time when we can address this issue and release priests to be freed up to do the most important priestly work of pastoral care of people and the celebration of the Mass and Sacraments.

In these coming months, we will be working closely with you all to begin to address these challenges and invite more people into roles of support and leadership across our New Parish. All skills, experiences, ideas, and resources can be shared for the good of the whole community. We will make sure that proper support and training is provided to fulfil the varied and important roles

Whilst these are challenging times for us all, they also present an exciting opportunity, under God’s Grace, to become ever more the missionary Church that the Lord calls us to be.

With every blessing

Fr Kevin Dring

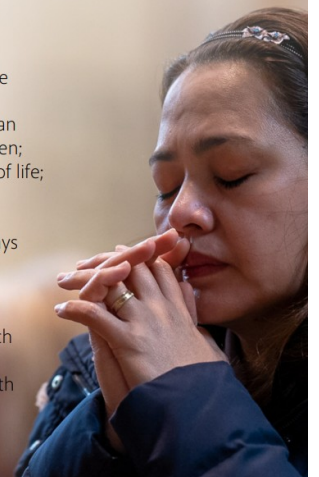


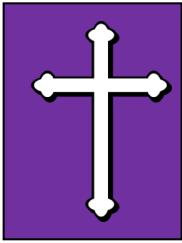
OUR PARISH MISSION

“Join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship.

May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life; communities of healing, where all are welcomed, their dignity as children of God always recognised; where young people grow in deep love for the Gospel, for the sacramental life of the Church and for prayer; where all know the riches of the Faith and seek to share it with others.”

Bishop Richard Moth





New Parish Update

Building a Community of Communities

The current plan is being formed and evolving. For those who may wish to understand more about it this is the format so far:

FORMING A NEW PARISH STRUCTURE:

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES:

- Prayer / Formation / Mission and spirit of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan
- Always distinguish Parish Wide Actions and Structures / Hub wide Actions & Structures – apply the principle of subsidiarity
- Aim for maximum engagement with all church communities and those individuals who specifically want to be involved in the process - utilise the principle of Synodality

Parish Leadership Group (PLG) – to BUILD VISION

The first meeting of the PLG took place in February and they will continue to meet monthly in the evening on the first week of the month. This group will BUILD VISION.

It consists of eight Clergy, alongside eight lay representatives (one per current parish), Mr Paul Barber (Head of St Richards), Mr James Campbell (Head of Catholic Life at St Richards).

The PLG Role is developing vision for Parish Pastoral Plan (PPP) and concrete time-lined goals and objectives.

Hub Leadership Group (HLG) – to BUILD COMMUNITY

There are two HLGs (one includes the Bexhill, St Leonards, Hastings, Battle, & Rye Parishes and the other includes Eastbourne, Langney & Hampden Park, and Polegate & Hailsham Parishes). The first meetings of the HLG's took place in February and they will continue each second week of the month as a follow up of the PLG meeting, to plan to action agreed goals and objectives from the PLG meeting - working with Church Representative Groups (CRGs) and others in weeks 2-4 of the month to begin implementing actions within the church communities, and then feeding back to next month's PLG meeting:

The group will consist of Clergy / lay representatives from the PLG plus other ad hoc members as and when needed (e.g. school representatives, administrative support, people with particular expertise).

The HLG Role is to translate PPP vision and goals into actions at the church community level, to build bridges / working relationships, through sharing of resources and good practices.

Clergy Group (CG) - to BUILD FRATERNITY

To continue meeting every two months on the third Tuesday of the Month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov) main focus = PRAYER; FRATERNITY with a brief time for Business at start

The CG role is to be kept in the loop and be able to share combined wisdom and experience into the process.

Everything continues to be "work in progress" that will be fine-tuned as we progress and learn, but we need something clear and solid in place to begin the process! The success of the Plan relies on a commitment to honouring meetings and tasks to maintain the necessary momentum – it's all about GOOD TEAMWORK!

Please join the church communities of Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory, and St Agnes in Eastbourne and Our Lady of the Rosary Bexhill and Little Common in welcoming new priests and saying a fond farewell to those who have left our deanery.



