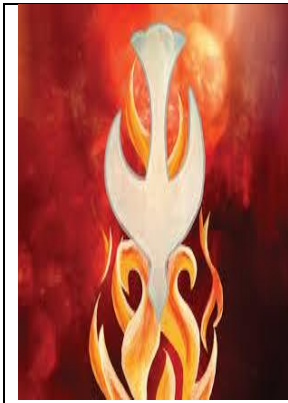


# EASTBOURNE DEANERY NEWSHEET



*"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 (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> 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
<p><b>What's happening in your approach to promote formation of children and adults?</b></p> <p><b>Rye</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scripture Discussion Group – weekly in afternoon</li> </ul> <p><b>St Leonards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish First Holy Communions 11<sup>th</sup> June,</li> <li>• Confirmation 18.06.2023 at Arundel Cathedral</li> </ul> <p><b>Eastbourne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith Enrichment Talks monthly – teaching and informative topics with discussion</li> <li>• There is a wide variety of Prayer Groups active in the Parish</li> <li>• Children's Liturgy in all 3 churches</li> </ul> <p><b>CTK</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Bexhill</b></p> <p>We have an active RCIA programme. At Easter 2023 we baptised 5 adults and received 5 adults into full communion with the Catholic church.</p>	<p><b>What's happening in your Parish for fundraising and celebration?</b></p> <p><b>Rye</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish lunch to celebrate the feast of St Anthony</li> <li>• Parish trip to the National Gallery to see the exhibition of artwork depicting St Francis.</li> </ul> <p><b>St Leonards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 September: 1New Parishioners Mass and Picnic 11.00 am at St Thomas' Church</li> </ul> <p><b>Eastbourne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Tea and Social Gathering – fun activity</li> <li>• OLR Money Club - monthly draw</li> </ul> <p><b>CTK</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Bexhill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bexhill SVP hold a monthly "Tea @ 3pm" in St Martha's Hall, Little Common.</li> <li>• They also run a monthly bereavement session.</li> <li>• And they have started a new Friday Pop-in morning, a café style game time.</li> <li>• The CWL meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community.</li> <li>• The Catenians are looking to re-energise a Bexhill Circle.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PARISH WEBSITES OF THE DEANERY</b></p> <p><b>Battle:</b> <a href="http://battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net">battlewithnorthiam.parishportal.net</a></p> <p><b>Bexhill:</b> <a href="http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk">www.stmmbexhill.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Eastbourne:</b> <a href="http://www.ourladyofransom.org.uk">www.ourladyofransom.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Eastbourne (Langney &amp; Hampden Park):</b> <a href="http://christthekingeastbourne.org">christthekingeastbourne.org</a></p> <p><b>Hailsham &amp; Polegate:</b> <a href="http://www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk">www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Hastings:</b> <a href="http://www.stmarystarofthesea.net">www.stmarystarofthesea.net</a></p> <p><b>Rye:</b> <a href="http://www.stanthonyrye.com">www.stanthonyrye.com</a></p> <p><b>St Leonards-on-Sea:</b> <a href="http://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net">www.parishofthegoodshepherd.net</a></p> <p><b>DIOCESE:</b> <a href="http://www.abdiocese.org.uk">www.abdiocese.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>THOUGHTFUL GEMS - SPIRITUAL &amp; OTHER</b></p> <p>"The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission" – <i>Pope Francis</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>"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></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>On a lighter note ...</b></p> <p>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.</p>