

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



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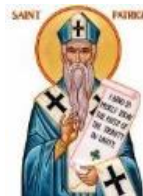
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Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Sunday 15 December 2019 	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Jan Prosvic R.I.P.
	9.00am St. Patrick's	3rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	10.30am Church		Welfare of John McLaughlin
	12.15pm Church	Baptism – Rosa Eva Louise Corrigall	
Monday 16	10.00am Convent	Mass	Welfare of Valerie & Peter Burholt
Tuesday 17	8.55am-9.55am	Adoration	
	10.00am Church	Mass	Private Intention - Rev. Phillip Pennington-Harris
	10.30am-12.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Wednesday 18	9.40am (Convent)	Morning Prayer	
	10.00am Convent	Mass	Celebrant's Intention
	7.30pm Church	Mass	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 19	8.55am-9.55am	Adoration	
	10.00am Church	Mass	Special Intention – Charley Lynn
Friday 20	8.55-9.55am	Adoration	
	10.00am Church	Mass	Deceased Members of the Burge Family RIP
		Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Sunday 22 December 2019 	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Deceased Members of the O'Shea Family RIP
	9.00am St. Patrick's	4th Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	10.30am Church		Simone Avic R.I.P

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for last week's cash & envelope collections: OLOL £348/05 and St. Patrick's £187.21

2nd Collection for Christmas Flowers: OLOL £229.93.

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, Daphne Parsons and Tony Evans.

Please let Fr. Benny or the Parish Office know if you would like a name added.

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.



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.

We welcome Rosa Eva Louise Corrigall who, through Baptism, joins our Community this weekend.

FOLLOW CHRIST IN HIS INCARNATION

This is the commitment of being a Christian: following Christ in his incarnation. And if Christ is God in his majesty who becomes a humble man even to dying like a slave on the cross and who lives with the poor, that's what our Christian faith should be like. A Christian who doesn't want to live this commitment of solidarity with the poor is not worthy of being called a Christian.—from the book [Through the Year with Oscar Romero: Daily Meditations](#)

Fr. Hugh Fr. Hugh will be leaving us this week to spend Christmas and New Year with his brother and family in Macclesfield. In January he will be taking up his new appointment as Chaplain to the Visitation Sisters in Waldron. We thank him for his help here in the Parish during his stay with us and wish him a blessed Christmas and health and happiness in his new appointment.

Mass Settings for today's Mass: Gospel Acclamation 261, Sanctus 505A, Eucharistic Acclamation 479, Our Father 1010, Agnus Dei 509, Communion 91.

*****Winners of the 100 Plus Club November Draw** 1st Prize £25 – Julie Williams, 2nd Prize £15 – Bridget Byrne, 3rd Prize £10 – Una McLaughlin. Please collect your winnings from the Sacristy.



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 "Being Sorry" on Sunday 15 December at 9.25am and on Tuesday 17 December 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.

The Children's Choir Years 2-6 The Final Rehearsal will be on Monday 23 December at 3 pm in the Church Hall. It is important that all children attend this final one. Victoria (07894079527).

St Anne's Day Centre: Thank you for your gifts for distribution after Christmas Lunch. **This weekend 14/15 December is your last chance for handing in your contributions. Gifts to be delivered on 18th December.** Collection boxes in porches.



*****A Big Thank You** to all Red Box holders who returned their boxes for counting. The sum collected for 2019 amounted to £922.45. Your support is very much appreciated.

PARISH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

December Crib Collection – A&B Crisis Fund

This fund will provide one-off emergency grants to families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives.

Mass every Wednesday evening during Advent at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Advent Discussion Group – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall – 7.30-8.30pm – Friday 20 December

Advent Meditation at St. Martha's Convent - Sunday 22 December – 5.00pm (followed by mince pies and mulled wine).

The St. Patrick's Advent Prayer Group - Monday 16 and 23 December from 9.15 until 10am at St. Patrick's Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24 December - Our Lady of Lourdes

5.00pm

Vigil Mass of Christmas with blessing of Crib

(children invited to dress as one of the Christmas characters).

10.30pm

Carols followed by

11.00pm

Sung Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December

8.30am (St. Patrick's)

Carols followed by

9.00am

Mass

10.30am (Our Lady of Lourdes) Sung Mass of Christmas



St. Stephen's Day

Thursday 26 December – Mass at 10am at St. Martha's Convent

St. John the Apostle

Friday 27 December – Mass at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes

The Holy Innocents

Saturday 28 December – Mass at 10am at St. Martha's Convent

Gift Aid If you are a UK tax payer and donate regularly into the church offertory, under the Gift Aid system the government allows us to claim back the tax that you paid on your earnings used to make the donation. Please consider joining our Gift Aid scheme as it costs you no extra money, it is purely tax given over to us by the government. Please also consider paying your donations by standing order as this is the easiest way for us to claim the tax back through the diocesan Gift Wise system and saves you having to find the cash each week. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church but if you prefer or need advice please email tracy.stickland@gmail.com

Christmas Donations to Fr Benny The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Offertory collections are traditionally given to the Priest each year. If you are a UK taxpayer and you are happy for us to claim the tax back on your gift to Fr Benny this Christmas please consider using one of the yellow (or new white) Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church. The tax reclaimed goes to Fr Benny too. Please complete all the details including the date and the amount, as without these we cannot make the tax claim. This applies to current Gift Aid donors too. Alternatively, please do just donate in the normal way.



PARISH VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS DRINKS – OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH HALL

Please join Fr Benny for drinks and nibbles on Monday 16 December 2019 7-10pm ... to say 'THANK YOU' for all your time and the help you have given to our Parish community during 2019. Hope you can pop in!