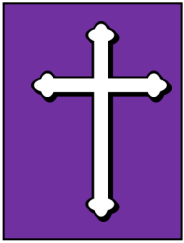
Fr Charles Ezejide

Father Charles joins OLR, St Gregory and St Agnes as assistant priest from the Nigerian Archdiocese of Abuja. Reflecting on Fr Charles' arrival, Fr Kevin Dring said: "It's a joy and blessing for us to have Fr Charles here in Eastbourne, particularly with the work ahead of us, coming together with other communities as a new parish. I know he will bring fresh vision and energy. May he be very happy with and among us."



Before Christmas we welcomed Fr Stephen O'Brien (top) as the new parish priest for The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary. Sadly though in welcoming Fr Stephen it does mean we had to say farewell to Fr Simon Dray (bottom) who joined his new parish St Joan of Arc in Farnham.

Please pray for all our Clergy as they lead us in this time of change.



Lent Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

During Lent, we deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Common devotions include the **Stations of the Cross**, the **Rosary**, and **Eucharistic Adoration**. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstaining from meat on Fridays, and making personal sacrifices help unite us with Christ's suffering. Almsgiving, such as donating to the poor or performing acts of kindness, emphasizes charity. Special liturgies in Holy Week mark key moments in Christ's Passion and Resurrection, making Lent a time of spiritual renewal and preparation for Easter.

Ash Wednesday 5th March



"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a solemn day of fasting and repentance when Catholics receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of humility and a reminder to "repent and believe in the Gospel. Below is a list of the services that will be held in our deanery parishes.

- 9.00am St Antony of Padua
- 10.00am Our Lady Immaculate
- 10.00am St Joachim
- 10.00am St Mary Star of the Sea
- 10.00am St Mary Magdalene
- 10.00am St Thomas of Canterbury
- 10.00am St Wilfrid
- 11.00am Our Lady of Ransom
- 12noon Christ the King
- 7.00pm Christ the King (Divine Worship)
- 7.00pm Our Lady of Ransom
- 7.00pm St Teresa of Lisieux
- 7.30pm St Mary Magdalene
- 7.30pm St Mary Star of the Sea

Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross is a powerful Catholic devotion that allows you to spiritually walk with Jesus on His journey to Calvary, reflecting on His immense love and sacrifice. By meditating on each of the 14 stations, from His condemnation to His burial, you enter more deeply into the mystery of His suffering and redemption. This practice, especially during Lent, helps strengthen your faith, deepen your compassion, and remind you of Christ's call to carry your own crosses with trust in God. It's not just about remembering His pain - it's about growing closer to Him, finding hope in your struggles, and renewing your commitment to follow Him with love and perseverance. During the season of Lent all our parishes have times set for Stations of the Cross within the churches.

Repent, Renew, Restore

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is ever more important in Lent. It gives the opportunity to restore your relationship with God, seek forgiveness for sins, and renew commitment to living in His grace. It's a powerful way to prepare for the joy of Easter. As well as weekly confessions available special reconciliation services are held in Lent see newsletters for more information.

Adoration & Benediction



Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to spend time in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet of Adoration, we can reflect, pray, and simply rest in His love. It's a moment to draw closer to Christ, offering our hearts in thanksgiving, intercession, or silent contemplation. During Benediction, we receive a special blessing with the Eucharist, a reminder of Christ's abiding presence and grace in our lives. These devotions are truly a gift, strengthening our faith and deepening our relationship with Him.

All our deanery parishes offer times for adoration see parish newsletters.

Particular attention is drawn to the following:

Our Lady of Ransom holds a holy hour every Thursday at 10am before mass for our new parish, with Rosary for Peace and Benediction. Live streamed here <http://tinyurl.com/EastbourneCatholicChurches-YT>

The Parish of the Good Shepherd will hold 40 hours of Adoration on Tuesday, 27th May starting with Holy Mass at 7.30 pm at St Thomas of Canterbury & closing at 9.45am on Thursday, 29th May with Benediction. Live streamed here:

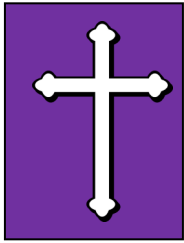
Men's Way of the Cross: 11 April 2025 - Over the cliffs and through the night

