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Service & Intentions – Greater Advent

Saturday 16 December	6.30pm OLOL	Sunday Vigil Mass	Jan Prosvic RIP
Sunday 17 December – Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent, 'O Sapientia'	9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL	Mass Mass	People of the Parish Nora Wilks RIP
Monday 18 December – 'O Adonai'	9.30am OLOL	Mass	Jack & Julia Reilly RIP
Tuesday 19 December – 'O Radix Jesse'	9.30am OLOL 10.00-10.30am OLOL	Mass <i>Adoration & Confessions</i>	Eileen Hughes – Special Intention
Wednesday 20 December – 'O Clavis David'	–	–	–
Thursday 21 December – 'O Oriens'	9.30am OLOL	Mass	Rose Hedley – Thanksgiving
Friday 22 December – 'O Rex Gentium'	9.30am OLOL 10.00-10.30am OLOL	Mass <i>Divine Mercy</i>	Zita Macaulay RIP
Saturday 23 December – 'O Emmanuel'	6.30pm OLOL	Sunday Vigil Mass	Wellbeing of Graham Stanbridge
Sunday 24 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.00am St. Patrick's 10.30am OLOL	Mass Mass	People of the Parish Thanksgiving for life and service for the Priests who blessed us
CHRISTMAS EVE 	5.00pm OLOL 10.00pm OLOL 10.30pm	Mass with Blessing of Crib Carols followed by Mass	Sick children all over the world Community at Our Lady of Lourdes

Confessions at OLOL – Saturday 5.45-6.15pm. There will be a Christmas collection for the Priest on Sunday 24 and Monday 25 Dec. Your Christmas offering is your personal gift to the Priest. Please take a Gift Aid Envelope from the back of the church or the porch and use it for your Christmas Offering if you are a tax payer. Thank you.



Crib collection through December: All offerings this year are given in aid of the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund to provide one-off emergency grants to support children and their families. Please send cheques to Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund, Catholic Children's Society, 73 Charles Square, London W10 6EJ.



PLEASE PRAY for all our sick parishioners who are in nursing homes or housebound especially for John Petty, Alison Stainthorpe, Sami Ghazal, Sophie Reilly, John Heal, Sandra Waugh, Eileen Cross, Cherie Pay, Maureen Garson, Teresa Ford, Geraldine Lewis, Peter Hogan, Sr. Angela, Rosemary Gill, Asahi Religa, Keith Francis, Andy Renton, Canon Oliver Heaney, Alexander Cruickshank, Teresa Curtis, Sr. Anne Campbell, David Iddiols, Pete Jays, Philip Roderick, Christine Talbot, Beau Harvey & Michael O'Brien. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like a name added.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all those recently deceased members of our parish. May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY for the eight young people in our parish, aged 14-18, who are preparing for Confirmation this year.

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



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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course: Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm in the Church Hall at OLOL.

Breakfast Club: We are in the Church Hall at OLOL every Thursday after 9.30am Mass. All orders freshly made. Eat in or take away. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraising weekly event.

Volunteers needed to help with flower arrangements at OLOL. If you can help with this, please contact the Parish Office or see Fr. Max.

CHRISTMAS CAKES & MORE SALE: Saturday 16 Dec 10am until 1pm. Our kitchen will be open for breakfast, brunch, mulled wine, or even coffee. The grand Christmas raffle has lots of exciting prizes including M&S vouchers and an M&S hamper.

Thank you, for recent cash & food donations for the Whitehawk Foodbank. During Advent if you would like to make a Christmas donation this would be so much appreciated by the people in need. Maureen Buni.

Our parish is currently under attack from a fraudster. This has happened in the past with previous priests. The fraudster impersonates the parish priest and asks for money or vouchers. Fr. Max or any priest in the Diocese never asks for money or vouchers from parishioners. This fraud has been reported to the police. If you have any information or received any suspicious emails from the Parish, please contact the police directly. Always make sure if you receive an email from either Fr. Max or the Parish office it is from the diocesan email address which is in the newsletter. We have now stopped livestreaming the Mass due to this incident to protect the Parish.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which will be released in the New Year: 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on **Tuesday 2 Jan:** www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with hard copies available to read in each parish. Bishop Richard met with members of Clergy earlier this week and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on **Wednesday 10 Jan** at 7.30pm. Please use the following link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

A short series of talks on St. Mark's Gospel by Fr. Tony Milner, STD, on **Wednesday 10, 17 & 24 Jan** at St. Theresa's, Old Shoreham Road, Southwick, 7:45pm. (Mass at 7pm, followed by refreshments.) This year on Sundays we will be hearing the Gospel of Mark. It is the shortest and most dynamic of Gospels. It was probably written in Rome, for a small Church community that had known St. Peter, and was now enduring persecution and seeing people falling away. What was it like to hear the Gospel for the first time, possibly hidden secretly in a room in the city? The first session on 10 Jan will be a 'read through' of the whole gospel after a brief 'scene setting' to try to 'capture' its atmosphere. Then on 17 and 24 Jan we will look more closely at key features of Mark's story of Jesus.

Fr. Tony has taught Scripture at various places, including Womersley and in Rome. He wrote his Licence thesis on the Gospel of Mark. He is Parish Priest of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Christingle Service at Holy Cross Church, Woodingdean, on **Sunday 17 Dec** at 4pm. Families/all ages. Make your own Christingle and help raise funds for the Children's Society.

Christmas Carol Service at Holy Cross Church, Woodingdean, on **Sunday 17 Dec** at 6pm.

The Parish Office is open to parishioners on **Fridays** from 8.30am to 12noon.