

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, ROTTINGDEAN and ST. PATRICK'S, WOODINGDEAN



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Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Sunday 29 December 2019	6.30pm Church (Sat) 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am Church	Vigil Mass The Holy Family 	Joan Kilmartin R.I.P People of the Parish Franciszek and Katarzyna Kanik, Jan and Stanislav R.I.P.
Monday 30	10.00am Convent	Mass 6th Day in Octave of Christmas	John and Bettie Hale, family & friends RIP
Tuesday 31	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass 7th Day in Octave of Christmas	Iain Dewar R.I.P.
Wednesday 1 Jan	10.00am Church	Mass Mary, Mother of God	Special Intention – Victor Hopkin
Thursday 2	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Richie Byrne R.I.P.
Friday 3	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass Holy Name of Jesus Divine Mercy Chaplet	Felice De Rosa R.I.P.
Sunday 5 January 2020	6.30pm Church 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am Church	Vigil Mass Epiphany 	People of the Parish Jim Keown R.I.P. Simone Avic R.I.P.

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for last week's cash & envelope collections: OLOL £389.85 and St. Patrick's £140.50.

Crib Collection: This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the **Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund**. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

Confessions: Saturday confessions from 5.50-6.20pm.



PLEASE PRAY for all our sick parishioners who are in nursing homes or housebound, listed in our chapels, but especially for Alison Stainthorpe, Sami Ghazal, Sophie Reilly, Ann Chapman, Fr. Douglas Perkins, Philip Scerri, John Heale, Sandra Waugh and Tony Evans. Please let Fr. Benny or the Parish Office know if you would like a name added.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barry Wheeler who has died recently. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Visits to the Sick/Hospital/Housebound: If you know of anybody who is sick and needs a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged.

2020 On Wednesday we 'welcome in' the New Year. A good way to begin – by attending Mass at 10.00am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church and praying for a Peaceful New Year.

THANK YOU

It was wonderful to see so many people attending the Christmas Masses at St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes. Special thanks to all those who helped to clean and decorate our Churches and set up the Cribbs. Praise and thanks also to our Musicians, Choirs, Altar Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. My personal thanks to all parishioners for your kindness, your Christmas Cards, Gifts and very generous Christmas Offerings. Wishing you continued Blessings of this Holy Season.

Fr. Benny



If you wish to have your child baptised or if an adult wishes to be received into the Church, please see Fr. Benny or Deacon Neil after any Mass for a Baptismal Enquiry Form.



Please come along for breakfast and a chat in the Parish Hall after morning Mass on Thursdays. There is a varied menu, and apart from the bacon rolls, there are several healthy options on offer. All are welcome.



First Holy Communion Children's Sessions Next Session "Reconciliation" on Sunday 5 January at 9.25am and on Tuesday 7 January at 3.30pm in the Church Hall. A parent representative will be expected to attend the sessions alongside their child. This is a commitment to our Church and your faith, and you are expected to attend mass on a weekly basis.

*****Please note** *there are three asterisks before each new item that has been added to the newsletter.*

*****Thank you** for the very generous donations to Voices in Exile. Much appreciated. Maureen Buni

Poems Out Loud will start again on Monday 6 January, 11.00am-12.30pm, in the small parish room at St. Patrick's. Everyone is welcome. Poems can be serious, hilarious or baffling – we tackle them all – Milton to Milligan, Marie de France to Wendy Cope, Shakespeare to Shelley. Please bring personal requests and favourites. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided, cost is £2.50. Contact Patrick Bond on 07425-011341 for further information, or email patrickgpbond@yahoo.co.uk.

*** **Ecumenical Mental Health Project** Green for Go! Go for Help! Please see the poster on the Church notice board giving details of services available for people in crisis. This time of year can be difficult for many people, these contacts might help the person sitting next to you in the church or someone you meet in the street. As you leave the church why not take a photo of the poster to store on your phone? If you are interested in the Mental Health Project do get in touch: catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk

*** **Worth Abbey: Silent Retreat: 13-16 January 2020 (Mon-Thurs) £265 per person (Concession/unwaged £225)** Take some time out post-Christmas and join, for a short while, the rhythm of prayer and reflection with the monastic community at Worth Abbey. Enjoy time and space to be still, refresh your spirit and explore your relationship with God in beautiful and peaceful surroundings. For further information, to request a booking form or to reserve your place, please contact us: **Tel: 01342 710318 or Email: toc@worth.org.uk** **2020 Calendar of Retreats at www.worth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Retreat-Programme-2020-leaflet.pdf**

*** **SVP Memory Café/ Lunches** at Tower House, London Road, BN1 6WT: The Local Brighton SVP provides sociable lunches and more for older people. On Tuesdays they host a memory café providing support, snacks and activities for people with dementia and their carers. On Wednesday, Thurs & Friday they host lunches, a pop up shop and art and activities. More details at towerhouse@svp.org.uk or 01273 549 604.

*** **Justice & Peace Assembly**: 'Still No Room at the Inn?' How can we respond to the homelessness crisis today? Saturday 25 January, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (DABCEC). Doors open 9.30 am. Free event. Introduced by Bishop Richard, with Speakers from Turning Tides, Homelink, Crawley Open House, Life Housing, Caritas Portsmouth, and more. Stalls and stands. Drinks provided – bring own cup/mug. Limited parking. Bookings at Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk



*** **Money Counters Needed**: Could you spare an hour on a Sunday after Mass? One of our team members needs to step down, and we need a replacement. We also need two more people to join the rota (count on any day). Thank you, please see Fr Benny.

The Holy Family *"The family of Nazareth in exile, taking refuge in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king, are the model, the example and the support of all refugees compelled by persecution and need to abandon their homeland, their beloved relatives, their neighbours, their dear friends, and move to a foreign land"* Pope Benedict XVI. There are Christian groups within our society, such as the Jesuit Refugee Service, who support migrants, but all of us can play a part in welcoming and assisting those forced to seek a better life in our country. Today, we reflect on the needs of migrant families and consider our own roles in promoting their welfare.

