

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

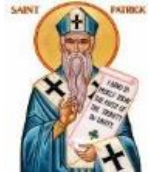


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The Parish is part of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 252878

Please continue to observe the rules/regulations/advice from Government and Bishops' Conference

Live Streaming of Masses from Our Lady of Lourdes Church has now resumed.

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

Service & Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

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| <p>SUNDAY 12th Dec.</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> | 6.30pm (Sat) OLOL | ** Vigil Mass | Jan Prosvic R.I.P (A) |
| | 9.00am St. Patrick's | **Mass | People of the Parish |
| | 10.30am OLOL | **Mass 3 rd 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent | Peter O'Flinn R.I.P. |
| Monday 13 December | 9.30am | Mass ** AT ST. MARTHA'S CONVENT <i>St. Lucy</i> | Carole Goudy R.I.P. |
| Tuesday 14 Dec | 8.30-9.25am 9.30am | Adoration Mass <i>St. John of the Cross</i> | Simon, Dominic, Richard and Bernard R.I.P. |
| | 10.00am-10.30am | Time of Adoration/Private Prayer | |
| Wednesday 15 Dec | 8.30-9.25am 9.30am | Adoration Mass | Welfare of Elizabeth O'Hara |
| Thursday 16 Dec | 8.30-9.25am 9.30am | Adoration | Michelle Henley R.I.P. (R) |
| Friday 17 Dec | 8.30-9.25am 9.30am | Adoration Mass | Margaret Moroney R.I.P. |
| | 10.00am –10.30am | Divine Mercy/Private Prayer | |
| <p>Sunday 19th Dec.</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent</p> | 6.30pm (Sat) OLOL | **Vigil Mass | Frank & Catherine Kanik, Jan and Stanislav |
| | 9.00am St. Patrick's | **Mass | People of the Parish |
| | 10.30am OLOL | **Mass 4 th Sunday of Advent | Welfare of Mevel, Trisha and Jasmine |
| | CONFESSIONS — **** SAT - 5.45-6.15pm | | |

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Ann Claridge who died recently - **Funeral Mass at St. Patrick's on Monday 20th December -11.30am.** Pray also for 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.

This weekend: 11th/12th December – The 2nd Collection is for Christmas Flowers

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lady of Lourdes Church -7.30pm - 13 December

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - Our Lady of Lourdes - Sunday 19th December - 5.00pm

(followed by mince pies and mulled wine) – to be confirmed

ADVENT is a time of waiting in Joyful Hope - as we look forward to celebrating the fulfilment of God's promise. It is a time of thankfulness for God's generous love, made real for us in Jesus. John the Baptist knew that this love was a free and undeserved gift. He was not even worthy to bend low and undo Christ's sandals. We do not have to be worthy to welcome Jesus, but we are called to be willing to let his presence change our attitudes and behaviour. The Gospel shows us what this means in practice. Whatever shape they take, genuine Christian generosity and kindness will always be expressed with happiness and joy. We rejoice in God's gifts to us. Let us also be joyful in happily sharing them with others.

P. Edwards



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S SESSIONS The next sessions entitled 'God Chose Me' are on Sunday 12th December at 9.30am and Tuesday 14 December at 3.30pm.

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, Eileen Noakes, Veronica Westbury, Colin Allen, Cherie Pay, Anne Gisele Cesar, Maureen Garson, Jane Purdham, Geraldine Lewis, Peter Hogan, Dorothy Benson, Teresa Ford, Peggy Cruickshank, Sr. Pauline, Arthur Silver, Michael Lee, Sr. Angela, Rosemary Gill, Asahi Religa, Huguette Vincent and Jean Thomas. 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 please contact the Parish Office



Enrolment for Confirmation Programme 2021-22 If you are entering Year 10 or above at Secondary School, and would like to be confirmed, please enrol in the Diocese Confirmation Programme. **Please complete and return the enrolment form as soon as possible, but at the latest by 20th December.** Enrolment Forms are available in the church porch or can be downloaded from our website:- www.ololandstp.org
Enrolment Forms for **ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** also available.



Breakfast Club - every Thursday after 9.30am Mass. Freshly made to order, bacon rolls and lots more. Each week you are helping to raise much needed funds for our church.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - TO ORDER. ALL contents HANDMADE eg :- Christmas cake, savoury biscuits and chocolate truffles. Hampers will be ready for Christmas week. Cost £25 payable with order. Any questions please contact Jose:- jonathanandjosesharp@virginmedia.com



CHRISTMAS CAKE & MORE SALE
Saturday 11th December - 10.00am – 1.00pm
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH HALL

Serving mulled wine, hot chocolate, bacon rolls, tea/coffee, cakes/handmade truffles jam/jellies/chutneys and more
Looking forward to seeing you all



Poinsettias Please place your order as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please pick up an Order Form from the church porch and return your completed form together with the money, to the Parish Office. A plant costs £10. You can dedicate your plant to a loved one and collect your plant after Christmas to keep in your home, if you wish. If you want an order form to be delivered, please ring/email Jacinta [07773 121696 jacinta.mccahill@gmail.com](mailto:jacinta.mccahill@gmail.com) Thank you.



