

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



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Live Streaming of Masses from Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

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

**** THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ****

****ON TUESDAY: 10-11am and FRIDAY: 10-10.30am**

MASSES WITH CONGREGATION THIS WEEK ** Monday, Tuesday & Friday -9.30am // Wednesday--*7.30pm

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

Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Sunday 6th December <small>2ND SUNDAY OF Advent</small>	** Live Streamed Masses with Congregation 6.30pm (Sat) OLOL **Vigil Mass 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL 11.45am OLOL ** Mass - 2nd Sunday of Advent ** Mass ** Mass	Deceased Members of the McCauley Family R.I.P. Intention of St. Patrick's Community Bernard Green R.I.P. People of the Parish
Monday 7 December	8.55-9.25am **9.30am Adoration **Mass St. Ambrose	Special Intention – Ann Knox
Tuesday 8 December	8.30-9.25am **9.30am Adoration **Mass - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Time of Adoration/Private Prayer	Peter Crumbley & Ian Dewar R.I.P.
Wednesday 9 December	6.25 -7.25pm **7.30pm Adoration **MASS	Intentions of Fidelma Ormiston
Thursday 10 December	-----	-----
Friday 11 December	8.30-9.25am **9.30am 10.00am – 10.30am Adoration **Mass St. Damasus I **Divine Mercy/Private Prayer	Brigie and Finbarr Walsh R.I.P. (A)
Sunday 13 December <small>3RD SUNDAY OF Advent</small>	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL 11.45am OLOL **Vigil Mass **Mass 3rd Gaudete Sunday of Advent **Mass **Mass	John Wilson R.I.P. People of the Parish Peter O'Flinn R.I.P. Garrett Turner R.I.P. (A)

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 soul of Salem Buni who died recently and for all deceased members of our parish and others known to us. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families also at this time.

The P A T I E N C E of the Lord!

Many people do NOT like CHANGE. It causes anxiety. Many other people see CHANGE as a new beginning bringing new opportunities. Some changes are due to circumstances and unavoidable, others are chosen. Even when chosen, change can be difficult. In today's *first reading* we find the Prophet Isaiah giving hope to people who are in despair and, doubting God's promise, thinking that he has abandoned them in their exile in Babylon. Isaiah encourages the people to continue to trust in God who will lead them from slavery back to the Promised Land. In the *second reading* from the letter of Peter the purpose of God's plan is seen as giving people time to CHANGE. *The Gospel* offers the HOPE of a new beginning. To trust in God's providence requires great faith as even the disciples who knew Jesus in the flesh struggled to believe in him. Therefore, if we have doubts we should not lose heart as the path to becoming a friend of God needs time. Each person is unique and we may all be at different places on our Faith 'Journey'. We need to always remember that God works in his own time and way. We might make the following our prayer—"Lord, I believe, help my unbelief".



CHRISTMAS MASSES: Please think about the Christmas Mass you would like to attend. Sign-up Sheets available.

****PLEASE NOTE: Change of Tel No. for Fr. Benny :- 07884 171710**

2nd Collection Next Weekend:- SEA SUNDAY. Baskets at the entrance and exit from the church.

St. Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, will be open for Private Prayer from Mon-Sat from 2.30-3.30pm

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, Veronica Westbury, Colin Allen, Tara Vernon, Brian Kendall, Ava Hewitt, Cherie Pay, Nick McClelland and Philomena McGovern. Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.



SVP Help Line The SVP recently celebrated the 41st Anniversary of the foundation of their Conference in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rottingdean. Please remember all the SVP members in your prayers. They 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

CHURCH RE-OPENING

Adhering to the latest Government Guidelines, Our Lady of Lourdes Church has now re-opened for public worship. Subsequently, we have returned to the usual weekly times of masses and private prayer. Masses will continue to be Live Streamed so that those parishioners who are unable to attend can still participate. Please check the newsletter for updates.

Upon entering the Church before mass or private prayer- please sanitise your hands and either scan in on the NHS track and trace or tick/add your name in the register.

Please adhere to the rules of social distancing and the wearing of face masks. Please be respectful of what the stewards are trying to do, they have strict guidelines to follow from the Diocese. Thank you.



GRAB'N'GO SOUP TABLE



GRAB'N'GO HOMEMADE SOUP TABLE - THANK YOU for your continued support!!

2 generous portions of soup of your choice & 2 ciabatta rolls: £4.00

Pick up an order form from the church or download it from OLOL website. **Please enclose payment with your order form and return to the parish office by Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th December at the latest. Pick up dates for your orders will be on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December from the Parish Hall, after the 6.30pm and 10.30am Masses.** Deliveries will be made to the less mobile and those self-isolating. Any queries, please contact Jose on jonathanandjosessharp@virginmedia.com Thank you

The CYCLISTS would like to thank all the sponsors for their donations towards the BIKE RIDE. The total amount raised is £605. Your support is very much appreciated.



Whilst I'm sure we all wish 2020 had been cancelled, we are finally in the last quarter of the year - a year like no other we have known.