This lent event for men, invites you to join others in prayer over the South Downs Beachy Head trail to rediscover yourself and reflect on your God-given purpose on this earth. Starting with mass at Our Lady of Ransom Church on 11th April, at 9pm those joining will walk overnight stopping periodically for each station. The walk ends with before 6am with breakfast. All men are welcome to join us again this year. For more information see <http://www.menswayofthecross.co.uk/>

Join **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk** journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope – walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. The **CAFOD Lent Walk** is a great way to combine faith and action by walking to support vulnerable communities. Your steps help raise vital funds for food, water, and resources for those in need. It's a simple yet powerful way to live out Lent through sacrifice and solidarity! Talk to your parish CAFOD representative to find out more or [Click here](#) to sign up. Can't walk that far, sponsor those who do or you could combine your miles



Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 14 March 2025



Deanery Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week the most significant week in Catholicism.

Holy Saturday 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 everyone 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 8. Some additional information on services and devotions are also available on page 5.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY: 12th & 13th April

Saturday Vigil:

- 5.00pm Christ the King
- 6.00pm Our Lady of Ransom
- 6.00pm Our Lady Immaculate
- 6.00pm St Anthony of Padua
- 6.00pm St Mary Magdalene
- 6.00pm St Mary Star of the Sea
- 6.00pm St Thomas of Canterbury

Sunday:

- 8.00am St Anthony of Padua
- 9.00am Holy Redeemer
- 9.00am St George
- 9.00am St Gregory
- 9.00am St Martha
- 9.00am St Teresa of Lisieux
- 9.30am St Joachim
- 10.00am St Mary Star of the Sea
- 10.15am Our Lady of Ransom
- 10.30am St Wilfrid
- 10.45am St Anthony of Padua
- 11.00am Our Lady Immaculate
- 11.00am St Thomas of Canterbury
- 11.00am St Martha (Syro-Malabar Mass)
- 11.00am St Mary Magdalene
- 11.30am Christ the King (Divine Worship)
- 11.30am St Agnes
- 11.30am St Mary Star of the Sea
- 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom
- 6.00pm St Agnes (Polish Mass)

Chrism Mass: Wednesday 16th April

- 6.00pm Arundel Cathedral

EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of feet & watching

- 7.00pm Christ the King
- 7.00pm Holy Redeemer
- 7.00pm Our Lady Immaculate
- 7.00pm St George
- 7.30pm St Mary Magdalene
- 7.30pm St Mary Star of the Sea
- 8.00pm Our Lady of Ransom
- 8.00pm St Anthony of Padua

Good Friday: 18th April

- 9.00am St Anthony of Padua Stations of the Cross
- 10.00am St Gregory Family Stations/Walk of Witness
- 10.00am St Wilfrid Family Stations of the Cross
- 10.30am St Thomas Family Stations of the Cross
- 11.00am St Martha Stations of the Cross

- 12.00pm Our Lady of Ransom Stations of the Cross
- 12.00pm St Teresa of Lisieux Stations of the Cross
- 3.00pm Christ the King Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St Thomas Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm Our Lady Immaculate Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm Our Lady of Ransom Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St Anthony of Padua Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St George Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St Joachim Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St Mary Magdalene Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St Mary Star of the S Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 3.00pm St Wilfrid Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 5.00pm Christ the King Stations of the Cross
- 7.00pm St Agnes Stations of the Cross
- 8.00pm St Thomas Taizé Service

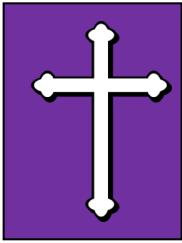
Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil: 19th April

- 7.30pm St Mary Magdalene
- 8.00pm Christ the King
- 8.00pm Our Lady Immaculate
- 8.00pm Our Lady of Ransom
- 8.00pm St Anthony of Padua
- 8.00pm St Mary Star of the Sea
- 8.00pm St Thomas of Canterbury
- 8.00pm St Wilfrid