CHRISTMAS CARD Instead of sending cards to your parish friends, you may like to use this card, designed by an artistic parishioner, and use the money saved to benefit a charity of your choice. Please add your name & message to the Christmas Card which is on display in the porch.

**Advent Reflection on Wednesdays at St Patrick's Church,
Broad Green, Woodingdean**

Next one on **Wed 15 Dec** at 9.15am. All are welcome, coffee afterwards
Contact tracy.stickland@gmail.com



An Invitation for Advent Mass with sung Evening Prayer: The Worth Abbey Benedictine monks in Brighton invite you to **Mass with sung Evening Prayer on Mondays in Advent** (29th Nov, 6th Dec & 13th Dec) **6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's church, Elm Grove.** We hope you can join us.

CRIB COLLECTION All offerings this year are given in aid of the **Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund** to provide one-off emergency grants to support children and their families.

St Anne's Day Centre Please help the homeless and lonely by giving single wrapped presents with a loving note/prayer for the recipient. A box will remain at the back of the church until 19th Dec for your donations. Patrick (Tel: 01273 303782)



Facebook We have a Facebook page with 127 members. If you want to join us just search for "Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rottingdean" on Facebook and we will let you in. If you are already a member, why not invite your friends to join too.



Whitehawk Foodbank Many thanks for generous cash and food donations received. During this week and the next, they would be grateful for Christmas items such as biscuits/chocolate boxes. Desserts, tinned fruit, chocolate selections and cakes. Pet treats, food and treats, for our four-legged friends. All donations are collected from the Parish porch or cash donations to Maureen Buni.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

May I take this opportunity to thank you for the work that is being done towards our Diocesan contribution to the work of the Synod of Bishops. Advent Groups can be continued a little into the New Year and I look forward to receiving the submissions by **4th February**. Please make a note of the date for the Synod webinar on **March 9th 2022** and publicise this date in parish newsletters. If you have any queries, please email synod@abdiocese.org.uk. *Bishop Richard*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Bishop Richard will be at Arundel Cathedral on Christmas Eve to celebrate Mass at 11.30pm with Carols from 11pm. Booking is essential for all Christmas Masses at Arundel at www.arundelcathedral.uk or call the parish office on Tel. 01903 882297.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE

The Bishops of England & Wales will welcome a pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes in September and October next year. Precise dates of the diocesan stage of the pilgrimage are still to be confirmed and information will be made available in due course. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for prayer for the whole Diocese and, given the significance of our Lourdes Pilgrimage in the life of the Diocese, will be a time of particular joy for us all.

COVID-19 VIRUS - OMICRON VARIANT

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the church.
- **From Friday 10th December**, it will be **compulsory** for people **to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth)** whilst indoors in public venues **including places of worship**.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient.

If these guidance points are supported, then churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2022 WEBINAR

A webinar on 'To a safer shore?' from 10am-1pm on **Saturday 15th January 2022**. This year's event focuses on the considerable difficulties and challenges faced by individuals and families of all ages who are compelled to leave their homes and seek safety - and longed for sanctuary - in countries that can be considerable distances from their homes.

Speakers include **Aidan Cantwell**, from the [Jesuit Refugee Service](#) who will explore current legislation in the UK and how best we can respond, **Karen Goldsmith**, who has first-hand experience of the refugee crisis, having spent time volunteering at a refugee camp in [Chios, Greece](#), **Canon Rob Esdaile** who will provide insight on [Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti](#) and **John Paul de Quay**, from the [Ecological Conversion Group](#), who will examine the links between the plight of refugees and climate crisis. Please note that this Assembly will now be held **online**. Details of the webinar login link will be sent to you nearer the date.

MODERN SLAVERY NEWSLETTER

Please find below the link to the diocesan website for the latest issue (No. 5 - November 2021) of the Modern Slavery newsletter: https://assets.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/6183f0bb44267637ef672967_Modern%20Slavery%20Newsletter%20Issue%205%5B1%5D.pdf To book your free place please visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/jp2022 or email tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk.

CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM - CLERGY RETREAT 2022

A retreat for clergy at Our Lady's Shrine from the **14th-18th March 2022**, will be given by Mgr. John Armitage, Master of the Guild of Ransom and former Rector of the Shrine. The cost is £300. The retreat starts with supper at 6.30pm on Monday 14th and finishes with lunch on Friday 18th. To book, please contact reservations@walsingham.org.uk.

PLEASE BE AWARE Due to the rising number of people infected by Covid 19 **WE RESPECTFULLY ASK ALL THOSE WHO ATTEND MASS TO CONTINUE WEARING MASKS UNLESS MEDICALLY EXEMPT** **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO CANNOT WEAR MASKS FEEL WELCOME IN OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS** **At Holy Communion** – please wait for the steward to guide you. If for any reason, you feel unwell, please do not attend Mass. Thank you for your understanding.