

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 SUNDAY: 2.30-3.30pm & ON MONDAY & TUESDAY: 10-11am, FRIDAY: 10-10.30am**

PLEASE NOTE MASSES WITHOUT A CONGREGATION WILL BE LIVE STREAMED on Sat/Sun, Mon & Tues
MASSES WITH CONGREGATION THIS WEEK at 9.30am on **** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

****LIVE STREAMING OF EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION ON MONDAY AT 7.00pm**

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

Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

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| Saturday 28 November | 10.00am-11.00am | **Private Prayer | |
| Sunday 29 November | 6.30pm(Sat) OLOL | **Vigil Mass (Live-streamed) | Carol Nailor R.I.P. |
| 1 st Sunday of Advent | 10.30am OLOL 2.30pm - 3.30pm | **1 st Sunday of Advent (Live Streamed) **Private Prayer | Tessa Carrington R.I.P. (A) |
| Monday 30 November | 8.55-9.25am **9.30am 10.00am-11.00am **7.00pm | Adoration **Mass St. Andrew (Live Streamed) **Private Prayer **Evening Prayer and Benediction | Sandra Harding R.I.P. |
| Tuesday 1 December | 8.30-9.25am **9.30am 10.00am - 11.00am | Adoration **Mass (Live Streamed) **Time of Adoration/Private Prayer | Vincent and Eve Gallagher R.I.P. |
| Wednesday 2 December | ** Live Streamed 8.30-9.25am **9.30am | MASSES with Congregation Adoration ** Mass | Liam Liddy R.I.P. |
| Thursday 3 December | 8.30-9.25am **9.30am | Adoration **Mass St. Francis Xavier | In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Fr. Benny O'Shea |
| Friday 4 December | 8.30-9.25am **9.30am 10.00am – 10.30am | Adoration **Mass St. John Damascene **Divine Mercy/Private Prayer | Jessie Jenkins R.I.P. |
| Sunday 6 December | 6.30pm (Sat) OLOL | **Vigil Mass | Deceased Members of the McCauley Family R.I.P. |
| 2 nd Sunday of Advent | 9.00am <u>St. Patrick's</u> 10.30am OLOL 11.45am OLOL | **Mass – 2 nd Sunday of Advent **Mass **Mass | Intention of St. Patrick's Community Bernard Green R.I.P. People of the Parish |

PLEASE NOTE as the current lockdown rules end on Wednesday 2nd December and churches can re-open for public worship, there will be Mass (with congregation) at 9.30am on Wednesday and from then on, we return to the usual times for masses with a congregation and also for private prayer. See details above.

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

ADVENT – OUR TIME OF PREPARATION

Isaiah has three appealing names for God: *Our REDEEMER is your ancient name.* The redeemer is the one who buys us back, who bails us out of any mess we get into.

You are our FATHER.- the one who gives life, in whose image we are made.

You are the POTTER, we are the clay, the work of your hands. The potter does not discard the clay if the work isn't coming out as originally planned but will cleverly craft a new work of art.

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Jesus encourages his followers to be *“on your guard, to stay awake”*.....we must NOT be found asleep!
Advent is a wonderful time for preparing for something very special – the coming of the Saviour – not just in history BUT to each person today. Be that clay which the Potter can mould into something beautiful.

As in Lent, how about **AN ADVENT RESOLUTION** for -- **MORE QUALITY IN OUR PRAYER LIFE!**

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

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

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 also at this time.

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 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

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

CHURCH RE-OPENING

Adhering to the latest Government Guidelines, from Wednesday 2nd December the Church will re-open for public worship. There will be mass (with a congregation) at 9.30am on Wednesday and from then on, we revert to the usual weekly times of masses and private prayer. Masses will continue to be Live Streamed so that parishioners 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 your name off 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 jonathanandjosesharp@virginmedia.com Thank you



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.



The Whitehawk Foodbank have very low stocks of tinned soups & instant coffee which they urgently need. 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.

Plants & Bulbs Sale Now is the time to plant for spring and summer colour. For prices and quantities please email Jose via jonathanandjosesharp@virginmedia.com as supplies are limited. All money raised to go to Church funds. Thank you.

Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Group on Zoom – Monday 30th November at 8.00pm (for 40 minutes free Zoom time). Everyone is welcome especially members of local churches and anyone is welcome to lead the group if they want to - just let me know. It can include Ignatian Meditation, Lectio Divina, and any other ideas around prayer. This time the **Rev Kate Lawson from St Nicholas Church** in Saltdean will be leading us in an Examen. If you would like to join us please email me at tracy.stickland@gmail.com for a zoom link. Please feel free to join as and when you can, there is no commitment.

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

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.

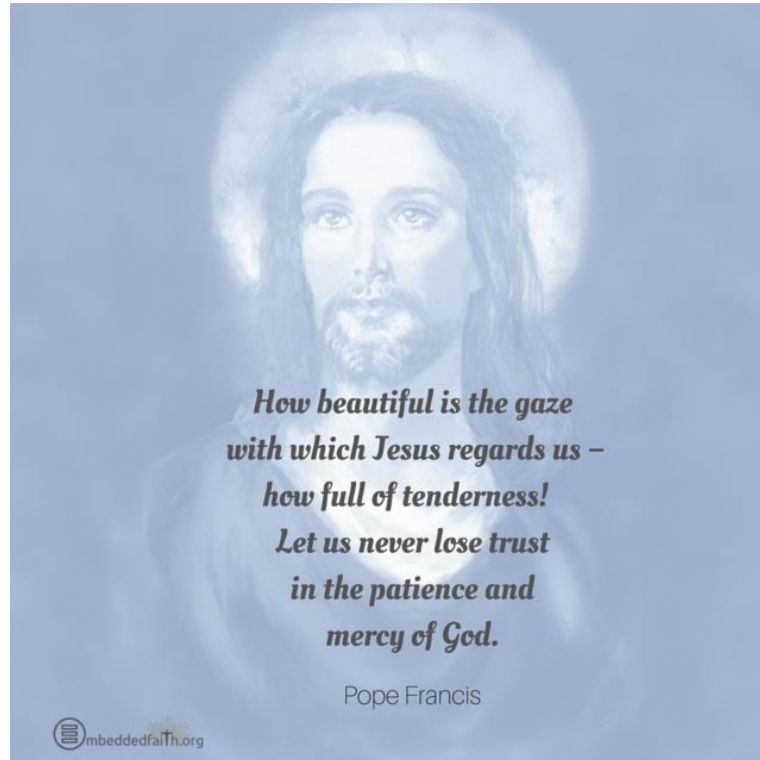
Planning your MARRIAGE – It is probably very difficult at present – to make definite plans. Please remember that our diocesan guidance is that couples should give at least 12 months' notice of intention to marry in order to allow time for discernment, preparation, prayer and reflection. If you are engaged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



The patron saint of missionaries and one of the founders of the Jesuit order, **Saint Francis Xavier** sought religious converts throughout Asia during the 1500s. With encouragement from his friend Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Francis Xavier devoted himself to religious service and became one of the founders of the Jesuit order. Much of his life was spent tending to missions in areas such as India and Japan. He was 46 when he died on China's Shangchuan Island on December 3, 1552.

**In Thee, O Lord,
Have I put my hope.
Let me never be confounded.**
St Francis Xavier