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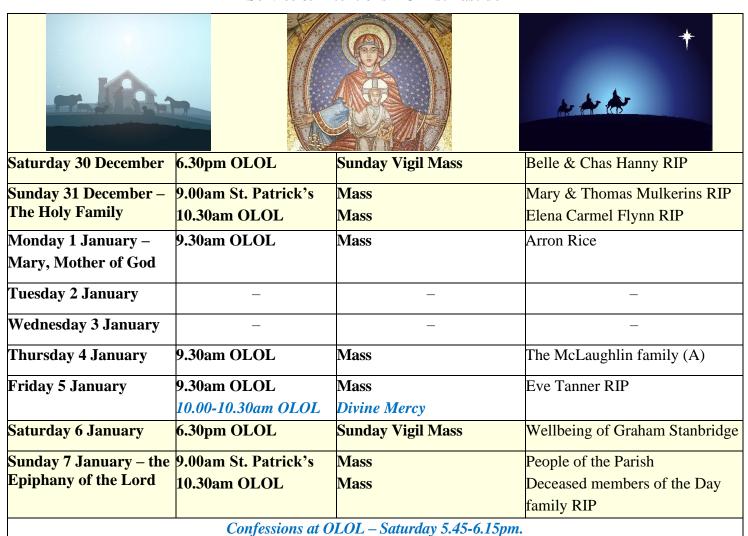


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Service & Intentions – Christmastide





We will have a blessing of families on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 Dec at the Feast of the Holy Family.

<u>Crib collection:</u> 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.



<u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone who has prepared the churches and services for Christmas, and to the Cakes & More team and Kitchen Club for all their incredible hard work and fundraising activity throughout the whole year. A Happy Christmas to you from Fr. Max, Fr. Foley, Deacon Neil, Deacon Bernard, the Sisters of St. Martha's Convent and everyone in the Parish office. Thank you for all your cards, gifts and prayers.



<u>PLEASE PRAY</u> 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.



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 Grand Draw Prizewinners: Thank you to everyone who donated the prizes and to those who bought tickets for the Christmas Grand Draw. It was a great success raising much needed funds for our Church. Please see below the list of the lucky prize winners. 1st prize: M&S Hamper - Deacon Neil. 2nd prize: M&S Voucher - Sister Irene. 3rd prize: Case of Wine - Elaine Hudson. 4th prize: M&S Voucher - Tim & Sue Butler. 5th prize: M&S Voucher -Jane (St Patrick's). 6th prize: Bottle of Malt Whisky - Doreen Fox. 7th prize: Bottle of Wine - Jonathan Sharp.



WINNERS OF THE 100 PLUS CLUB DECEMBER DRAW are: 1st Prize £25 – Liam Elliott, 2nd Prize £15 – Patrick Elliott, 3rd Prize £10 – Julie Williams. Please collect your winnings from the Sacristy. New members are always welcome and Membership Forms can be found in the porch at OLOL. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office. Thank you for supporting this Draw as all profits go to church funds.



Whitehawk Foodbank: Thank you very much to all who donated cash (£210), food and other essential goods in response to the Advent Appeal for the Whitehawk Food Bank. It has been greatly appreciated by the people in need. Maureen Buni.



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 the link to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895.

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DATE CHANGE: A short series of talks on St. Mark's Gospel by Fr. Tony Milner, STD, on Wednesday 17 & 24 Jan & 7 Feb 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 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 17 Jan will be a 'read through' of the whole gospel after a brief 'scene setting' to try to 'capture' its atmosphere. Then on 24 Jan and 7 Feb we will look more closely at key features of Mark's story of Jesus.



Please join our facebook group for news and notices about last-minute changes to masses etc. - you can find us by searching facebook for "Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rottingdean".

New parishioners: A very warm welcome if you are new to the parish. There are registration forms at the back of the church at OLOL and in the front porch at St. Patrick's should you wish to provide your contact details. Please return the completed form to the Parish Priest or put it through the Presbytery letterbox.

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

