

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



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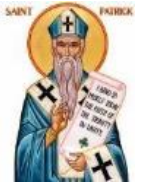
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Also resident in the Parish: Canon Daithi Foley

The Parish is part of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 252878



Please continue to observe the Covid regulations/advice from Government and Bishops' Conference

Live Streaming of Masses continues from Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4VXBr3EOa43nCxxzB-Edw>

Service & Intentions

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Sunday 29 Jan	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
	9.00am St. Patrick's	Mass	No intention
	10.30am OLOL	Mass - Celebration & Farewell Mass for Fr Benny	No intention
Monday 30 Jan	11.00am OLOL	Funeral Mass David Swann RIP	
Tuesday 31 Jan	9.30am OLOL	Mass	No intention
	10.00-10.30am	Adoration & Confessions	
Wednesday 1 Feb	-	-	-
Thursday 2 Feb	9.30am OLOL	-	No Intention
Friday 3 Feb	9.30am OLOL	Liturgy of the Word	-
Sunday 4 Feb	6.30pm (Sat) OLOL	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
	9.00am St. Patrick's	Mass	No intention
	10.30am OLOL	Mass	Jim Dean RIP

Confessions at OLOL – Sat 5.45-6.15pm



PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all those recently deceased members of our parish, especially David Swann RIP. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in prayer at this time.

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, Bernard Workman, Canon Oliver Heaney, Alexander Cruickshank & Teresa Curtis.

Please let Fr. Max or the Parish Office know if you would like a name added.

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



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION: Next meeting **Tuesday 14 February**. If you are suffering from the loss of someone you have loved, then the Ministry of Consolation may be able to help. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month after the 9.30am Mass in the Church Hall at OLOL (there will be no coffee after Mass on those days). People are welcome to join the group, but once the group is in session, please do not disturb. Contact Maureen or Mary on rottingdean@abdiocese.org.uk for details.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN & PARENTS' SESSIONS: Next session 'Reconciliation' on **Sunday 5 February** at 9.15am in the Church Hall at OLOL followed by Mass at 10.30am.



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.



'Warm and Social Spaces' are being held weekly at St. Patrick's (Mondays, 10am to 1pm) and other Woodingdean churches (Holy Cross: Fridays, 9.30am to midday; Methodist Church: Thursdays, 10am to 1pm). All very welcome for hot drinks, soup and friendship. Please let anyone know who would benefit from this facility. Contact Ed Curtis (edcurtis6@gmail.com) or any SVP member.

St Martha's Convent : Warm & Social Space: Every Tuesday and Friday 2pm-4pm. Sister Irene and her community warmly welcome you for hot drinks, reading space, someone to talk to. Everyone welcome. Further information : paxirene@live.co.uk

Thank you for your mass intention requests. Whilst every effort is made to book your mass on the date requested, please be aware this may not always be possible and funerals have priority. Once you have completed the A5 Request Form, please post the form, together with your donation, through the letterbox of Eastfield, in the envelope provided.



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”.

Events hosted by the Diocese: Upcoming events: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Registration form for new parishioners: A very warm welcome if you are new to the parish. There are 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.

Winners of the December Draw are: 1st Prize £25 – Fr. Benny O’Shea, 2nd Prize £15 – Sam Williamson, 3rd Prize £10 – Helen Buni. Please collect your winnings from the Sacristy or the Parish Office. New members are welcome. Forms are available in the church porch.

The Parish Office (Eastfield, Steyning Road) is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am to 12.30pm.



A huge congratulations to our organisation team and everyone who came along and supported OLOL Church. The Curry & Quiz night raised **£1441.21 PLUS £223.00** from the raffle. Astonishing!
NEW OLOL QUIZ NIGHT : BANGERS’N’MASH : Sat 18 Feb after Saturday evening Mass at OLOL Church Hall. B.Y.O.B £15pp Limited tickets – buy them from the OLOL Church kitchen.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Not every Solemnity requires the same level of reverence and obligation as Sunday. We all know that every catholic is strongly obliged to celebrate each Sunday of the year (3rd commandment of God) and the heart of this celebration (but not the only thing) is attending Mass. Most of the Solemnities occur on Sunday anyway (e.g. Pentecost, Christ the King, Holy Trinity etc.). Some solemnities though fall on weekdays. Among those there are solemnities which are not the holy days of obligation (e.g. Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph, Nativity of John the Baptist). What does it mean exactly? Although these are great and important feasts and the Church encourages everyone to celebrate them, it is not a sin to work those days and not to come to mass.

But among the solemnities which occur on weekdays there are those which require the same level of celebration as every Sunday. These are called '**The Holy Day of Obligation**'. That means we are obliged to come to mass (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1247), keep ourselves from work and celebrate it properly (meditation, prayer, family members spend time together, works of charity etc. Compare Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2184-2188).

Unfortunately, in each country the list of the Holy Days of Obligation varies. It depends on the decision of the local bishops. So, this year, the Holydays of Obligations for our diocese (as for the whole of England and Wales) are:

25 December – Nativity of the Lord – Christmas.

6 January – Epiphany of the Lord [*This will be transferred to the Sunday in 2024*]

Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter (this year it's 18 May) – Ascension of the Lord.

29 June – St Peter & St Paul [*This will be transferred to the Sunday in 2024*]

15 August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1 November – All Saints.

I think it's not a big deal – 6 days a year (4 days in 2024! Or even 3 days, if we don't count Christmas which everyone celebrates anyway). In order to ensure everyone has a possibility to come to mass on a Holy Day of Obligation, those dates we will have two masses. Following our spontaneous vote the other weekend, the times of these masses will be: **9-30 am and 7-30 pm.**

Also, those days every parish priest is strictly obliged to say a mass 'For the people of the parish', that means for you. Please, put these dates into your diaries in advance. However, it'll be brilliant if everyone knows the Holy Days of Obligation by heart.

Let me finish with the point that the words 'obligation' and 'obliged' do not describe fully the logic of the Church. Strictly speaking it's not about 'obligation' but 'love'. So why does the Church refer to the idea of 'obligation'? Because, as we know, authentic love demands everything, that means come to mass on all the solemnities, feasts, oh... every day! But we know in real life it is impossible. That's why the Church shows us the minimum, the very minimum without which we cannot claim we love God. In fact, 6 days a year (or 4, or 3 as we said earlier) is definitively a minimum, which love demands strongly. Let us abound in the love of God, since His love to us is unlimited. And we all know that true love is always looking for mutuality.

Fr. Max