

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



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**Our Lady of Lourdes & St Patrick's Churches are, at present, not open to the public.**  
We are looking at opening for private prayer only. Meanwhile all Masses are livestreamed for parishioners.

## Live Streaming of Masses from Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4VXBr3EOa43nCxzB-Edw>

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### Services and Intentions

### THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

<b>**Live Streamed Masses and Services -</b>			
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	**9.30am	***NO Congregations in attendance	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL	**Mass	Deceased Relatives and Friends of the Cremona Family R.I.P.
	***St. Patrick's	**Vigil Mass	
	10.30am OLOL	***NO MASS	People of the Parish
		** Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday 18 January	8.55-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	**9.30am	**Mass	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 19 January	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	**9.30am	**Mass St. Wulstan	Welfare of Nursing Sisters in Clapham
	10.00am - 11.00am	**Time of Adoration	
Wednesday 20 January	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	**9.30am	**Mass St. Sebastian	Derek & Betty Brackhurst RIP (A)
	***7.30pm	***EVENING PRAYER	
Thursday 21 January	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	**9.30am	**Mass St. Agnes	Welfare of Tony Freed
Friday 22 January	8.55-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	**9.30am	** Mass St. Vincent	Welfare of Ottaline & Len Henley
	10.30-11.00am	**Divine Mercy/Private Prayer	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm(Sat) OLOL	**Vigil Mass	Mary and Thomas Mulkerins R.I.P.
	10.30am OLOL	**Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

**The Diocesan Crib Collection** this year is in aid of the A & B Crisis Fund to provide one-off emergency grants to support children and their families. The Crib at OLOL will remain until The Feast of the Presentation.

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of Fr. Frank O'Sullivan, Fr. Eamon Tobin and Pat Wheelan who have died recently and for all those recently deceased members of our parish and others known to us. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families at this time.

**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, Peter Kelly, and Millie & Eddie Fitch. Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.

In today's Gospel passage there is a gradual recognition of who Jesus is- first of all through the testimony of John the Baptist and the words of the first disciples. John the Baptist calls Jesus 'the Lamb of God', and Andrew calls him 'the Messiah'. The main theme of the readings, however, is that of CALL and RESPONSE. In the OT reading we have the call of Samuel, who played a big part in the building up of Israel. His call marked the beginning of a new era. It was through him that Israel got its first kings. This paves the way for the Gospel story of the call of the first disciples – Andrew, John and Peter. The call of Peter is highlighted because of the important role he played in the first community. In the two readings we see a unique and specific call, what is more commonly called a VOCATION. Each call needs a response. In the Church today we are very aware of the 'shortage' of response to the call to Priesthood and Religious Life. It would be unusual if the Lord were not continuing to issue such a call. As individuals, families and community we need not only to pray for Vocations but become ACTIVELY involved in promoting a response to God's call amongst us.

**OFFERTORIES** Thank you for the offertory collection amount of £165.50 on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. THANKS also to those who have Standing Orders.

**SVP Help Line** - Members are on hand to help anyone who needs their support or advice when necessary. Contact Ann Knox on 01273 301252 or email: [john273knox@gmail.com](mailto:john273knox@gmail.com)

**NEED FOR MORE STEWARDS** We are very grateful to those who have been giving generously of their time by acting as Stewards in our Churches. We hope to be able to reopen for private prayer - we do **NEED MORE PEOPLE** to volunteer for this role so that we can continue with the Church opening times. If you would like to volunteer, please either collect a form from the Church Porch or click on the following link in the Parish Website:- **Volunteer Form**

**Whitehawk Foodbank** has been overwhelmed by the generosity of so many, these past few weeks. Thank you to everyone for food and Christmas goodies. We still need tinned soups & instant coffee, tea, sugar, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, pasta sauces, long-life milk & juice, tinned fruit, rice pudding, toiletries, curried chicken & sauce. We are very grateful for your donations and continued support. **For cash donations, contact Maureen 07935 251627.**

**NHS VACCINATION SCAM WARNING** Please be aware that there is a big scam doing the rounds at the moment, with people receiving texts or emails asking for payment for their vaccination slot. The vaccines are provided free by the NHS and you will be contacted by your doctor's surgery for your vaccination. Please do not reply to any request for funds or personal information.

## Temporary suspension of Mass with congregation in attendance

Following the News last week that cases of COVID-19 are increasing at an alarming rate, on a daily basis, in our area – up from just 57 cases per 100,000 of the population in mid-December to approx. 700 per 100,000 last week - We have taken the necessary steps to protect all members of our community. We are hearing of the difficulties which Hospital and ambulance Services are experiencing and the need to protect the NHS & Medical Staff.

On the advice of many parishioners, some of whom have continued to attend Mass in our Churches, we have decided **that both St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be CLOSED for regular PUBLIC MASSES, until further notice.** Masses will continue to be **LIVE-STREAMED** until it is deemed safe to have our congregations return. Times of Masses are found in the Newsletter, which can be found on the Parish Website, and Hard Copies can be collected from the Cabinet by the front door of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

A further announcement will be made regarding opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Church for **PRIVATE PRAYER** when it is deemed safe to do so.

**Weekend Masses will be LIVE-STREAMED on Saturday at 6.30pm and Sunday at 10.30am.**

**Mass will be celebrated on weekdays at 9.30am.**

*Wishing you every blessing*

*Fr. Benny & Deacon Neil*



O MARY, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our Pleas, We who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.