Easter Sunday: 20th April

- 8.00am St Anthony of Padua
- 9.00am St Agnes (Polish Mass)
- 9.00am Holy Redeemer
- 9.00am St George
- 9.00am St Gregory
- 9.00am St Martha
- 9.00am St Teresa of Lisieux
- 9.30am St Joachim
- 10.45am St Anthony of Padua
- 10.00am St Mary Star of the Sea
- 10.15am Our Lady of Ransom
- 10.30am St Wilfrid
- 11.00am Our Lady Immaculate
- 11.00am St Thomas of Canterbury
- 11.00am St Martha (Syro-Malabar Mass)
- 11.00am St Mary Magdalene
- 11.30am Christ the King (Divine Worship)
- 11.30am St Agnes
- 11.30am St Mary Star of the Sea
- 5.30pm Our Lady of Ransom

**A warm welcome awaits you all.
Why not invite friends!
Easter Collections are for our Clergy**



Catholic Youth Focus

In the next few months our deanery youth will continue to focus on their faith journey in many different ways. Please continue to keep our youth in your prayers and support them in their journey. Pope Francis advocates to the young that YOU are the NOW and future of the Church. Below are a few things youth in the deanery will be doing in the coming months or encouraged to be part of. Please Pray for the Youth of the Church!



YOUNG ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Rome 2025 28th July - 4th August

The Diocese is inviting young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the Jubilee year with in Rome. Pilgrims will travel with other young people, to for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Booking open now, more details visit: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>



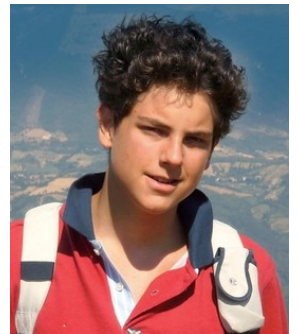
Over 80 of our deanery's Catholic youth and their leaders will pilgrimage to FLAME 2025 at Wembley on March 15th. They will join 10000 Catholic youth for this biannual celebration of our faith worship with a full programme of music, guest speakers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please Pray for Them!

Carlo Acutis: Will be made "The First Millennial Saint"

Imagine a teenager who loved video games, coding, and hanging out with friends—except he also had a deep passion for his faith.

Meet **Carlo Acutis**, a 15-year-old who used his tech skills to create a website about **Eucharistic miracles** and is now set to become the **first millennial saint!**



Born in London in 1991, as a baby he went with his parents to live in Italy. Called a saint for the digital age, he loved to go to mass, and pray the rosary. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages and to the sites of eucharistic miracles. Using his computer skills he developed a website containing all the eucharistic miracles that had happened throughout the world.

Why Is Carlo Acutis So Inspiring to youth?

He was just like them – He loved soccer, Pokémon, and tech but found joy in his faith.

A digital evangelist – He used the internet to spread Catholic teachings, earning him the title "**Patron Saint of the Internet.**"

A real-life superhero – Even while battling leukemia, at 15 he focused on helping others and offering up his pain for God saying "I offer up my sufferings for the Lord"

Mark your calendars!

Pope Francis will officially declare him a saint on **April 27, 2025!**

Carlo proves that **holiness isn't just for monks and priests—it's for everyone.** You don't have to be perfect; you just need to use your gifts (yes, even social media and gaming!) for something greater.



The **Carlo Acutis International Eucharistic Exhibition**, a powerful display of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis, after

being at **St Mary Star of the Sea** before Christmas will arrive be at **Our Lady of Ransom** from **Saturday, 26th April, until Sunday, 11th May**, before transferring to **Christ the King** from **25th May to 22nd June**. Special Masses and celebrations are being planned for the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis at parishes in our deanery, see newsletters near the time.

First Holy Communion



Many of our younger Catholics age 7 upwards are preparing to receive the Sacrament of communion for the first time

after Easter. Details of the service dates in your parish can be found in each parish newsletter.

Deanery Confirmations 2025



Over 70 young people in our deanery are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at a service led by our Bishop in Arundel Cathedral on 3rd May 2.30pm.

Due to limited capacity at the cathedral only those receiving the sacrament and up to five family/friends are able to be there alongside their Priests, Deacons, altar servers, catechists, musicians and choir.

You can however join in the mass via Cathedral livestream and we hope many of you will:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/arundel/embed#tab-player>

Confirmation Choir

Musicians and singers are needed to form a deanery choir for the service. Please contact: marylou.joyofmusic@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of this ministry.



