



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

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Welcome to all visitors and newcomers to our parish



These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children.

Services and Intentions

Sunday	6.30pm Sat. (Church)	5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Intentions of Jim & Teresa Curtis
5th Feb	9.00am (St Patrick's)	Education Sunday	People of the Parish
	10.30am (Church)		Ines de Santo R.I.P.
Monday	10.00am (Convent)	St. Paul Miki and companions	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	10.00am (Church)		Bill Turner R.I.P.
	Rosary after Mass		
Wednesday	10.00am (Church)		Jack O'Hara R.I.P.
Thursday	10.00am (Convent)		John Connor Delargy R.I.P.
Friday	11.30am (Church)	St. Scholastica, Virgin	Requiem: Frank Reade R.I.P.
	Divine Mercy Chaplet		
Saturday	10.00am Sat. (Church)	Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes	Intentions of Medugorje Pilgrims
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sunday	6.30pm Sat. (Church)	6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
12th Feb	9.00am (St. Patrick's)		People of the Parish
	10.30am (Church)		Peter O'Flinn R.I.P.

OFFERTORIES: Many thanks for last week's cash & envelope collections; OLOL £423.14 & St Patrick's £120.88

CONFESSIONS: Saturday at 10.30am & 5.45-6.15pm.

This Sunday is Education Sunday with a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Next Saturday is World Day of Prayer for the Sick and a Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will also be a second collection on Saturday and Sunday for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sick Fund.



PLEASE PRAY for the sick & housebound, especially Stella Abbott, Pat Morris, Jane Wells, Veronica Wishart, Nick Hills, Paul Schofield, Maria & Despina Papadopoulos, Muriel Evelyn, Chris Jordan, Francine Bird, Pat Blomfield, Sheila de Rosa, Kirstan Romanis Simpson, Angela Ansell, Catherine Ferrers, Sheila and Kathleen Kennedy, Peter Whiting, Tracey Ghazal, Jill Doherty, Sarah Rix, Alan Johnson, Patricia & Lily Tombolani, Sonia Toner, Peter Ghazal, Patrick McLaughlin, Hugh McGovern, Tina Leach, Terry Maguire, Sheila Harrison, Kathleen Flynn, Philip Stevens, John Heal, John Craig, Jacinta Thorley, James Wilson, Pam Newman and Joe Wallace.

PLEASE PRAY for the souls of Frank Reade R.I.P. (Requiem on Fri at 11:30am), Julie Carr R.I.P. (Requiem on Tues 14th February at 10:30am) and Andrew Keenan R.I.P. who have all died recently and for their families. May they rest in peace.

St. Martha's Retreat Please pray for the sisters and their guests who will be on retreat between 10th-19th February. Masses on Monday and Thursday will be in the Church not the convent. Please pray for them.

Thank you to Father Laurence O'Keeffe OSB who led us so beautifully in our chant during the procession in our Candlemass liturgy last week. It is lovely to have Fr Laurence with us again. Please pray for the Benedictine community settling into their new home in Chilworth.

COME & SEE : The Come and See group is a small one this year and so they are wondering if changing the day might make it easier for more people to attend. If you are interested in being Baptised, receiving your first Holy Communion and being Confirmed then please collect a form at the back of the church and indicate which days you would be able to attend for preparation. Please then hand this in promptly to either Fr Graham, Una, anyone from the Come and See Team or post through the letterbox at Eastfield. They will attempt to find a day which suits the majority of people. Alternatively please call Una on 305379 to complete the form by telephone.

Jesus prayed! It might seem obvious to us – “Of course he prayed – He is Holy!”, you might say. As if praying is just for the holy. But look at it from the other way around. If Jesus prayed, Jesus who is God and needed to gain strength, courage and wisdom from the Father, then how much more do you or I need to pray? By prayer I do not mean giving God our list of requests or orders, but by spending time with Him. “Lifting up our heart and mind to God” as the Catechism calls it or a “surge of the heart” as St Therese describes it. Lent is coming and it might be a good time to think about our prayer and how we want to increase and improve it. The Wednesday Word uniting us to our school and families helps us with praying with next Sunday's scripture readings. Our Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes unites us to our Lady and the whole Church and means we are never alone when we pray and are supported by one another and assisted by the angels. When we pray we enter into a deeper relationship with God and Jesus reveals His healing and purpose for us and our part to play in the salvation of others. God bless you all. With my continued prayer for you during our Novena. Fr Graham

Please take a copy of **The Wednesday Word** today. It is "A MISSIONARY INITIATIVE FOR THE 21st CENTURY CHURCH. Praying for our primary school families. Helping them to pray together, stay together and to grow in the love of our Lord and his Church." We can take a parish version of the sheet home with us each Sunday **WITH NEXT WEEK'S** GOSPEL to reflect and pray with. We can do this on Wednesday (the day given to St Joseph) or any time.



THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th
Sunday 5th

6.30pm Life Teen Mass

6.30pm. LIFE TEEN Session. If you are in school years 11-13, you would be very welcome to join the Group. For more information please join the "Our Lady of Lourdes Life Teen" Facebook Group.

Tuesday 7th
Thursday 9th

First Holy Communion Children's Session 3.15pm OLOL Church Hall.
6.45pm Confirmation Group



LOURDES PARISH FUNDRAISING on Sat 11th Feb, the Feast of Our Lady, there will be a Parish supper after the 6.30pm Mass to help raise money. Sign on lists in the porch for help – donations for a raffle would be appreciated and can be placed in the box in the hall. Tickets will be available after all masses this weekend and on the night. £6 for adults & £2 for a child for the meal. £1 donation for glass of wine, 50p for soft drinks.

CAFOD needs your help Have you made a new year's resolution? Why not volunteer for CAFOD? Would you like to help out in the parish, in the CAFOD office, with campaigns or in fundraising? If you are interested in sparing a few hours to help change the world in any of these ways please do get in touch on 01483 898866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

7UP Youth Group – Shortly leaders of the 7Up Youth Group will be meeting with Father Graham to discuss the future of the youth group and a fresh start. This will be an opportunity for regular members and those who have not been before, who are in school years 7-9, to come and have a say in what things they would like to do. If there is any adult who is willing to help with the 7UP group please see Fr Graham. 7UP is a group for young people in school years 7, 8 & 9.

Lent 2012 – Would you be willing to host a group each week during Lent to pray using a Diocesan Booklet as a guide OR maybe to lead a group in the hall? Perhaps you would like to join such a group or spend time together in quiet prayer? Please put your name on the list in the porch to express your interest. We will be offering the Walk with Me booklets and calendars in addition to these groups.

PARISH ITEMS

ECUMENICAL 7 CHURCHES HOMELESS

PROJECT Thank you to those who offered help and attended the training session. The response has been overwhelming, and oversubscribed, and this year help from our parish is not needed.

Parishioner whose present flat is to be sold is looking for one-bedroom accommodation to rent in Rottingdean or Saltdean area. If you can help, please contact Father Graham or ring 302673.

Christmas Cards

If you have old Christmas cards, please leave them in the porch for Jose and Jonathan to collect, in aid of the Woodland Trust.

Praying with Mary – There will be no prayer meeting at the convent on the 15th February as the sisters will be on retreat from the 10th to the 19th.

NOVENA until Friday 10th February

Please collect a prayer card from the back of the Church with the daily intentions.

Parish Collect

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your divine son while upon earth. You have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us; obtain for us from your Divine Son our special requests if it be the Divine Will. **Amen.**

O brilliant star of purity, Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, glorious in your assumption, triumphant in your coronation, show unto us the mercy of the Mother of God, Virgin Mary, Queen & Mother, be our comfort, hope, strength, & consolation **Amen.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.
St. Bernadette, Pray for us

DIOCESAN ITEMS

Sun 5th Feb - ST JOHN VIANNEY GROUP for men brave enough to consider a call to the priesthood meets in Crawley on the first Sunday of each month, 5pm - 8.30pm. Come and see! More details - vocations@dabnet.org or 07545 576627

Sat 11th Feb - The First Annual Gathering for Support of the Bereaved: For anyone involved in bereavement support in their parishes. A morning to meet, reflect and share ideas 9.30am to 12.30pm at DABCEC, in Crawley. For more details contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152.

Sat 3rd March - Crossing the Threshold – 'How to reach non churchgoing Catholics?' a resource day for parishes led by Bishop Kieran at DABCEC 10am-4.30pm including mass & workshops. Contact 02079014818 to book a place.

Sun 25th March – Lourdes Live – A concert at Worth Abbey in aid of the Lourdes Sick Fund, featuring professional and amateur musicians from the Diocese. All ticket event only, £12 adult, £6 children, unsold tickets for sale at the door on the night. Contact Sally Nichols on salnicholls@hotmail.com

20-22nd Apr - Take and Read - A Scripture Based Weekend at Ladywell Retreat and Spirituality Centre, Godalming Surrey : In the wake of Pope Benedict's *Verbum Domini* what can Christians do to foster understanding and love of the Scriptures? with Fr Adrian Graffy & Anne Dixon. Contact the Retreat Secretary on 01483 419269 or retreat@lady-well.org.uk

26th July – 3rd August 2012 - Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: – Application forms are available in the church or from the Pilgrimage Office or downloaded from the Lourdes website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180.

Redshirts Invitation 2012 The Diocesan Youth Service Group (Lourdes) is now inviting applications from young people from within the diocese to join the Redshirts 2012. All applicants should be in school years 10 or 11 (or equivalent age). For more information contact Ray Mooney on 01293 651158.

10-17th June - 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland. Join other people from the A&B Diocese for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. Contact Canon Tom Treherne 01932 842643 for further information.