

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

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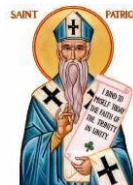
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Services and Intentions

Sunday 23rd Dec 2018 	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.



VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS	5.00pm (Church)	Vigil Mass of Christmas with blessing of Crib	People of the Parish
FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS	10.30pm followed by 11.00pm (Church)	Carols 1st Mass of Christmas (Sung)	For Parish Volunteers
Tuesday 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Christmas Day	8.30am followed by 9.00am (St. Patrick's) 10.30am (Church)	Carols and Readings Christmas Mass with Carols Sung Mass of Christmas	People of the Parish Vocations
Wednesday 26 th	10.00am Convent	Mass St Stephen	Deceased Members of the Burge Family R.I.P.
Thursday 27 th	10.00am Church	Mass St John	John & Bettie Hale, Family and Friends R.I.P.
Friday 28 th	10.00am Church	Mass The Holy Innocents	Bryan Hayes R.I.P.
	10.30am	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	
Saturday 29 th	10.00am Convent	Mass St Thomas Becket	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th Dec 2018	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	For the Sick and Housebound
	9.00am St. Patrick's	THE HOLY FAMILY	People of the Parish
	10.30am Church		Olwen Curtis R.I.P.
Monday 31 st	10.00am Convent	Mass	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 1 st Jan 2019	10.00am Church	Mass Mary, Mother of God	Mary O'Meara R.I.P.
Wednesday 2 nd	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass	Catherine Ferrers R.I.P.
Thursday 3 rd	9.40 Convent 10.00am Convent	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Mass	Joseph Thompson R.I.P.
Friday 4 th	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	Mass	Mary Sylvia Havel R.I.P.
	10.30am	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	
Sunday 6th Jan 2019	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Dr. Hugh O'Hara R.I.P.
	9.00am St. Patrick's		People of the Parish
	10.30am Church		For friends & parishioners In Thanksgiving – Teresa Curtis

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for last week's cash & envelope collections: OLOL £382.25 & St Patrick's £139.50

Confessions: Saturday confessions from 6.00-6.20pm.

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 the Crib.

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.



Thank you to everyone who has prepared the churches and services for Christmas. A Happy Christmas to you from Fr Benny, Fr Oliver, Fr Foley, Deacon Neil, the Sisters of St. Martha's Convent and everyone in the Parish office. Thank you for all your cards, gifts and prayers.



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.



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, Alison Stainthorpe & Joseph Paul. **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 at 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.

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.

2019 Diaries: There is a sign on sheet at the back of the church at 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.

A Day of Reflection for Healthcare & Mental Health Professionals and Practitioners – 12th January – Royal Foundation of St. Katharine, Limehouse (2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS) 10am-3.15pm. To register, please e.mail Stephanie MacGillivray (stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk) with name and contact details. The day is free of charge. Lunch will be provided.



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>

OUR GOD WHO UNDERSTANDS US AND OUR NEEDS

WELCOME to all who come to celebrate the birth of our Saviour this Christmas time. We gather to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us, to pray for the help we need and a 'strengthening' of our Faith. I wish all Parishioners and Visitors.....*Peace, Joy and Happiness* this Christmas.

Fr. Benny

The following thoughts are from a book of reflections by Pope Francis.'God not only knows but experienced what it was to be a human being, limited by all the things that limit us. In our prayers for help, we can say, "You know what it is like," and be confident that He does. St. Irenaeus put it so well, "He became human so that we might become divine."