

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

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Services and Intentions

Sunday 9th Dec 2018	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Intentions of the S.V.P.
	9.00am St. Patrick's	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Robert Rowe R.I.P.
	10.30am Church		Simon Müdd & Dominic McCabe R.I.P.
	12.15pm	<i>Baptism – Blake Cordell</i>	
Monday	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass	Edna Fisher R.I.P.
Tuesday	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>Adoration</i> Mass – St Damasus I <i>10.30am – 12.30pm</i>	Tessa Carrington, deceased relatives and friends R.I.P.
Wednesday	8.55-9.55am 10.00am Church	<i>Adoration</i> Mass – Our Lady of Guadalupe	Peter O'Flinn R.I.P.
Thursday	9.40 Convent 10.00am Convent	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Mass – St Lucy	Signor Rotiroti R.I.P.
Friday	8.55-9.55am OLOL School 10.00am Church 10.30am	<i>Adoration Junior Advent Reflection</i> Mass – St John of the Cross <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	Welfare of Eileen Cross
Sunday 16th Dec 	6.30pm Church (Sat)	Vigil Mass	Ellen 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.

OFFERTORIES: Thank you for last week's cash & envelope collections: OLOL £376.33 & St Patrick's £304.28

2nd Collection Christmas Flowers: OLOL £202.51 & St Patrick's £68.00

Confessions: Saturday confessions from 6.00-6.20pm.

Mass Book: Introductory Rites Page 7, Second Sunday of Advent Page 84.

Mass Settings: Kyrie 479, Gospel Acclamation 536, Offertory 88, Sanctus 479, Eucharistic Acclamation 1007, Our Father 1010, Agnus Dei 479, Communion 91.

Let the Lord enter your Life

Pope Francis has proven to be a trusted guide in dealing with the stress in the lead up to Christmas and the anxiety of daily life in general. In his apostolic exhortation **Rejoice and Be Glad**, he puts his finger on the dangers of a frenetic quest for happiness: *"The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning. How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter."*

Fr. Benny



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.

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 Please welcome Blake Cordell who is being baptised this weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

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'

Sunday 9th Dec - 3.30pm or **Tuesday 11th Dec - 9.25am** in OLOL Church Hall.

Parents are expected to attend the sessions with their children.



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:** Mondays 10th and 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.



COME AND SEE! Interested in finding out about Catholic belief and practice? Contact the Parish Office – 01273 462451 **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.

MISSIO RED BOXES: A big thank you to all Red Box Holders, total amount collected for 2018 was £997.50.

BRIGHTON VOICES IN EXILE: Thank you so much to all who give so generously to the food bank. In addition to the usual food items of tinned foods, tomatoes, chick peas & fish etc. we would welcome toiletries, soap, shampoo etc. Next delivery Friday 21st Dec 2018. Thank you very much. Maureen Buni.

MANY THANKS: The SVP would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported and gave very generously to our fund raising event on Saturday evening. Additional thanks are due to Fidelma Ormiston who hosted the event. The amount raised was £300 which goes towards equipment for the kitchen at Tower House Community Centre.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS Thank you for buying our cards which are still on sale in the Hall, pack of ten - £2.99. Please give your money to a member of the SVP.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: The Repository is fully stocked, please take a look at the beautiful gifts on offer, contact Patrick or Eileen Elliott 303782. Christmas cards are also now in stock, 20p/30p each.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH RAFFLE: Tickets will be drawn on Sunday 9th Dec, at 10am, over mulled wine etc!

100+ CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS: 1st prize Brenda Gwyer, 2nd prize Roy Butler, 3rd prize Sarah McBride.

St Anne's Day Centre: We are back to that time of year again where we especially think of others, yes of course you, who give monthly to St Anne's Day Centre for the homeless and lonely but we need your help again please. 80 small presents need wrapping for distribution to people after Christmas Lunch. Please write a small note tag on the wrapped gift, showing we care by wishing them well and saying 'Happy Christmas'. Mary, the Manager, has asked me to remind you all that there are more men than women. What to give? We suggest shower gel, soap, combs, socks, shaving items, hand towels, small safe gifts. No alcoholic drinks please. On the morning of the 17th December the gifts will be taken to St Anne's Day Centre. We are also grateful to the members from Churches Together who have given many gifts in the past, thank you to all. There will be a box for your gifts at the back of each church until the 17th December.