Christmas, like every other celebration this year, will be a little different. However, it is still important to make our church looking as beautiful as possible. Last year we filled our church with beautiful poinsettias and we will do the same this year, but maybe even more than the 60 plants we had last year. We would ask you to please be very generous and consider buying two plants in memory of a loved one. **The price is the same as last year at £10 a plant** and you can collect your plant after Christmas to keep in your home, if you wish. **Please pick up an Order Form from the church porch and return your completed form together with the money by Sunday 13th December at the latest. Those who are not attending church, please ring or email for an order form to be delivered: Liz 07768 353268 – email: lizhopkin@icloud.com Jacinta 07773 121696 – email: jacinta.mccahill@gmail.com Thank you.**



Plants & Bulbs Sale Thank you to everyone who bought plants. £105 was raised for church funds. Also for sale Crabapple Jelly & Tomato Chutney: £2/£2.50 per jar. Please email Jose jonathanandjosessharp@virginmedia.com

ST. PATRICK'S are holding a **mini Christmas market** outside the church on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December, each day 10am until 12 noon. We are selling gifts (cards, decorations, toiletries, jewellery, lavender), food (sweet, savoury and Christmassy), plants (indoor and outdoor) and preserves (jams, jellies, chutneys, relish and compotes). You can donate items in any category. Do come and support us, raising funds for the church. Please wear mask, gloves, and stay socially distant. Contact person Bernadette 01273 309118 berskin@hotmail.com; Irene 01273 303676 icgreen@ntlworld.com

The Whitehawk Foodbank Organiser appreciates the **generous donations from Our Lady of Lourdes.** They urgently need tinned soups & instant coffee as stocks are very low. In addition contributions of essential items of tea, sugar, coffee, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, pasta sauces, long-life milk & juice, tinned fruit, rice pudding, toiletries, curried chicken and sauce would be greatly appreciated. **There is a collection box in the church porch for donations. For collecting donations, contact Maureen 07935 251627.** Thank you for your support.

PLEASE NOTE: Our new parish office email address is: rottingdean@abdiocese.org.uk

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

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 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 :

[Volunteer Form](#)

Many Thanks to Ian Watson who has made it possible for us to have mass on line at Our Lady of Lourdes.

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY, WONERSH This past week we have heard the news that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site.

Unfortunately there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, Chelsea in Sept 2021.

Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Wonersh in 1891 will continue.

The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROTTINGDEAN, wishes to recruit more Foundation Governors. If you wish to apply, contact the clerk to the governors ruthali@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk for an initial application form and to arrange a meeting with the chair. If you would like to find out what it means to be a Foundation Governor at Our Lady of Lourdes School, please see poster on our website: www.ololandstp.org .

Offertory, Direct Debit and Gift Aid With COVID-19 we have moved very swiftly to a near cashless society, to the point where we no longer have any change, or cash at all, and as a result the offertory collections are smaller . Our Parish still needs your donations and even though many parishioners are viewing on line, virtually you might say, the church running costs unfortunately are not virtual. If you don't already donate by Standing Order please could you think about doing this. The form is on the website but I'm also happy to send you a copy by email or post if you prefer. Also if you are a UK tax payer, we can reclaim the tax back, equivalent to the amount that you would have paid on your donation. You would need to be paying by Standing Order so that we are able to identify and record your donation. Please do this for your Parish, it doesn't cost you anything more. Email tracy.stickland@gmail.com or call 01273 298625 for a Standing Order form and/or a Gift Aid form if you are a UK taxpayer. Thank you.

Calling all Young Adults of the Diocese (20-30 somethings) Due to current restrictions, plans for young Catholics of a similar age to get to know each other and form communities where they can explore their faith and realise their Catholic identity, have been put on hold. However, we would now like to invite anyone who is interested to join a Focus Group that will meet virtually to discuss the needs and desires of young adults in the Church, and, if you would like, be involved in as soon as possible, coming up with some creative ways to meet those needs. If this sounds like a project you would like to be a part of, please contact the Youth Service Secretary Rosie at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk or ring 01293 651161.

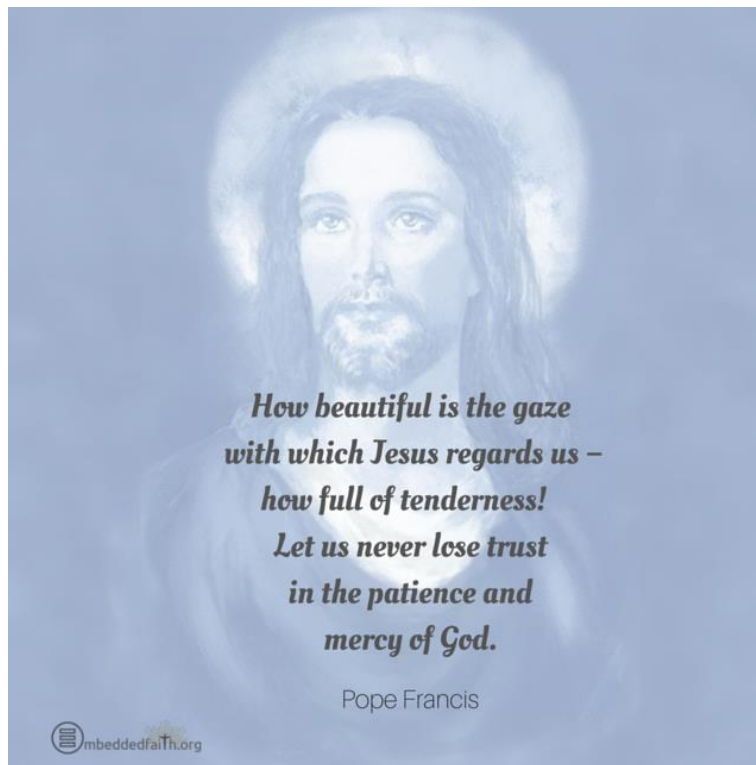
Planning your MARRIAGE – It is probably very difficult at present to make definite plans. Please remember that our diocesan guidance is that couples should give at least 12 months' notice of intention to marry in order to allow time for discernment, preparation, prayer and reflection. If you are engaged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

Poems Out Loud For Zoom link email Patrick Bond: patrickgpbond@yahoo.co.uk

The Holy Father's Monthly Intention for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**in the first instance of
her conception, by a
singular privilege and
grace granted by GOD, in
view of the merits of Jesus
Christ, the Savior of the
human race, was
preserved from all stain of
original sin....**

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen