

# St Mary's Catholic Church

## Surrenden Road, Preston Park, Brighton

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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 w/c Sunday 25 September, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	24 Vigil Mass	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>In Thanksgiving (Harry Cross)</i>
Sun	<b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31 Mass Book p.143	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>
Mon	26 <i>Feria</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Alexander John Ambrose Reid, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	27 <i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	28 <i>Feria</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Thomas O'Gorman, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	29 <i>Dedication of St Michael Archangel</i> [1962 Missal]	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Lily-Marie Jansen</i>
Fri	30 <i>St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Clare Crossman</i>
Sat	1 <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor</i> Vigil Mass	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Mary Ardiff, R.I.P.(Anniv)</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Connor Heaney, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	2 <b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10 Parish Mass Book p.146	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Pat McBride, R.I.P</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

#### THE READINGS THIS WEEK

At Mass this weekend we have a pastoral message from Bishop Richard. This last year the Bishop has given us a number of letters on the Year of Mercy. Today's letter is on the seven Corporal Works of Mercy – hands on ways in which we can help our neighbour: 'We know from St Matthew's Gospel that the yardstick by which we shall be judged is that of our mercy to others (Matt. 25: 31-46). We are called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, to care for the sick, to visit those in prison and to bury the dead. These works are called 'corporal' because they are concerned with the physical well-being of our brothers and sisters' (Bp Richard). Copies of the bishop's letter are available in the church porch. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

#### COFFEE MORNING THIS SUNDAY

There are cakes and a bring and buy sale after our 10 am Mass this Sunday. Please come down to have a look.

#### NEW PARISHIONERS FORMS

If you are new to the parish you are very welcome. If you have not filled in a New Parishioners form you can find them in the church porch.

Last Sunday's Collection: £469.74,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. For Home Mission Sunday: £93.61  
 This weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. is for the Shrine at Walsingham

**Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for The Family of Sr Anne.** If you would like the Sanctuary lamp to burn night and day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a special intention contact Fr Bruno or the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

#### WALSINGHAM COLLECTION

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked for a nationwide one-off collection to help upkeep and develop the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. Walsingham is an ancient shrine which will celebrate its 'millenium' in 2061. Much in our history points to the significance of this holy place. At the restoration of the shrine in 1897 Pope Leo XIII stated that "When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England".

#### BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pearl Patricia Ragucos who became a Christian and a child of of God this Saturday. Our prayers go out to her, her parents and her family.

*"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience." St Thérèse of Lisieux*

**PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 28 Sept	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Anthony Larratt, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Catholaity Fair - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Fair - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Parish First Holy Communions - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2017  
Parish Confirmations - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**100 Club Draw Winners – September**

Congratulations to our winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize, £50, Mr S Foley; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, £30, Mrs T Larratt; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, £20, Ms M Cosham.

**Smile Quiz Night!** - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets on sale at our coffee morning on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept & after 10 am Sunday Masses from 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October (or call Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642, email her on [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or call Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899).

**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS**

If you would like to enrol for any of Sacramental programmes for this next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - this week. Details about first meetings will follow in the newsletter.

NAME:.....

SCHOOL YEAR:.....

ADDRESS: .....

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE No.:

EMAIL:

I wish to enrol for the preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [Year 3+]

CONFIRMATION [Year 10+]

ADULT BAPTISM / RECEPTION

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

O Mary, recall the solemn moment when Jesus, your divine Son, dying on the cross confided us to your maternal care. You are our mother; we desire ever to remain your devout children. Let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. Make your name again glorious in this place, once renowned throughout our land by your visits, favours, and many miracles. Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. O blessed Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us. Amen.

**LOCAL FOODBANK APPEAL**

Thank you for your regular and generous donations which are left in the foodbank box in the porch. Remember those in need when you do your shopping. Thank you.

**DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ARUNDEL**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October there is a Brighton & Hove Deanery Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral to celebrate the Year of Mercy. The deanery coach will leave St Mary's at 10.30 a.m. We have been allocated 20 spaces. No charge. Please speak to Fr Bruno if you would like to attend.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at the Church of Our Lady of Ransom, Grange Road, Eastbourne. Bishop Richard Moth invites all couples celebrating a landmark Marriage Anniversary in 2016 to this Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Mary's Meals Fundraiser – Live Chamber Music**

(Vivaldi, Mozart and Chopin), Curry and Film  
*Saturday 8th October, Cassidy Centre, 7.45-10.30pm*  
Tickets £10 which includes a homemade curry, live Chamber music, followed by a screening of the latest short film from Mary's Meals. Your entrance fee of £10 will provide a daily meal for a hungry child in a place of education for 10 months in a developing country such as Malawi. Advance tickets only - which are available after Mass. Please contact Henry and Eve Morrison (01273 979204) or Chris Rooke (01273 551577) to reserve your ticket and/or find out more about Mary's Meals.

**Open Evenings at Cardinal Newman Catholic School**

- For parents & students considering applying for a place in Year 7 at C. Newman Catholic School is on **October 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 4pm**. All are welcome, particularly the parents of pupils and students in Year 5 and Year 6. On Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> there is an Open Evening for the Sixth Form, Newman College. All students currently in Year 11 (at any school) are welcome to apply providing they support the Catholic, Christian, ethos of the College.

**And finally ...** What happened to the cat that swallowed a ball of wool? *It had mittens.*

*“Charity is the paradise of Communities and the soul of the virtues” St Vincent de Paul*