

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



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OLOL Church is usually open each day until 5pm.

Day	Time	Place	Mass	Intention
Sat	10.00am	OLOL	St Lucy	Karen Johnson RIP
Sat eve	6.30pm	OLOL	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	Peter O'Flinn RIP
Sun 14th Dec	9.00am	St P		People of the Parish
	10.30am	OLOL		Dominic Hassell RIP
	6.00pm	St Marg		Nine Lessons & Carols
Mon	9.30am	Convent		Eileen Hughes RIP
Tue	10.00am	OLOL		Funeral Mass: John Petty RIP
Wed			O Sapientia	No public Mass today
Thu	9.30am	OLOL	O Adonai	Hughes family intentions
Fri	9.30am	OLOL	O Radix Jesse	Isolina's wellbeing
Sat	10.00am	OLOL	O Clavis David	Eleanor Douney's intention
Sat eve	6.30pm	OLOL	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	People of the Parish
Sun 21st Dec	9.00am	St P		Sr Agatha's intentions
	10.30am	OLOL		Frances Reidy RIP

Hymns for 14th Dec at OLOL: Entrance – Hail to the Lord's Anointed (102); Offertory – Upon Thy table (606); Communion – The Angel Gabriel (113); Exit – Tell out my soul (880)

The Funeral Mass for John Petty RIP will take place at OLOL at 10am on Tuesday 16th December.

Please note that there are **no spare Mass intentions** until the new year.

Nine Lessons & Carols at St Margaret's: Please note that we have been informed that this joint service will now take place **THIS Sunday 14th December at 6pm.**

Confirmation: if in Year 10 or above the 2026 Confirmation takes place at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 28th June. If you would like to be confirmed please get your parent/carer to drop Fr Stephen an email **and speak** to him after Mass.

The final Reconciliation Service this Advent is in the western part of the parish: **Sunday 21st at 3pm** at the Sacred Heart, Hove. Confession times at OLOL as usual.

Christmas Mass Times
Christmas Eve:
5pm at OLOL especially for families
10.30pm at OLOL with carols from 10pm
Christmas Day
9am at St Patricks, with carols from 8.30am
10.30am at OLOL
St Stephen's Day
10am at OLOL

Your offerings at Christmas make up a substantial part of the clergy's income for the year. There are special envelopes at the back of each church for your use. Thank you for your generosity. Dona offerings are also possible.

Your gift to Fr Stephen can be gift aided. Please look out for the gift aid section on the offering envelopes and complete all the details requested so that we can claim the tax back.

Thank you for all your messages and cards following my recent surgery. I am getting stronger each day and it is good to be back "in harness", though a little restrained until after Christmas. God Bless. **Fr Stephen**

<u>OLOL Grand Christmas Draw:</u>
Prizes worth over £900! Tickets £2 each. Draw will take place on Sunday 14 th December after 10.30am Mass.

Regular Events @ OLOL
Tuesday: Adoration, Rosary & Benediction with Confession available after Mass
Thursday: at 7pm: Come & See, faith formation
Friday: Scripture reflection group after Mass
Saturday: Adoration from 9am until Mass
Saturday: Confessions, 10.30am and 5.45pm

Please pray for all our sick parishioners who are in nursing homes or housebound especially for Cherie Pay, Teresa Ford, Geraldine Lewis, Peter Hogan, Sr. Angela, Rosemary Gill, Asahi Religa, Teresa Curtis, David Iddiols, Christine Talbot, Beau Harvey, Ann and Brian Turner, John and Elizabeth Chapman, Norah Grey, Cassie Cava, Helen Thomas, Sybil Workman, Colette Wholey and Jackie Rhodes. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like a name added.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all recently deceased members of our parish, especially John Petty RIP whose funeral Mass will take place this Tuesday, and Hilary Lee RIP (pictured), a beloved St Patrick's parishioner who passed away last weekend – her funeral Mass will take place at St Patrick's on Monday 5th January at 11.30am. May they rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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



The last Breakfast Club before Christmas was on Thursday 11th Dec, 9.30 to 11.30. We'll start up again in the new year on Thursday 8th Jan. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraising weekly event.



100 Plus Club November Draw:

Winners of the November Draw are: 1st Prize £25 - Liz Hopkin, 2nd Prize £15 - Fiona Leahy, 3rd Prize £10 - Ian Watson. Please collect your winnings from the Sacristy.



Poinsettias: It is important to make OLOL church look beautiful at Christmas by decorating the Altar with poinsettias, as we have done in previous years. Please place your order as soon as possible by picking up an Order Form from the OLOL church porch and returning your completed form together with the money, to the Parish Office. You can buy one or two plants (which cost £10 a plant), in memory of a loved one & collect it after Christmas to keep in your home.



The "Pitch-in" community singing group is having an open session at St Patrick's on Thursday 18th Dec from 11.30 to 13.00 and invite you to attend and participate in the singing or just have nibbles, drinks and chat time.



On Sunday 14th Dec at St Patrick's we have mulled wine, mulled fruit juices and some snacks from 9.45am after Mass.



Christmas Films and Tea at St Patrick's.

15th December at 2pm (tea at 3.30pm)

All welcome - parishioners, friends, locals.

No charge but donations appreciated. All monies to St Patrick's. Please support our event as we rely on volunteers for everything!

I will be mentioning at the film about our great loss in dear Hilary. **She was our devoted 'Ice Cream' lady and will be sorely missed.**

Please sign list in both churches if you are coming, or contact me on 07816 642943.



Embakwe Mission church

Zimbabwe: fundraising lunch, tickets available at both churches from this weekend onwards. The church, built in

1902, is in need of renovation. Lunch is at Our Lady of Lourdes church hall on Wednesday 28th Jan at 12.30. £15 per ticket, cash please. Ticket sellers can also accept donations from non-attenders. On the lunch occasion there will be a short talk from parishioner Virginia Macebo, who was born at the Embakwe mission; her father taught in one of the schools. There will also be a raffle on 28th Jan. We thank you for any raffle prizes (please give raffle prizes to a responsible person at church or leave well labelled in the porch). Funds raised go to the bishop of Bulawayo.



Volunteers needed to help with flower

arrangements at OLOL, as the two Sisters who did help have now left the parish. If you can help with this, please contact Carmel in the parish office or see Fr Stephen.



Retrouvaille helps marriages.

It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026.



Other upcoming diocesan events: Mass in

British Sign Language, Saturday 3rd Jan, 1–2pm, St John the Evangelist in Horsham;

Youthscape Essentials training course, starting Saturday 24th Jan, Camberley, Woking deanery; **Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word,** Saturday 24th Jan, 11am–4pm, St Michael's Church, Worthing. Please see the events page on the diocesan website for more info.

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**The Parish Office is open to parishioners on Fridays** from 10am to 12noon.