

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



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**Parishioners are welcome to attend scheduled Masses once again at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
---At all times observing the rules/regulations/advice from Government and Bishops' Conference---**

KEEPING EVERYBODY SAFE!

****For Times when OLOL Church is OPEN for PRIVATE PRAYER – SEE BELOW*******

Live Streaming of all Masses from Our Lady Of Lourdes Church

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

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Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

SUNDAY 11 th April	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL	** Vigil Mass	Jim Dean R.I.P. (R)
DIVINE MERCY	9.00am St. Patrick's	** Mass	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	10.30am OLOL	** Mass 'Low' Sunday-2 nd of Easter	Welfare of Maureen Garson
Monday 12 April	9.30-10.30am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS	George Peach R.I.P.
Tuesday 13 April	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	9.30am	Mass - <i>St. Martin I</i>	Welfare of Winnie Crossan
	10.00am – 10.30am	Time of Adoration/Private Prayer	
Wednesday 14 April	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	9.30am	Mass	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 15 April	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	9.30am	Mass	Welfare of Roger Cocks
Friday 16 April	8.30-9.25am	<i>Adoration</i>	
	9.30am	Mass	Veronica Wishart R.I.P. (A)
	10.00am -10.30am	Divine Mercy/Private Prayer	
Sunday 18 th April	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL	** Vigil Mass	Simone Avice R.I.P.
	9.00am St. Patrick's	** Mass	Peter Kelly R.I.P. (R)
	10.30am OLOL	** Mass 3 rd Sunday of Easter	H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh R.I.P.
	CONFESSIONS —	**** SAT - 5.45-6.15pm	

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of George Peach whose Funeral Mass is on Monday 12th April at 11.00am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. 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.

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

Is it easy to BELIEVE? Is it wrong to DOUBT?

Belief comes easy to some – this may be true where there is a strong 'faith community' which is supportive. For many faith is an act made in the face of doubt and uncertainty. St. Thomas may be our favourite Saint because there is something of the 'doubting' Thomas in most of us. Many baptised Christians feel guilty if they have doubts but, like Thomas, it is probably best to admit to them, and through prayer and outside help work through them – always being open to the power of God working in us through the Holy Spirit. It is not failure to admit that we need help. The Gospel we listen to this weekend at Mass gives reassurance and also reminds us that doubt was present right from the beginning of the Church – even in the closest friends of Jesus himself. The Apostles had to come to faith in stages, always being helped by Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Faith will always involve a risk and an act of trust. Thomas can be our role model – he did not hesitate to express his doubts by outlining his 'conditions', which, if not met, he would *refuse to believe*. His honesty about his doubts led him to have *profound, unshakeable, faith*. Jesus gave him a second chance and Thomas was able to profess his faith in the addressing Jesus as "My Lord and my God". We too, *who have not seen can yet believe* in the risen Christ and be numbered amongst the 'blessed'.

My grateful thanks to all those who did so much at St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes to ensure that our Easter Masses and Services went smoothly, and also for your very generous Easter Offerings. May God bless and reward you. *Fr. Benny*

SVP Help Line Members are on hand to help anyone who needs their support or advice Contact Ann Knox 01273 301252.

Whitehawk Foodbank. Thank you to everyone for your generous support. **Due to lockdown, we would be grateful for cash donations. Please contact Maureen 07935 251627.**

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, Paul Danieletto, Ottaline and Len Henley, Roger Davis and Maureen Garson. Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.

WEEKEND MASS OFFERINGS As the church has been closed for some time, many churches are feeling the loss of the offertory donations. We are too. Baskets for your offerings are at the entrance and exit from the church. THANKS to those who have Standing Orders. Those who want to donate by Standing Order, the forms are on the OLOL website. Alternatively, please contact Tracy Stickland 01273 298625 if you need help with this.

CONTACTLESS COLLECTIONS With the absence of banks in the village, and COVID risks of handling of money - we have joined the Diocese with the contactless donation system called DONA. **There is a Stand in the porch of Our Lady of Lourdes Church to receive Contactless Payments. Please use the hand sanitiser beforehand.** At first, indicate where your payment is to go e.g. (First Collection or Second Collection) then select the amount you are donating. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please follow the instructions – name, email and postcode. **You will only need to do this the first time you make a donation.** The system has been set up and will automatically deal with any subsequent donations. Thank you everyone for doing your part in keeping us safe.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (23rd – 29th July 2021) this year is a pilgrimage of Mission: carrying the prayers and intentions of many parishioners in our Diocese to the Grotto in Lourdes. We are now open for applications which can be accessed by going to 2021.ablourdes.org . If you are interested in joining us this year Postcards advertising the Pilgrimage are available in the Church Porch.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 6.30pm and Sunday at 10.30am. Weekday Masses at 9.30am
Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's, Woodingdean at 9.00am.

Masses continue to be live-streamed so that parishioners can still participate. Please keep up to date by reading the newsletter.

Upon entering the church before MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER, please sanitise your hands and either scan in on the NHS Track & Trace or tick your name off the register. Please take a small sheet of paper from the porch and leave it in the pew when you leave the church. This is to ensure all the appropriate areas in church get sanitised after every service.

At all times please adhere to the rules of SOCIAL DISTANCING and the wearing of FACE MASKS.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED Preferably a house with 4/5 bedrooms in the Rottingdean and surrounding area, available from last week in August or any time from now. Contact Beatrix **07776 412218.**

EASTER GRAB 'N' GO TABLE **Very many thanks** to the bakers and all those who supported the Easter Grab'n'Go Table. The total amount raised for Church funds was £560. **Thank you** also to those who bought preserves which raised an extra £40.

In his Urbi et Orbi blessing on April 4, Pope Francis said the witnesses of Christ's resurrection "report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side." "These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us," Francis said. "All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of the hope that does not disappoint." "Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ," The Pope added: "In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world."

