

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

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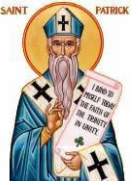
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Services and Intentions

Sunday 16th Dec 2018 	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Ellie Fairweather R.I.P.
	9.00am St. Patrick's	THIRD 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Dessie Moore R.I.P.
	10.30am Church		Patricia Cheong R.I.P.
	5.00pm Convent	<i>Convent Meditation & Reflection</i>	
Monday	10.00am Convent 7.30pm Church	Mass <i>Reconciliation Service</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>Adoration</i> Mass <i>10.30am – 12.30pm</i>	Ann Harris R.I.P.
Wednesday	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass	Intentions of Ted & Theresa Johnston
Thursday	9.40 Convent 10.00am Convent	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Mass	Special Intention – Sr. Cecile
Friday	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church 10.30am	Mass <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	Jack and Collette Flanagan R.I.P.
Sunday 23rd Dec 	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Zita Macauley R.I.P.
	9.00am St. Patrick's	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, O Emmanuel	People of the Parish
	10.30am Church		Peter O'Flinn R.I.P.

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for last week's cash & envelope collections: OLOL £390.78 & St Patrick's £146.91.

Confessions: Saturday confessions from 6.00-6.20pm.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Monday 17 Dec - 7.30pm ' Lord, lighten our darkness' Visiting priests available to hear confessions.

The Christmas Offertory is your personal gift to the priest. Please take a yellow gift aid envelope as you leave the church this weekend and use it for your Christmas Offering if you are a tax payer. Thank you very much.

Mass Book: Introductory Rites Page 7, Second Sunday of Advent Page 87.

Mass Settings: Gospel Acclamation 261, Sanctus 505A, Eucharistic Acclamation 1006, Our Father 587, Agnus Dei 509.

Convent Advent Meditation – This Sunday at 5pm with mince pies and mulled wine to follow. Everyone welcome.



Please pray for the sick and housebound, especially Louise Gardiner, Damian, Mary Timlin, Paul Schofield, Christopher Bishop, Peter Leigh, Sophie Reilly, John Chung, Chris Jordan, Brian Wholey, Tracey Ghazal, Sami Ghazal, John Heal, Millie Fitch, John Wilson, John Chapman, Alison Roberts, Fr. Douglas Perkins, Ian Wright, Stephany Griffiths-Jones, Colin Allen, Mary McCarthy, Rob Cherry, Marie James, Rosemary Reade, Brendan Caffrey, Jacky Barnard, José and Jonathan Sharp, John Burt and Alison Stainthorpe

Third Sunday in advent – GAUDETE SUNDAY – *Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice.*

There is a clear note of JOY in today's liturgy.

JOY is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all of one's companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between.

It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.

JOY is love bubbling over into life, and it can coexist with pain.

JOY is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace has taken up residence in our hearts.

(Flor McCarthy SDB)

Visits to the Sick/Hospital/Housebound: If you know of anybody who is sick and needs a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged

Baptism : If you wish to have a child baptised or if an adult wishes to be received into the Church, please see Fr. Benny or Deacon Neil after any Mass for a Baptismal Enquiry Form



1st Holy Communion Session 'I Grow Closer to Jesus' Next Sessions are on Sunday 6th January 9.30am and Tuesday 8th January at 3.30pm in OLOL Church Hall. Parents are expected to attend the sessions with their children

COME AND SEE! Interested in finding out about Catholic belief and practice? Contact the Parish Office – 01273 302903 OR ololandstp@outlook.com – to register for a series of talks/discussions beginning soon.



Children's Choir (Academic years 3-6) will be singing at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (5pm) at OLOL Church and also entertaining the residents of 2 local nursing homes during school time in early December. **Rehearsals: 17th Dec in OLOL Church Hall, final rehearsal Thursday 20th Dec at 11am in OLOL Church. It is important that you attend this practice.** If interested, please contact the school office or Victoria 07894 079527

PARISH MASS BOOKS: The new Liturgical Year started on the 1st Sunday of Advent. Our new mass books for Year C Volume 1 have been distributed. You may if you wish make a donation to help cover the cost of the books and at the same time dedicate a book in memory of, or for the welfare of a person. The books cost £2.50 each and are issued twice a year, on a 3-year cycle. After 3 years we will have the complete set. A donation of £2.50 will cover the cost of a mass book for 6 months, £5 for a year, £10 for 2 years and £15+ covers all 3 years. There are envelopes at the back of the church for people to request/donate which when completed, should be returned to the Office. Those who have already made donations, these are spread as above.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSING between Christmas and New Year Last day in the office is Friday 21st December and the office reopens on Friday 4th January 2019. May we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support and wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

BRIGHTON VOICES IN EXILE: Thank you so much to all who give so generously to the food bank. **Next delivery Friday 21st Dec 2018.** Maureen Buni.

2019 Diaries: There is a sign on sheet at the back of St Patrick's and OLOL for anyone who wants a new small up to date 2019 Diary - cost £3.50. **Christmas cards** (20/30p each) and gifts are also now in stock in the Repository.

Diocesan Pastoral Service for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing: Signed Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 1pm, at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, followed by tea. Check the A&B News to confirm dates.

The CAFOD team will not be able to provide coffee on Sunday 23rd Dec – if there are any volunteers who could serve coffee on the 23rd please let the office / Fr Benny know, otherwise no coffee after mass that Sunday.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RAFFLE Winner List : 1st Prize bottle of whiskey - Angela Wilson 2nd Prize bottle of rum - Elaine Wade 3rd Prize bottle of gin - Helen Day 4th Prize bottle of sparkling NZ wine - Mary Brigginschaw 5th Prize box of Thornton's Chocolates - Theresa Ford 6th Prize bottle of red wine - Stuart Little 7th Prize Cyclamen plant - Silvia Trabucchi 8th Prize Panettone cake - Liam Owens 9th Prize Mixed hamper - Jackie Watson 10th Prize Plant - Anne Chapman 11th Prize Plant - Pat Peers. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated items. **Total raised £278** – thank you, Jane Moore.



SALTDEAN & ROTTINGDEAN YOUTH CLUB From mid-January on Friday evenings at the Saltdean United's Club House, a New Youth Club is being started to give young people in this area a positive environment in which they can relax, develop skills and participate in sports and community activities. There will be indoor activities and the football pitch will be flood lit for a community game of football and other sports. <https://www.zonezine.co.uk/sr-youth-club>

St Patrick's Prayer Group (next meetings 17th and 24th December) at St Patrick's from 9.15am until 10am.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

- 5.00pm Rottingdean Vigil Mass of Christmas with blessing of crib
(children invited to dress as one of the Christmas nativity characters)
- 10.30pm Rottingdean Carols followed by
- 11.00pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

- 8.30am Woodingdean Carols
- 9.00am Woodingdean Mass
- 10.30am Rottingdean Sung Mass of Christmas



The Diocesan Crib Collection is in aid of Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund to provide one-off emergency grants to support children and their families. Gift Aid forms will be by Crib.