Jubilee Pilgrimages

Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' encourages everyone to be part of it, there are so many ways to do this. Here are some opportunities for you and your family and friends to join people in our Diocese and take part in a day pilgrimage to one of our diocese designated places of pilgrimage, a weekend pilgrimage or even a whole week.



THE CHRISM MASS

Wednesday 16th April 6pm Arundel Cathedral

Bishop Richard, members of our clergy, and people from across our family of faith always gather on the Wednesday before the Easter Triduum for the Chrism Mass. One of the most beautiful Masses of the year it is celebrated in Catholic cathedrals across the world during Holy Week. During the Mass, the Bishop blesses the holy oils used to anoint people receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, or ordination, or to bring them strength and comfort when they are sick. Diocesan priests also renew the promises they made at ordination. People from across our diocesan community are invited to attend this year's celebration – there is no need to book. If you would like to watch the service via the Cathedral livestream, visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream



ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE

50th Anniversary walking Pilgrimage

In 2025, the 50th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage, the pilgrims will visit all 11 new parishes in the Diocese from Saturday 9th to Sunday 24th August. The vision for 2025 is that people from the local communities will join the Pilgrimage as day pilgrims in their own areas, for as far as they wish or feel able.

Seaford to Eastbourne on Friday 22nd August is the last walking day and everyone who can is encouraged to join from our deanery. We especially pray that plenty of young people will join as this pilgrimage started by the youth in 1975 as their way to celebrate the jubilee year. For more details see <https://thepilgrims.org.uk/wp/> or email garyobrien4@yahoo.co.uk



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Our diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual diocesan calendar, with hundreds of members of our community of faith visiting the Grotto together each year.

Pilgrimage Dates for 2025

- 25th to 31st July (by air)
- 24th July to 1st August (by coach/Jumbulance)

Applications close 31st March 2025.

Assisted Pilgrims, Helpers, Clinicians & Chaplains: £860 (includes accommodation & travel)

- **Redshirts & Purpleshirts:** £760 (includes accommodation & travel)

- **Accommodation only:** independent adult pilgrims £660; children £450

Subsidies are available speak to the pilgrimage office or parish priest. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June for Pentecost).

People across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, by taking part.

Dating from around 1061, the [Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham](#) was once one of the four principal shrines of Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today, the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season, with about 35 major pilgrimages from Catholic dioceses, parishes, societies and associations.

Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please [click here](#).



Deanery Parishes Directory

Our deanery soon to be a New Single Parish is formed of eight smaller parish communities and 15 churches. Each community, led by its priest, holds a 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. 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 Parish communities, 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 Charles Ezejide

Churches:

Our Lady of Ransom, 2-4 Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU
St Gregory, 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
Sunday 10.15am at Our Lady of Ransom
Sunday 11.30am at St Agnes
Sunday 5.30pm at Our Lady of Ransom
Polish Mass is held at St Agnes - every 2nd and 3rd Sunday 6.00 pm

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 / hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk
Website: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/>

Masses:

Sunday 9.00am at St George
Sunday 10.30am at St Wilfrid

Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary

Parish Priest: Fr Stephen O'Brien
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
Website: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/>

Masses:

Saturday 6.00pm at St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 9.00am at St Martha
Sunday 11.00am at St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 11.00am at St Martha (Syro Malabar Mass)

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: <http://www.stmarystarofthesea.net/>

Masses:

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 11:30am

Parish of the Good Shepherd

Parish Priest: Fr Míceál 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 6.00pm at St Thomas of Canterbury
Sunday 9.00am at Holy Redeemer
Sunday 11.00am at St Thomas of Canterbury

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 / eastbournectk@abdiocese.org.uk
Website: <https://christthekingeastbourne.org/>

Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm at Christ the King
Sunday 9.30am at St Joachim
Sunday 11.30am 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://battewithnorthiam.parishportal.net/>

Masses:

Saturday 6.00pm at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael
Sunday 9.00am at St Teresa of Lisieux
Sunday 11.00am at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael

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

Parish Priest: Fr Maximillian McKeown
Parish Deacon: Deacon Simon South
Parish office: 01797 222173 / rye@abdiocese.org.uk
Website: <https://stanthonrye.com/>

Masses:

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10.45am

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