

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



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PLEASE NOTE that due to COVID-19, the celebration of Mass in our church will take place without the public in attendance. For the time being masses, including those requested for your intentions, will continue to be celebrated in private. **Re: Live Streaming from OLOL. Please check Newsletter for LINK**
******* OPENING TIMES OF CHURCHES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER WILL BE ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS WEEK*******
PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR ANY UPDATES

Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

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| CORPUS CHRISTI | Sunday 14 June 6.30pm (Sat.) 10.30am | Vigil Mass THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST | Intentions of Jose & Jonathan Sharp (Wedding Anniversary) People of the Parish |
| Monday 15 June | 9.00-9.55am 10.00am | Adoration Mass | Peter Sharp R.I.P. (R) |
| Tuesday 16 June | 9.00-9.55am 10.00am 10.30am-12.30pm | Adoration Mass <i>St. Richard of Chichester</i> Eucharistic Adoration | Special Intention – Marie Whatling |
| Wednesday 17 June | 10.00am | ----- No Mass ----- | ----- |
| Thursday 18 June | 9.00-9.55am 10.00am | Adoration Mass | Welfare of Tony Pierce |
| Friday 19 June | 9.00-9.55am | Adoration Mass <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> | Welfare of Teresa Curtis |
| Sunday 21 June | 6.30pm (Sat) 10.30am | Vigil Mass 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>A Day for Life</i> | Bill Raffield R.I.P. (A) People of the Parish |

Please Note: - EVENING PRAYERS THIS WEEK at 7.00pm on –Monday 15th JUNE

Please remember in your prayers recently deceased members of our parish. May they rest in peace.

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI

“I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever” Jn 6:51-52

In today's second reading St. Paul uses a loaf of bread as a symbol of our unity in Christ. While, in the present circumstances, we are separated from one another, we are still the Body of Christ, the Church. This is, in normal circumstances, more obvious when we, as members of God's family, gather together as a community in the church which is our place of worship. As one body, we become living witnesses of God's desire to bring all peoples and nations together into one family.

At this time many people are feeling the 'loss' of being able to receive Jesus 'Sacramentally' as they usually do. While an act of Spiritual Communion may satisfy our need during this difficult time, the overwhelming desire of many is to be able to receive the Lord 'Sacramentally' once more. During this time of 'deprivation' we could offer our prayers for the many fellow Catholics throughout the world who have to go 'without' the Eucharist for many months, and even many years, because of circumstances beyond their control.

Now that small steps are being taken so that our Places of Worship can begin to open for Private prayer, let us make sure that all the necessary precautions are adhered to so that we will be able to gather together for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments in the not-too-distant future. Meanwhile, let us pray for one another.

Visits to the Sick/Hospital/Housebound: If you know of anybody who is sick please contact the Parish Office with details.



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, John Heal, Sandra Waugh, Eileen Cross, Carole Goudy, Victor Hopkin, Eileen Noakes, Una McLaughlin, Veronica Westbury, Gabriel Arthur, Patricia and Joe Collins and Sr. Agnes.

Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.

Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Patrick's – MASSES - LIVE STREAMING
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4VXBr3EOa43nCxxzB-Edw>

SEE PARISH WEBSITE -www.ololandstp.org FOR ALL UPDATES

SVP 100K STEP CHALLENGE: St. Vincent's Tower House wish to raise much needed funds, so why not do something as a community, **GET FIT**, and help keep our food parcels going!

WALK 10,000 STEPS A DAY – FOR 10 DAYS IN JUNE

**DONATE £10 TO TAKE PART
NOMINATE 10 OTHER PEOPLE**

All donations to Tower House JustGiving page The link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-Vincent-de-paul>

Every £10 donation pays for 2 meals for vulnerable people.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM marks the beginning of the Christian's life of Faith. At present we cannot plan celebrations until we are allowed to re-open our Churches for services but we can begin preparation now. Ring the parish office or e-mail to begin the process.

Planning your MARRIAGE – It is probably impossible at present to make definite plans, please remember that our diocesan guidance is that couples should give at least 12 months' notice of intention to marry in order to allow time for discernment, prayer and reflection. If you are engaged and wish to discuss preparation Courses etc. please contact Fr. Benny or Deacon Neil.

CAFOD Coronavirus emergency appeal: The effects of Covid-19 in developing countries are devastating. The most marginalized communities will be pushed further into poverty. Working with local partners, CAFOD is already responding on the ground to ensure food supplies, healthcare and hygiene. Your payers and gifts are needed more than ever to help the most disadvantaged. Donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal. Please Gift Aid if you are a UK tax-payer, increasing the value of your donation by 25% at no further cost.

***** Young Family seeking three bedroom house to RENT. Any Information please to Fr. Benny**

Mass for the Sick and their Families

NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, every Thursday a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join.

This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm



The next Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley

At Birmingham Cathedral

On Thursday 18th June at 7.00pm

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.



