

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

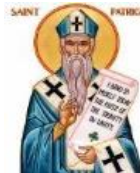


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The Parish is part of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 252878

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

Live Streaming of Masses continues from Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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

Service & Intentions THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Saturday 25 th Dec	9.00am (Sat) 10.30am	** Mass (St. Patrick's) ** Sung Mass of Christmas	Community at St. Patrick's Community at Our Lady of Lourdes
Sunday 26 th Dec THE HOLY FAMILY	9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL	** Mass ** Mass	Celebrant's Intention Deceased Priests of the Diocese R.I.P
Monday 27 Dec	*****10.00am	** <i>Mass at St. Martha's Convent Feast of St. John</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 28 Dec	-----	-----	-----
Wednesday 29 Dec	8.30-9.25am 9.30am	<i>Adoration</i> Mass	Pamela Glover R.I.P
Thursday 30 Dec	8.30-9.25am 9.30am	<i>Adoration</i> Mass	Welfare of Moira Boyd
Friday 31 Dec	8.30-9.25am 9.30am 10.00am –10.30am	<i>Adoration</i> Mass Divine Mercy/Private Prayer	Welfare of Donal McCauley
Saturday 1 Jan 2022 New Year's Day	****10.00am	Mass <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	For PEACE in our WORLD
Sunday 2 nd January 2022	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL 9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL <i>CONFESSIONS –</i>	**Vigil Mass **Mass **Mass 2 nd Sunday of Christmas **** SAT - 5.45-6.15pm	People of the Parish Ethel Hobden R.I.P. (R) Intentions of Hogan Girls

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.



My child, why have you done this to us?"

On this Feast of the Holy Family we move very quickly from the celebration of the birth of Jesus YESTERDAY to the visit of the family to the Temple – and Jesus is twelve years old – almost a teenager! This journey shows the commitment that Mary and Joseph had to the practice of their faith, and their fidelity to its law, by attending the Festival of the Passover. Jesus causes them huge anxiety when he stays behind in Jerusalem as the family set off for their home in Nazareth. After an anxious search they find him in the Temple talking to the elders. He seems oblivious to the concern of his parents when they express their distress at having lost him. He appears to speak brusquely to them – “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?” This episode might indicate that Jesus was a ‘normal’ teen but then the Gospel relates that ‘He went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority’. His ‘hidden life’ continued for eighteen years until he appeared for His ‘Public Ministry’. Let us enjoy these days post-Christmas Day but still very much in the Christmas Season with its many Feasts until the Baptism of the Lord.

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

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, Jean Thomas, Huguette Vincent and Elizabeth and David Difford.

Please let Fr. Benny OR the Parish Office know if you would like a name added.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S SESSIONS The next sessions entitled



'I Grow Closer To Jesus' are on Sunday 9th January at 9.30am & Tuesday 11th January at 3.30pm.



A Big Thank You to all red Box holders who returned their boxes for counting.

The sum collected for 2021 amounted to £833.26. Your support is very much appreciated.



The Breakfast Club will be closed during the Christmas period and will re-open on Thursday 6th January 2022. Thank you for your support.



'To a Safer Shore?' Justice & Peace Assembly will now be held on line on

Saturday 15th January 2022.

It will focus on the challenges faced by people compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge in other countries. their needs, especially in light of Fratelli Tutti? Bookings can be made via the diocesan website at [Justice & Peace Webinar 2022 \(15-Jan-2022\) - ChurchSuite Events](#). Details of the webinar login link to follow nearer to the date.

THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE -- instituted by St. Paul VI in 1968 -- is celebrated each year on Jan. 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Pope provides a message for the occasion, which is sent to foreign ministers around the world.

Pope Francis called for more investment in education and less in weaponry in his 2022 World Peace Day message. He also called for a new alliance between the young and elderly to address the problems of isolation and self-absorption heightened by the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis encouraged all Catholic workers and entrepreneurs to strive for "a fair balance between economic freedom and social justice," drawing on the "sure guidelines" found in the Church's social doctrine. Concluding his message, the Pope wrote: "To government leaders and to all those charged with political and social responsibilities, to priests and pastoral workers, and to all men and women of goodwill, I make this appeal: *let us walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work.*" *May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace. And may they be ever inspired and accompanied by the blessings of the God of peace!*"



CAFOD Emergency Afghanistan Crisis Appeal The people of Afghanistan face extreme hunger and poverty. They are in urgent need of food, water and shelter. The humanitarian situation has deteriorated since mid-August when the Taliban took over the capital Kabul and took control of Afghanistan. CAFOD has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee and launched the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. On its own, the appeal will not solve the hunger crisis in Afghanistan, but it can help to relieve the extreme suffering of many more people who are in desperate need. **Please see our website: [Afghanistan Crisis Appeal CAFOD](#) if you wish to donate on line. Alternatively, there are CAFOD Gift Aid Envelopes in the church porch for your donations. Please take one if you are a tax payer.**

[Donate now - DETAILS ON-LINE - Afghansistan Crisis Appeal CAFOD](#)

PLEASE BE AWARE Due to the to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the points below are followed in our churches:

- 1. It will now be compulsory for those who attend mass to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth)- **Unless EXEMPT for Medical reason****
- 2. People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.**
- 3. Hand sanitiser must be used when entering the church.**
- 4. At Holy Communion – please wait for the steward to guide you.**

It is very important that those who are medically exempt from wearing masks, feel welcome in our community celebrations. Thank you for your understanding.