



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

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Priest: Fr Graham Ricketts

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Also resident: Fr Douglas Perkins

Welcome to all visitors & newcomers to our parish

Services and Intentions

Sunday	6.30pm (Church)	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Annie Cahill R.I.P.
1st	9.00am (St Patrick's)		Special Intention – George Williams
September	10.30am (Church)	Mass with Holy Baptism	People of the Parish
Monday	10.00am (Convent)		Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday	10.00am (Church)	Feast of St. Gregory The Great	Intentions of Susanna Tinneney
	<i>Rosary after Liturgy</i>		
Wednesday	10.00am (Church)	St Cuthbert	Tessa Carrington R.I.P.
	<i>12.00noon (Church)</i>	<i>Requiem – Mrs Josephine Morawski R.I.P.</i>	
Thursday	10.00am (Church)		Special Intention – Joan Noakes
Friday	10.00am (Church)	Mass of the Most Sacred Heart	Dennis O'Keeffe R.I.P.
	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass</i>		
Saturday	10.00am (Church)	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Souls
	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</i>		
Sunday	6.30pm (Church)	Life Teen Mass followed by 7Up Group	Intentions of John & Elizabeth Chapman
8th	9.00am (St Patrick's)	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
September	10.30am (Church)		Deceased relatives of Pierce & Marsh families R.I.P.

OFFERTORIES: Many thanks for last week's cash & envelope collections: £353.53 OLOL and £147.75 St Patrick's.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.30am and 5.30pm-6.15pm.



PLEASE PRAY for the sick & housebound, especially Stella Abbott, Pat Morris, Jane Wells, Veronica Wishart, Nick Hills, Paul Schofield, Chris Jordan, Sheila de Rosa, Angela Ansell, Catherine Ferrers, Jill Dogherty, Sarah Rix, Sonia Toner, Patrick McLaughlin, Hugh McGovern, Sheila Harrison, Kathleen Flynn, Philip Stevens, John Heal, John Craig, James Wilson, Pam Newman, Josephine Lloyd, Terry McGuire, Zarah, Carly, Christabel, Christina, Isobel Carrington Duxfield, Joan Pelling, Helen Shephard, David Wallis, Clare Francis, Mary Moore, Joanna Noakes, Erasmo Hoyo, Toby Xavier Carrington, Ann Harris and Damian Timlin.

Please pray for the soul of Josephine Morawski R.I.P. who died recently. Please also pray for her family. Requiem at 12.00noon, Thursday 4th September in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will recommence on Tuesday 10th September. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of Adoration. We welcome Laurence from the Apostolate who will be speaking to us at the Saturday evening Mass. Sign-up sheets this weekend (1st Sept) and next (8th Sept).

St. Martha's Convent The Sisters are having a retreat from the afternoon of Monday 2nd September for a week including Monday 9th September. We wish them a peaceful and fulfilling week.

Candidates for First Holy Communion (going into Yr 3) Please will candidates send in a letter/email to Father Graham with their name, address, date of birth, date of baptism, place of baptism, photograph, parents' names and contact details – email addresses if possible. This is a commitment to our Church and your faith and you are expected to attend mass on a weekly basis as part of this. **First Parents' Session** – Wednesday, 11th September 7.30pm.

Confirmation (going into Yr 10) are invited to ask for instruction Please take a yellow enrolment form from the back of the Church and complete and return to the Parish Office by **Friday 20th September**. This is a commitment to our Church and your faith and you are expected to attend mass on a weekly basis as part of this. Anyone who is older, please see Fr Graham and any adults who haven't yet received their First Holy Communion or Confirmation or wish to learn more about our faith or become a Catholic, you are warmly welcome to join our Come & See Group. Please contact Una McLaughlin, 305379.

I have been your parish priest now for 10 years (this weekend) and been with you for more than that. It is, as the first reading at today's Mass, a time for reflection. There have been some good and bad moments. Moments of joy and suffering. Moments of grace and repentance. I have made mistakes too and you have been patient with me. I commend the past to God and thank Him for all that He has done. As to the future? "A poor church for the poor," as Pope Francis would say. In fact, this is what Jesus says in today's Gospel, "invite the poor..." So how can we apply this today? Certainly the Church shouldn't be for just those who we like or who are like us. The Church, our parish is never a club. It is catholic. Our poverty is somewhat different. We may be rich in some areas of our life and we should share them. But our poverty in things of the spirit is great. So let us focus our attention to that. To be rich in the spirit and to invite others to the banquet of the Mass. For the host is Christ Himself who humbled Himself that we might be exalted.

This week (in OLOL Church Hall, unless stated otherwise)

Wed 4th Sept 4.30pm SVP Meeting
Sat 7th Sept 6.30pm Life Teen Mass & 7Up
Sun 8th Sept 10.30am Childrens' Liturgy recommences

Parish Youth

Children's Sunday Liturgy Group (during Sunday 10.30am Mass, in term time) for Academic Years: Reception, Year 1 & 2, will recommence on 8th September. Thank you very much to the Catechists for all their hard work.