MASS ON THE PHONE - If you are unable to access Live Streamed Mass you can listen to the celebration each **SUNDAY at 12 Noon** by ringing **St. Mary's Cathedral, Middlesborough** on **01642 130120**

Many Thanks to Ian Watson who has made it possible for us to have mass on line at Our Lady of Lourdes. The link for live-streaming is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4VXBr3EOa43nCxxzB-Edw>

LOL School Whitehawk Food Bank Project Donations of food, tinned items, drinks and toiletries, can be left on the porch steps of the School. For collection contact: SVP Ann (301252) or Eve (303126) and for collection from Woodingdean area: zoegarbarz@lourdes.brighton.hove.sch.uk Thank you.

MAGNIFICAT – UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES (Now Amalgamated)– TABLET -BIBLE ALIVE – MY DAY by DAY - MASS LEAFLETS with Readings etc which we usually have in our Churches on Sundays. If you regularly purchase any of the above in the Church Porch and would like to continue to receive the latest editions – **YOU CAN EITHER:- Pick them up from the steps by the Presbytery/Parish Office Door.** Alternately, **if you are unable to collect please leave a message on the Parish Office Phone (01273 302903)** with your Name/Tel No and Address- OR send an e-mail to: ololandstp@outlook.com with these details and Newspaper, Booklet or Mass Sheet you request will be sent to you via Royal Mail.

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The website, www.ChurchPaper.co.uk, contains the latest editions of the newspapers: A&B News, UCM s (Union of Catholic Mothers) Reach - Catholic Schools Paper.

SVP Help Line During this period many people need our support and help. If you know of anyone who needs help, the SVP are on hand to look after the needs of our neighbours, be it shopping or giving support and advice when necessary. Contact Ann Knox on 01273 301252, john273knox@gmail.com

MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE St. Margaret's and Our Lady of Lourdes have been involved in organising a distribution service of hot lunches (£6 per head) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If anyone is interested, please ring Ann (301252) or Eve (303126). The meals will be delivered to your door by a volunteer group.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

An Act of Spiritual Communion is the best way for union with Christ.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
Come at least spiritually into my heart
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly
to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Richard served as Bishop of Chichester from 1244 to 1253. He is remembered for his good works and humble lifestyle. He travelled across the Diocese preaching, and it was at the end of his preaching tour, in Dover, that St. Richard died on 3rd April 1253. His prayer is the last words which he uttered before dying. His body was taken to a shrine in Chichester Cathedral on 16th June 1276 – now celebrated as St. Richard's Day.

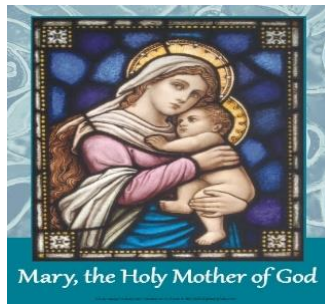
Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

*Thanks be to you,
my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given me;
for all the pains and insults
which you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen*

Act of Contrition

*Lord, I am sorry for the times I have sinned against you.
I am sorry because I've offended your infinite goodness
because I've turned my back on you.
I ask your forgiveness now. Embrace me in your mercy.
Out of your love that I may pick up again in full joy,
the call of discipleship to follow your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*





*Mary, Our Mother,
Sustain us in moments of
darkness, difficulty and
apparent defeat.*

Pope Francis

Coronavirus indulgences evoke Francis' 'ridiculously-pardoning' church

This article appears in the [Coronavirus](#) feature series. [View the full series.](#)

ROME — Announcement of the Vatican's offering of new plenary indulgences to those around the world affected by the coronavirus may have left some Catholics asking, "We still do that?"

The answer is yes. And theologians say the move, made [in a March 20 decree](#) from the apostolic penitentiary, shows a seemingly unprecedented level of pastoral care for those who suffer from the virus — especially those who may die in isolation without being able to receive final rites.

Jesuit Fr. James Corkery, an Irish theologian at the Pontifical Gregorian University, said the decree fits with Pope Francis' vision for a "merciful, welcoming, 'ridiculously-pardoning' church.

Special Indulgence for the COVID-19 Pandemic

During these extraordinary days, we know that the ways in which we normally experience the working of grace through the Church have largely been suspended.

We cannot be physically present at Mass; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is almost impossible because of closed churches and social distancing and even the anointing of the sick and dying may be severely curtailed. However, through all of this Christ never abandons his people and all the baptised continue to make up the Body of Christ. To assure people of the certainty of grace and mercy, even without the normal recourse to the Sacraments the Holy Father has granted the gift of a *Plenary Indulgence* to all those affected by the Corona Virus in various ways. This extends to those suffering from the virus, their families, Healthcare workers and the general Faithful who are concerned at this time.

This moment of grace is an opportunity for us to be more completely free from the effects of sin. It can encourage us on our pilgrim path through these difficult times as we are assured of the Lord's healing, forgiveness and the promise of Eternal Life. The requirements for the Indulgence, which are set out in the Decree are gentle and achievable and form a wonderful opportunity for us simply to pray for each other at this time. Now across the world, when people are *staying apart to draw together*, we can all draw together across the Universal Church in this powerful act of Faith and Hope.