

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 NOTE that due to COVID-19, the celebration of Mass in our church will take place without a public congregation. For the time being, masses including those requested for your intentions, will continue to be celebrated in private. Re: Live Streaming from OLOL. Please check Newsletter for LINK

PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR ANY UPDATES

Services and Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Sunday 31 May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 	6.30pm (Sat.) 10.30am	Vigil Mass Day of Prayer for the Church	Rose Miller R.I.P. (A) People of the Parish
Monday 1 June	9.00-9.55am 10.00am	Adoration Mass <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	Special Intention – Patrick McBride
Tuesday 2	9.00-9.55am 10.00am 10.30am-12.30pm	Adoration Mass <i>Ss Marcellinus and Peter</i> Eucharistic Adoration	Special Intention – Sr. Marie O'Reilly
Wednesday 3	9.00-9.55am 10.00am	Adoration Mass <i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	Special Intention – Sr. Winifred McCahill
Thursday 4	9.00-9.55am 10.00am	Adoration Mass <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	Brigid Cahill R.I.P. (A)
Friday 5	9.00-9.55am	Adoration Mass <i>St. Boniface</i>	Geoffrey Vincent R.I.P. (A)
Sunday 7 June	6.30pm (Sat) 10.30am	Vigil Mass THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Mary Sylvia Havel R.I.P. (A) People of the Parish

Please Note: - EVENING PRAYERS THIS WEEK at 7.00pm on – MONDAY & THURSDAY
Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased parishioners and others known to us -Eileen Stevens and Fr. Douglas Perkins, May they rest in peace. Remember also their families at this time.

LINK for FR. DOUGLAS' FUNERAL SERVICE For those who would like to watch the Service on line, please follow the link: <https://we.tl/t-9GMVtdxpui>

This link is valid until next Thursday 4th June and whoever it is shared with, can download a copy to keep.

COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY WILL BE CREATED, AND YOU WILL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Today, PENTECOST SUNDAY, we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. It marks that day when the church went out to take the Good News to the ends of the earth. The roaring wind and flames of fire which came down on the apostles and disciples disappeared but the Holy Spirit had arrived and had come to stayuntil the end of time. The same Holy Spirit is active in the Church today in its' members. In other words – in YOU and in ME. The question for each of us is 'how have I, and how do I respond to the promptings of the Spirit in my everyday life'? Each of us is part of a community of faith. Each of us has our part to play in the building up of that community. We do that mainly by using our God-given gifts/ talents/charisms/time/energies for the benefit of the community. At present, due to circumstances, we may feel that we cannot contribute to This task but that is not so. As the early Christian community shows us in the Acts of the Apostles, there are many ways in which each member can contribute. Right now we may feel that the only way we can help is by our prayers for one another. Christ himself often prayed, and the early Christians did likewise. At this time, as we are guided the Holy Spirit ----we can all 'do our bit'!

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



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, Una McLaughlin, Veronica Westbury, Gabriel Arthur, Patricia and Joe Collins and Sr. Agnes.

Please let Fr. Benny know if you would like a name added.

Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Patrick's – MASSES - LIVE STREAMING

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

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Pentecost Sunday - May 31st

National Rosary Rally 9am to 9pm England, Wales, Scotland

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown.



Our Diocese has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 9.00am on Pentecost Sunday, 31st May and we have been warmly invited to take part, either, individually, in families, as online prayer groups, parish groups, and where possible led on line by our parish priests and Bishop. Please see parish website for full details.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM marks the beginning of the Christian's life of Faith. At present we cannot plan celebrations until we are allowed to re-open our Churches but we can begin preparation now. Ring the parish office or e-mail to begin the process.

Planning your MARRIAGE – It is probably impossible 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, prayer and reflection. If you are engaged and wish to discuss preparation Courses etc. please contact Fr. Benny or Deacon Neil.

CAFOD Coronavirus emergency appeal: The effects of Covid-19 in developing countries are devastating. The most marginalized communities will be pushed further into poverty. Working with local partners, CAFOD is already responding on the ground to ensure food supplies, healthcare and hygiene. Your payers and gifts are needed more than ever to help the most disadvantaged. Donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal. Please Gift Aid if you are a UK tax-payer, increasing the value of your donation by 25% at no further cost.

Mass for the Sick and their Families

NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting every person in our countries. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week from next Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join.

This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm

The first Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

At Salford Cathedral

On Thursday 4th June at 7.00pm



By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.



MASS ON THE PHONE - If you are unable to access Live Streamed Mass you can listen to the celebration each **SUNDAY at 12 Noon** by ringing **St. Mary's Cathedral, Middlesborough** on **01642 130120**

Very Many Thanks to Ian Watson who has made it possible for us to have mass on line at Our Lady of Lourdes. The link for live-streaming is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4VXBr3EOa43nCxxzB-Edw>

LOL School Whitehawk Food Bank Project Donations of food, tinned items, drinks and toiletries, can be left on the porch steps of the School. For collection contact: SVP Ann (301252) or Eve (303126) and for collection from Woodingdean area: zoegarbarz@lourdes.brighton.hove.sch.uk Thank you.

MAGNIFICAT – UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES (Now Amalgamated)– **TABLET -BIBLE ALIVE – MY DAY by DAY - MASS LEAFLETS** with Readings etc which we usually have in our Churches on Sundays. If you regularly purchase any of the above in the Church Porch and would like to continue to receive the latest editions – **YOU CAN EITHER:- Pick them up from the steps by the Presbytery/Parish Office Door.** Alternately, **if you are unable to collect please leave a message on the Parish Office Phone (01273 302903)** with your Name/Tel No and Address- OR send an e-mail to: ololandstp@outlook.com with these details and Newspaper, Booklet or Mass Sheet you request will be sent to you via Royal Mail.

Details of Masses on line:

[St Mary of the Angels, Worthing](#) - you can access an online Mass responses sheet [here](#).

[St Dunstan's, Woking, Sacred Heart, Hove, Sacred Heart, Caterham, St Paul's, Haywards Heath](#) will be streaming via Facebook, their page can be accessed [here](#). Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge Additional services will also be available further afield: [The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham](#) offers a 12 noon online Pilgrim Mass each day, a selection of previously recorded services and a [prayer request](#) facility. [Church Service TV](#) provides live streaming from churches around the country. [Heavensroadfm.com](#)

The website, www.ChurchPaper.co.uk, contains the latest editions of the newspapers: A&B News, UCM s (Union of Catholic Mothers) Reach - Catholic Schools Paper.

SVP Help Line During this period many people need our support and help. If you know of anyone who needs help, the SVP are on hand to look after the needs of our neighbours, be it shopping or giving support and advice when necessary. Please contact Ann Knox on 01273 301252, e.mail: john273knox@gmail.com

MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE St. Margaret's and Our Lady of Lourdes have been involved in organising a distribution service of hot lunches (£6 per head) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If anyone is interested, please ring Ann (301252) or Eve (303126). The meals will be delivered to your door by a volunteer group.

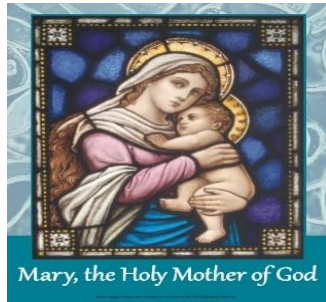
Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

An Act of Spiritual Communion is the best way for union with Christ.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
Come at least spiritually into my heart
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly
to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Act of Contrition

*Lord, I am sorry for the times I have sinned against you.
I am sorry because I've offended your infinite goodness
because I've turned my back on you.
I ask your forgiveness now. Embrace me in your mercy.
Out of your love that I may pick up again in full joy,
the call of discipleship to follow your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*



*Mary, Our Mother,
Sustain us in moments of
darkness, difficulty and
apparent defeat.
Pope Francis*

Coronavirus indulgences evoke Francis' 'ridiculously-pardoning' church

This article appears in the [Coronavirus](#) feature series. [View the full series.](#)

ROME — Announcement of the Vatican's offering of new plenary indulgences to those around the world affected by the coronavirus may have left some Catholics asking, "We still do that?"

The answer is yes. And theologians say the move, made [in a March 20 decree](#) from the apostolic penitentiary, shows a seemingly unprecedented level of pastoral care for those who suffer from the virus — especially those who may die in isolation without being able to receive final rites.

Jesuit Fr. James Corkery, an Irish theologian at the Pontifical Gregorian University, said the decree fits with Pope Francis' vision for a "merciful, welcoming, 'ridiculously-pardoning' church.

Special Indulgence for the COVID-19 Pandemic

During these extraordinary days, we know that the ways in which we normally experience the working of grace through the Church have largely been suspended.

We cannot be physically present at Mass; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is almost impossible because of closed churches and social distancing and even the anointing of the sick and dying may be severely curtailed. However, through all of this Christ never abandons his people and all the baptised continue to make up the Body of Christ. To assure people of the certainty of grace and mercy, even without the normal recourse to the Sacraments the Holy Father has granted the gift of a *Plenary Indulgence* to all those affected by the Corona Virus in various ways. This extends to those suffering from the virus, their families, Healthcare workers and the general Faithful who are concerned at this time.

This moment of grace is an opportunity for us to be more completely free from the effects of sin. It can encourage us on our pilgrim path through these difficult times as we are assured of the Lord's healing, forgiveness and the promise of Eternal Life. The requirements for the Indulgence, which are set out in the Decree are gentle and achievable and form a wonderful opportunity for us simply to pray for each other at this time. Now across the world, when people are *staying apart to draw together*, we can all draw together across the Universal Church in this powerful act of Faith and Hope.