Life Teen Mass : Saturday 7th September 6.30pm **7UP** : (school years 7-9) starts again on 7th September

Mothers & Toddlers Group resumes on Wed 11th Sept at 1.30pm.



THE PARISH BABY GOODS DONATION PROJECT helps women to make life-affirming choices and enables them to feel more positive about continuing their pregnancy. Donations of items for baby e.g. baby grows/vests, nappy cream, nappies, wet wipes/cotton wool, nappy disposal bags, baby lotion, talcum powder, a donation for a tin of milk, are urgently needed. Your support would be much appreciated. A box will be left at the back of the church for you donations. For information contact Elaine Cook (07751 266649) elaine.cook@hotmail.co.uk, or see ellypetrucci@lifecharity.org.uk

Come and See Group Sessions will start again on Saturday 21st September. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, or in receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, or in learning more about the Catholic Faith, is welcome to join in September. Please contact Una on 305379 for further information or pick up a flyer for details.

Questions Questions? – Are you a catholic? If not then perhaps you have some questions to ask about the catholic faith? Maybe you might like to find out more about being a catholic? Everyone is very welcome to our Masses in our parish, whether you are catholic or not. But we want you to have the opportunity to ask your questions and maybe even become a catholic if you want to. We would be very happy if you did but we wouldn't think anything less of you if you didn't.

Did you miss out on your First Holy Communion or Confirmation when you were younger and now, as an adult, feel too embarrassed to ask? Do not worry, this is common and there is a way forward. Many adults seek the sacraments many years after they were baptised. If either of these scenarios appeal to you, or you know someone for whom they might, then Fr. Graham and the Come and See team are always willing to listen and talk about their experiences. Fr. Graham will be available to chat after the Masses on the weekend of 7th and 8th September or call Una 305379.

Jubilee Planning Group meeting on 10th Sept at 7.30pm. This group will be planning our parish involvement in the diocesan Jubilee preparations that started last year. We will be beginning the 2nd season this Autumn and we want to get as many people involved as possible and for it to be a time of parish and faith renewal. It is appropriate that this day is also the day we restart our Eucharistic Adoration and the anniversary of OLOL Church's consecration. You are welcome to come along if you want to be involved in planning. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and faith.

Vocation Matters "Everyone who humbles himself will be exalted ..." Genuine humility leads to deep gratitude in knowing that I am a beloved child of God; more than that, I discover that He has a plan for me, a dream in His heart. Today we ask the Father to teach us to desire only Jesus: to want nothing in our lives except to seek, find and love Jesus Christ. This is surely my destiny, my path to authentic joy, my vocation.

Vocations Please pray for Tristan, Edmund, Robin, Joe, Tom and Alex as they head off for the beginning of seminary term. Please continue to pray for MANY MORE vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our diocese.

PARISH AND LOCAL ITEMS

100 + CLUB – New forms 2013/14 forms available in porch – please complete and hand it in to the office together with the money. Any queries please Patrick & Eileen Elliott.

100+ Club Draw August

1st Brenda Gwyer, 2nd Frances Low
3rd Brenda Gwyer. Winnings can be collected from the sacristy. If anyone wishes to join the 100+ Club, they still can.

Baby Massage commencing Monday 16th Sept 11.45am OLOL Hall - information to follow. If you are interested please let the office know.

DIOCESAN ITEMS

St. Anne's Day Centre Fri 27th Sept is holding a Fund-raising Concert attended by Bishop Kieran & Bishop Mark Sowerby, Anglican Bishop of Horsham. This is a fitting event for such an ecumenical project. The programme will include music from The Mandolins, St. Paul's Catholic School, Burgess Hill and Ardingly College. Tickets: £10 for adults (free entry for children under 13) are available from lorraine.burrows@dabnet.org

A Call To Action – 1st meeting **Sat 28th Sept** 2-5pm followed by vigil Mass at Caterham. Please contact Brian Pointer, Chair of A.C.T.A Diocese of A&B, 01243 776020 email bpointer@talktalk.net for further information.

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass Sat 5th Oct - 1.30pm in Crawley. Are you celebrating a significant anniversary this year? Call Katherine Bergin 01293 651152.

Free Computers for Beginners Course run by 'The Bridge' (Community Education centre) tel 687053. To those parishioners who may have missed out on the latest technology, now is the chance to change. Run by a professionally qualified teacher with structured lessons, handouts and a good learning environment.

"There are times when the burden of need and our own limitations might tempt us to become discouraged. But precisely then we are helped by the knowledge that, in the end, we are only instruments in the Lord's hands; and this knowledge frees us from the presumption of thinking that we alone are personally responsible for building a better world. In all humility we will do all we can, and in all humility we will entrust the rest to the Lord. It is God who governs the world, not we. We offer him our service only to the extent that we can, and for as long as he grants us the strength. To do all we can with what strength we have, however, is the task which keeps the good servant of Jesus Christ always at work: "The love of Christ urges us on" (2 Cor 5:14) Pope Benedict XVI Encyclical, Deus Caritas Est: God is Love

Our Parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.