

St Mary's Catholic Church

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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for week commencing Sunday 31 August, 2014

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 30		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Zbigniew Swirkowski, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 31	<u>22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
	<i>Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27</i>	Parish Mass Book p.122	12 noon <i>Pierre Bamin Senior, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 01	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tue 02	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Claire Cosgrave, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 03	<i>St Gregory the Great</i>		- -
Thur 04	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
		[Traditional (Low) Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Intentions of Shiela Hollins</i>
Fri 05	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Thanksgiving Intention (Hannah)</i>
Sat 06	<i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 07	<u>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
	<i>Gospel: Matt. 18:15-20</i>	Parish Mass Book p.125	12 noon <i>William Aston, R.I.P.</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 – 9.50 am before weekday morning Mass.
Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Today's gospel reading carries straight on from what we heard last week. There Peter recognized Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." The Catechism (#441, 442) says that we are to take this literally and not as a metaphor. Today though, before giving the Apostles any time to digest this, he goes on to reveal that he came not for himself but to lay down his life for us on the Cross: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Finally we are told something - something incomprehensible to the mind of the world but which is in fact God's way - that true life is found not when we keep it for ourselves but when we too, like Jesus, renounce ourselves, take up our own crosses and follow him. May our Lady help us in this. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"Trials [are] ... a great source of merit and profit for you and have greatly increased your strength and virtue" [St Francis de Sales].

"All that we call human history ... [is] the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." [C.S.Lewis]

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2014/2015

These will all start again in the new school year. To register please fill in the form on the back of this newsletter. **First Holy Communions** are generally for children in year 3 up. If you are in year 10 or above we would like to invite you to consider joining our **Confirmation** group. We are also planning to arrange an **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)** programme for non-baptized Adults or those baptized but not part of the Catholic Church who would like to become a part of the Church, the body of Christ. **Baptism** preparation sessions will also start again in September.

THE VATICAN CRICKET TEAM

The Vatican Cricket team, called 'St Peter's,' will be at our 10am Mass Sun. 14 Sept. before an afternoon 20/20 match in Preston Park against the local team, also called St Peter's. Funds raised from the game will go to charities that help the homeless in Brighton. Pray for sunshine!

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 506845
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 06 Sept	11.30 am	Church	Baptism of Leonardo Brucculieri	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Ann Chandler, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Tony Gormley & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

100 CLUB RESULTS FOR AUGUST

This months' winners are: £50.00 Dick Morris, £30.00 Mary Cosham & £20.00 Liz Regan. After one win in 15 years Dick has now won the last two draws in a row!

CATECHIST'S FORMATION DAY

Saturday 6th September 9.45am - 1.15pm at Sacred Heart, Hove. With David Wills, Adult Formation Adviser for the Diocese. Suitable for all catechists this is a chance to renew and refresh your catechesis for the coming year. The morning will explore how evangelisation is a foundation for catechesis, the guidance of Pope Francis to catechists and a look at some fresh methods for catechesis. Arrive at 9.45am for coffee & croissants, 10am start, Mass at noon, ending with lunch at 1.15. Please contact Lara 'lmsacredheart@gmail.com' to book your place. Please bring a packed lunch.

STUDIES COURSE IN BRIGHTON

If you are an active member of the parish, catechist, teacher or someone interested in increasing your knowledge of your faith, the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies may be for you. The course runs at the University Chaplaincy in Falmer (opposite the station) on Thursday evenings. We are a small friendly group and you would be most welcome. People do individual modules as well as the whole course. For more information please contact Kate Williamson on k.williamson@brighton.ac.uk, 01273 776491, or visit the website ccrs@brighton.

FROM THE SAINTS

"Of all the movements, sensations and feelings of the soul, love is the only one in which the creature can respond to the Creator and make some sort of similar return however unequal though it be. For when God loves, all he desires is to be loved in return; the sole purpose of his love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love him are made happy by their love of him" [St Bernard of Clarvaux].

MUSICAL EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S

St John's (Knole Road) are putting on a series of late Summer Music evenings beginning Saturday 6th Sept. at 6pm. See poster in porch for details.

A THOUGHT ON CRICKET

"The English are not very spiritual people, so they invented cricket to give them some idea of eternity" {G.B. Shaw}.

A PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO MARY

I choose you today, Mary, in the presence of the angels and the saints of heaven for my Mother and my Queen. I consecrate to you, in obedience and love, all that I am, all that I have, and all the good I may do, putting myself and all that belongs to me entirely at your service, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity. Amen.'

RETROUVAILLE: A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is not counselling but provides the tools and skills to help you get your marriage back on track. Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment to deep misery. The next programme commences with a residential weekend on 19th -21st Sept 2014. email info@retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0797 338 0443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk Confidentiality assured.

TRIP TO THE TOWERS CONVENT

A coach will leave St Mary's for the Convent in Upper Beeding 1430 on Sunday 14 September. After a drive through the countryside there will be Tea followed by Benediction. Return to St Mary's 1830. Let Fr Bruno or David Alfred (540038) know if you would like to come.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of the programs preparing for the sacraments next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box.

NAME:

AGE/SCHOOL YEAR:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE NO:

I wish to enrol for preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

ADULT BAPTISM/RECEPTION

Signed: