

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



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**Parishioners are welcome to attend scheduled Masses once again at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
---At all times observing the rules/regulations/advice from Government and Bishops' Conference---**

KEEPING EVERYBODY SAFE!

****For Times when OLOL Church is OPEN for PRIVATE PRAYER – SEE BELOW*******

Live Streaming of all Masses from Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4VXBr3EOa43nCxxzB-Edw>

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Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

SUNDAY 18th April	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL	** Vigil Mass **Mass **Mass – 3rd Sunday of Easter	Simone Avice R.I.P. Peter Kelly R.I.P. (R) H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh R.I.P.
Monday 19 April	8.55-9.25am 9.30am	Adoration Mass	Gary Hudson R.I.P.
Tuesday 20 April	8.30-9.25am 9.30am 10.00am – 10.30am	Adoration Mass Time of Adoration/Private Prayer	Eve Gallagher R.I.P.
Wednesday 21 April	8.30-9.25am 9.30am	Adoration Mass St. Anselm of Canterbury	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 22 April	8.30-9.25am 9.30am	Adoration Mass	Jim and Maureen Dean RIP (R)
Friday 23 April	8.30-9.25am 9.30am 10.00am -10.30am	Adoration Mass St. George Divine Mercy/Private Prayer	Martin O'Brien R.I.P.
Sunday 25th April	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL	** Vigil Mass ** Mass ** Mass Good Shepherd Sunday 4th Of Easter	Jo Sharp & George Wilson RIP (A) Bolestaw Popa R.I.P. (A) People of the Parish
	CONFESSIONS —	**** SAT - 5.45-6.15pm	

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all those recently deceased members of our parish and others known to us. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in prayer at this time.

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

FREEDOM TO PRACTICE OUR FAITH --Today we listen to a passage from St. Luke's Gospel – the only one during this year's cycle of readings. In this extract we find many of his favourite themes – joy in the Lord, table-fellowship, fulfilment of prophecies in the Old Testament, divine forgiveness, and the **CALL TO BE WITNESSES**. We find the disciples in deep fear after the death of Jesus. They had fled from the cross; only the women had remained there. Then the disciples walking to Emmaus met a 'stranger' who explained the meaning of the Scriptures to them. All the disciples found it difficult to believe that Christ had risen from the dead and his appearance, described in today's Gospel, frightened them. All Christians are called to be witnesses to the resurrection. For some, this happens in daily life as they bring their faith to bear on the situations they meet. Telling the truth, being honest, standing up for those who are weak; all these are ways of witnessing to the faith. Maybe one of the greatest acts of witness is joining the Christian community on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist. YOUR presence may strengthen the faith of all who are present, as well as those in your family or circle of friends and neighbours who no longer participate actively in the life of faith.

We can celebrate our faith in freedom --- let us not forget Catholics and many other Christian communities in other parts of the world whose faith has to be lived in secret because of the threat of persecution.

Next Weekend: 24/25 April – 2nd Collection for the Education of Future Priests. Baskets at the entrance and exit from the church.

My grateful thanks to all those who did so much at St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes to ensure that our Easter Masses and Services went smoothly, and also for your very generous Easter Offerings. May God bless and reward you. *Fr. Benny*

SVP Help Line Members are on hand to help anyone who needs their support or advice Contact Ann Knox 01273 301252.

Whitehawk Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your generous support. **Due to lockdown, we would be grateful for cash donations. Please contact Maureen 07935 251627.**

PLEASE PRAY for all our sick parishioners who are in nursing homes or housebound especially for Alison Stainthorpe, Sami Ghazal, Sophie Reilly, Ann Chapman, John Heal, Sandra Waugh, Eileen Cross, Philomena McGovern, Victor Hopkin, Eileen Noakes, Veronica Westbury, Colin Allen, Tara Vernon, Ava Hewitt, Cherie Pay, Anne Gisele Cesar, Paul Danieletto, Ottaline and Len Henley, Roger Davis, Maureen Garson and Caitlin Kelly. Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.

WEEKEND MASS OFFERINGS As the church has been closed for some time, many churches are feeling the loss of the offertory donations. We are too. Baskets for your offerings are at the entrance and exit from the church. THANKS to those who have Standing Orders. Those who want to donate by Standing Order, the forms are on the OLOL website. Alternatively, please contact Tracy Stickland 01273 298625 if you need help with this.

CONTACTLESS COLLECTIONS With the absence of banks in the village, and COVID risks of handling of money - we have joined the Diocese with the contactless donation system called DONA. **There is a Stand in the porch of Our Lady of Lourdes Church to receive Contactless Payments. Please use the hand sanitiser beforehand.** At first, indicate where your payment is to go e.g. (First Collection or Second Collection) then select the amount you are donating. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please follow the instructions – name, email and postcode. **You will only need to do this the first time you make a donation.** The system has been set up and will automatically deal with any subsequent donations. Thank you everyone for doing your part in keeping us safe.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 6.30pm and Sunday at 10.30am. Weekday Masses at 9.30am
Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's, Woodingdean at 9.00am.

Masses continue to be live-streamed so that parishioners can still participate. Please keep up to date by reading the newsletter.

Upon entering the church before MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER, please sanitise your hands and either scan in on the NHS Track & Trace or tick your name off the register. Please take a small sheet of paper from the porch and leave it in the pew when you leave the church. This is to ensure all the appropriate areas in church get sanitised after every service.

At all times please adhere to the rules of SOCIAL DISTANCING and the wearing of FACE MASKS.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED Preferably a house with 4/5 bedrooms in the Rottingdean and surrounding area, available from last week in August or any time from now. Contact Beatrix 07776 412218.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (23rd – 29th July 2021) this year is a pilgrimage of Mission: carrying the prayers and intentions of many parishioners in our Diocese to the Grotto in Lourdes. We are now open for applications which can be accessed by going to 2021.ablourdes.org . If you are interested in joining us this year Postcards advertising the Pilgrimage are available in the Church Porch.

WORTH ABBEY - OPEN CLOISTER - Saturday 24th April - Finding Silence 3 – the journey of meditation and silent prayer (online retreat) - led by Fr Peter Williams OSB. The third instalment in a series of day retreats looking at the journey of silent prayer. **A Way of the Spirit** is suitable for those who are experienced meditators but would also be accessible for someone beginning their meditation journey. Book your place online at www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreat For all enquiries, email: toc@worth.org.uk