

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



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## Both Our Lady of Lourdes & St Patrick's are closed for Public Masses.

We hope to evaluate and look at opening up for private prayer only. All Masses are livestreamed for parishioners.


### Live Streaming of 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

Services and Intentions	Time	Mass Details	Intentions
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021</b>		<b>**Live Streamed Masses - NO Congregation</b>	
	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL	**Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
	10.30am OLOL	** Mass - Baptism of the Lord	Mary & Michael Timlin R.I.P.
Monday 11 January	8.55-9.25am **9.30am	**Adoration **Mass	Carole Goudy R.I.P. (R)
Tuesday 12 January	8.30-9.25am **9.30am	**Adoration **Mass <i>St. Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	Epiphany Fernandes R.I.P.
Wednesday 13 January	8.30-9.25am **9.30am	**Adoration **Mass	
Thursday 14 January	8.55-9.25am **9.30am	**Adoration **Mass	Welfare of Pat Mullen
Friday 15 January	8.55-9.25am **9.30am	Adoration ** Mass	Veronica Anne Tumber R.I.P.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	**9.30am	**Mass	Fr. John O'Shea RIP (A)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm(Sat) OLOL	**Vigil Mass	Deceased Relatives and Friends of the Cremona Family R.I.P.
	10.30am OLOL	**Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	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 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

**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, Victor Hopkin, Eileen Noakes, Veronica Westbury, Colin Allen, Tara Vernon, Ava Hewitt, Cherie Pay, Philomena McGovern and Anne Gisele Cesar. Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the fact that Jesus, God's own Son, has come into our world as one of us. He has associated himself with sinners and been baptised at the hands of one of his own creatures. The baptism performed by John the Baptist was not the Sacrament of Baptism. It was a ceremony by which people publicly expressed sorrow for their sins and a desire for God's forgiveness. Jesus has no need of such a ceremony but he joins the queue of sinners, associating himself with sinful humanity and humbly seeks baptism from John.

In his account of Jesus' baptism, St. Mark's main concern is with Jesus' identity. The heavenly voice, *'You are my beloved Son'* echoes Psalm 2:7, a psalm used for the coronation of the kings from the house of David, and thus points to Jesus as the Messiah. The words *'with you I am well pleased,'* echo Isaiah 42:1, pointing to Jesus as the Isaian Servant who is to bear the infirmities of many. Thus Mark reveals Jesus as the royal Messiah and Suffering Servant.

**\*\*THE RESUMPTION OF MASSES - WITH CONGREGATIONS - WILL BE REVIEWED REGULARLY\***

**Next Weekend:** The Second Collection is for Pax Christi – Baskets at the entrance and exit from the church.

**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.

**Poinsettia Plants** We raised £640 from the sale of the poinsettia plants which beautifully adorn our church!! A huge THANK YOU to all who gave so generously!

## Temporary suspension of Mass with congregation in attendance

Following the News this 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 this week- We believe it is time we take 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 and 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, with IMMEDIATE EFFECT**, 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 the Church.

A further announcement will be made regarding opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Church for **PRIVATE PRAYER** when members of the Stewarding Team have indicated their availability.

**Masses this weekend will be LIVE-STREAMED on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.**

**Next week Mass will be celebrated each day (Mon – Saturday) at 9.30am**

*Wishing you every blessing*

*Fr. Benny & Deacon Neil*