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 with all the latest Catholic information with daily Scripture references, Rite of Communion by a Special Minister, The Sacrament of Penance. Also daily mass and daily prayers with our national shrine is on front cover - cost £3.50.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis acknowledges great women in the church: The church acknowledges the indispensable contribution which women make to society through the sensitivity, intuition and other distinctive skill sets which they more than men tend to possess; think for example of the special concern which women show to others, which finds a particular, even if not exclusive, expression in motherhood. I readily acknowledge that many women share pastoral responsibilities with priests helping to guide people, families and groups and offering new contributions to theological reflection. But we need to create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the church. Because the feminine genius is needed in all expressions in the life of society, the presence of women must also be guaranteed in the workplace and in the various other settings where important decisions are made, both in the church and in social structures.

St John's Seminary Wonersh needs your help: St John's Seminary, which has been involved in the formation of priests for England and Wales for over 125 years, is in need of help to refurbish and redecorate 30 of its bedrooms which have had little or no upgrading in over 40 years. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget and has no available funds to finance this much needed work which will cost about £2000 per room. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to St John's Seminary to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

World Meeting of Families: The Best Bits! Did you attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin? Do you wish you had been able to attend? Would you like to learn more about sharing your faith as a family? If so – we have the event for you! *Open to all families* – this is a chance to revisit some of what we learnt at The World Meeting of Families 2018 and explore some practical ways to gently experience what it means to be the 'Domestic Church'. There will also be mince pies and mulled wine!! So pop it in your diary – 15th December at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Please let us know by 10th December if you would like to attend, by emailing Lizzie Wakeling mfl@dabnet.org so that we can let you know the details.

New name for DABCEC: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP, is now known as the St Philip Howard Centre for Education, Formation & Mission.

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.

National Board of Catholic Women: Day with Bishop Richard on Saturday 23rd February, from 10am to 1pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life'. Book at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

Catholaity Thank you to all who bought Catholaity Raffle tickets. The amount raised was £208.55. Unfortunately nobody from our parish won any prizes.



In Advent we are launching an artistic challenge in school under the theme *#whatareyouwaitingfor?* and we are looking to our students and wider community to submit poems, artwork, original photography, short stories/writing/articles (of no more than 500 words) on this theme.



Artistic Challenge

The theme of 'what are you waiting for?' is as wide as it can be - it could be linked directly to Christmas and Advent or to our hopes and dreams about the world, life, family, the environment, the future, the universe and beyond...

There is an email address to send all entries to is: whatareyouwaitingfor@cncs.co.uk Artwork should be photographed and sent by e-mail and the original given in to Reception at Cardinal Newman. (All entries will be entered anonymously unless the name on the piece)

Please email whatareyouwaitingfor@cncs.co.uk if you would like further information or have any questions regarding this.



PARISH VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Please join Fr Benny for drinks and nibbles on
Monday 10th December 2018 7-10pm

...to say 'THANK YOU' for all your time and the help you have given to our Parish community during 2018 and hope you can pop in!

Venue – The OLOL Parish Hall

St Patrick's Prayer Group will meet each Monday in Advent (next meetings 10th, 17th and 24th December) at St Patrick's from 9.15am until 10am, for seasonal prayers, reflection and music, please come!

Varndean Singing Together Concert Christmas Event will be held at St Patrick's on Monday 10th December at 7pm. The singers, who include four parishioners, will perform for 30 minutes, then there will be a 30 minute break for refreshments, followed by more pieces from the singers and some community singing. Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

CONVENT: Advent Meditation: Third Sunday of Advent December 16th 5pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone warmly welcome.

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



St. John of the Cross (Feast Day 14th December) was a Spanish mystic who was born at Fontiveros, Old Castile. He was a Carmelite friar and priest and a major figure of the Counter-Reformation.

In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved.

John of the Cross

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.