



# St. Patrick's Newsletter

## February 2019



### St. Patrick's Church

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**Services at Our Lady of Lourdes Rottingdean (Mass: Sat. 6.30 p.m. Sun 10.30 a.m.)**  
**Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's 9.00 a.m.**

### Maintenance of our Building:

We do seem to have a lot of second collections these days. All worthy causes and the collection for church maintenance is a great help in keeping our building in shape. In 2003 we had new windows on the sanctuary. We don't open them very often but last summer was an exception and we found 2 of the hinges broke. They had never been cleaned and oiled. Amazingly they are over £100 each and the whole window needed to be taken out to repair them. The other window mechanisms have also been serviced. So this is where your recent donations have been spent.

### Future Plans:

Heating.....Our boiler is about 15 years old but still serviceable. However the 2 radiators in the main body of the church are on their last legs. The one by the main door has no fan and too old to get one replaced and the one by the music corner works well but gets its controls fiddled with during the week and is sometimes not turned on. There is an independent gas fire in the church room that is also coming to the end of its life. There are 3 other old rad's in the building but they work well and can be replaced at a later date. So far we have one quote for about £2500 (to include 2 extra rad's under the 2 notice boards by the sanctuary) This is from the company who service our boiler. We need at least one other quote. **Bernadette**

### World Day of prayer is being hosted by St Patrick's on Friday March 1st 14.00

Service has been written by women of Slovenia provided in a booklet for everyone to follow. Service includes music.  
Takes about 45 minutes and there are people from 6 churches taking part. The service is for ALL whether church attenders or not.  
After the service we provide hospitality - refreshments, home baking.  
The website has relevant information and even recipes <https://worlddayofprayer.net/slovenia-2019.html>

### Tea for WDP.

Irene will have told you about the WDP function and it involves providing a tea for our visitors. Please may I have some help?  
It would be nice to offer home made cakes and biscuits. I was thinking of tray bakes, cup cakes, rock bun type recipes rather than large cakes that need cutting and a fork provided. Scones of course and some savoury tit bits.  
Tea makers and servers are also needed.  
Please think about it and let me know nearer the date. I'll put a clip board sheet in the porch too.  
Thank you in anticipation....Bernadette  
01273 309118

### March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A Frugal Lunch in aid of The Kanji Project at Bernadette and Ted's home, 42 Ainsworth Ave Ovingdean. 12.45. for 1pm  
Indian stall and home made jams and marmalade.  
Room for 20.  
A sign on list will be in the porch.  
Donations on the day.

### Kanji Information:

The Kanji Project will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in August. Some trustees will be attending (at their own expense) and are slightly worried about the heat in August!  
What a lot has been achieved in 25 years.

**Holy Cross church** provide a drop-in morning every Friday 8.45 to 12.30. It can also be used by people raising funds for a local cause or charity. Most recently was used to raise money for the West family whose son Callum was knocked down by a car in Woodingdean (Callum is now in Southampton hospital). There is another fundraising event and opportunity to donate to help the family on 16th and 17th Feb at Rottingdean cricket club. **The Friday drop in** at the Holy Cross church aims to help connect people with all the events and organisations in Woodingdean. It is for all ages, offers a great variety of help and advice. Parish office is 01273 681 593.

**St Patrick's Ceili Friday 15th** March, tickets £7 adults, £3 children. We are delighted to have musicians Sean Goddard and Michael Curry, with ceili dance caller Ian Lamb. Snack food and drinks will be served all evening 19.00 - 22.00. BYO booze. Tickets will be on sale at St Patrick's or to book contact Bernadette 01273 309118, berskin@hotmail.com or Irene 07960567544, icgreen@ntlworld.com

**Maintenance St Patrick's and the rented house:**

- Window hinges being repaired in the sanctuary area of the church.
- Steps white marking to be done when weather is warmer and drier. We have to clean the step edges thoroughly, then apply PVA and appropriate paint. Much discussion took place over Safety and the night time lighting on the steps.

Need an electrician to replace bulb in outside photosensitive light to the left of the front door as one approaches. Bulb should be E27, screw and energy

**Lenten spring cleaning at St Patrick's** Saturday afternoons during Lent 2-4pm come to St Patrick's and help with spring cleaning and gardening jobs. Dates Sat 9th March (not Sat 16th March), Saturdays 23 and 30 March, and the 6th and 13th April for further details contact Bernadette or Irene, details elsewhere in newsletter.

**Befriending and other services**

The St Vincent de Paul Society do a wonderful job, supporting people in need. One of their premises, Tower House, in the Preston park area of Brighton offers activities, lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays 12-2pm, and a memory cafe on Tuesdays 1.30-3.30 for people experiencing dementia and for their carers. Transport is provided. Let them know if you are aware of people who could benefit. Tel 01273 549 604 email [towerhouse@svp.org.uk](mailto:towerhouse@svp.org.uk)

I have been asked a few times what is the **Divine Mercy**. I am going to try and explain, to me it's a wonderful prayerful story about a nun called Sister Faustian. Who on February 22nd, 1931 was asked by Jesus to paint a picture of him according to the vision you see with the signature , Jesus I trust in you, I desire that this picture be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the whole World" The rays of light one red the other pale". The rays represent the blood and water which gushed from the depths of my mercy when my agonising Heart was pierced on the cross. There was a gentleman called Vincent Gallagher who lived on the Ridgeway in Woodingdean, he started saying the divine mercy in Father Grahams time. After listening and not understanding much about the divine mercy. I started attending Mass most Fridays. To my

disappointment when I start to ask Vincent about the prayer we didn't hit it off at all. My fascination with the divine mercy was not coming across at all. I was very clumsy but those that know me know that I have good intentions but don't always get it right. It took a little time to sort that out but I knowing I was wrong. I put it right by asking the Lord's help, Vincent was kind, when he was away he asked me to do the divine mercy; I felt it was a honour to say it and with the group putting up with my many mistakes I learnt to say the divine mercy. Sadly Vincent Gallagher passed away some years back May he rest in peace, and the group in Our Lady of Lourdes are still saying the divine mercy on Friday mornings. I am still learning but have got so much from this prayer there are divine mercy booklet costing £4 see myself or Eileen if you can't see one I highly recommend its full of little prayers *have a look at mine any time before you decide, but it's one book you won't regret getting and I hope it brings you the warmth that it brings a sinner like me and as you all know we need all the help we can get, Saint Pope John Paul Canonisation ST. FAUSTINA, 30th APRIL, 2000, The Pope finished that day by saying i would like to say to all **trust in the lord be apostles of the Divine Mercy and follow the invitation. Also POPE FRANCIS talked about his love of the divine mercy during the open door so we should be all following JESUS' CALL AS WE TRUST IN HIM.***

**BELOW ARE WORDS FROM ST FAUSTINA DIARY. GOD BLESS.**

Of course we really should say the divine mercy at three o'clock maybe we will with lent only six weeks away  
*Thank you Patrick*

Actions not words, we are inspired by the belief that the instructions which Jesus gave to St. Faustian to spread His mercy were profound and clear in her Diary

(paragraph 742)  
 "I demand from you deeds of mercy, you must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I give you three ways of exercising mercy, the first by deed, the second by word, and the third by prayer, In these three degrees are contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By these means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My Mercy." (Diary of Saint Faustian 742.)