

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 w/c Sun. 06 November, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	05	Vigil Mass
Sun	06	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38 Parish Mass Book p.160
Mon	07	No Parish Mass
Tues	08	(Mass at St John the Baptist's, Kemp Town)
Wed	09	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast</i>
Thur	10	[Extraordinary Form]
Fri	11	<i>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>
Sat	12	<i>St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr</i>
Sun	13	Vigil Mass
		33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19 Parish Mass Book p.164

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
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass - All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

In these last few Sunday's before Advent, the last of the Church's year, the readings we hear at Mass deal with the last things, life after death and the return of Christ. Today's readings in particular are about the immortality of the soul. Here is a beautiful prayer from our faith: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and on that final day of days, his voice shall bid me rise again: unending joy, unceasing praise! This hope I cherish in my heart: to stand on earth my flesh restored, and, not a stranger but a friend, behold my Saviour and my Lord.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

REFUGEE CRISIS NEWSLETTER

Please find in the church porch a second newsletter that deals with how, as a diocese, we are responding to the ever growing challenge of the global refugee crisis.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers go to Beatrix Maise Daphne Di Napoli who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will be for the deceased of the World Wars. There is a box to get your poppies at the back of the church.

Last Sunday's Collection: £511.01; 2nd coll : £94.22
This wks 2nd coll. is for The Retired Priests Fund

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Ken & Noelle; Our Lady's Lamp for the wellbeing of Amy Streeter.

GIFT AID - We recently received a cheque from the treasury for £4106.35. It was from Gift Aid. Taxpayers do not have to pay tax on money given to charity. The charity can claim back 25p for every £1 it receives. Thank you to those who 'Gift Aid.' If you do not do this but would like to please contact the Parish office or Bernard Regan.

FR SEAMUS STAPLETON, RIP

Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of dear Fr Seamus, the Parish Priest at Hastings. He had said the parish 10 am Mass last Sunday and didn't come out for the 11.30 Mass. He was found collapsed in the presbytery. He was only 45. Pray for his mother, siblings and the parish.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

There is no parish Mass Monday, 7th November. On Tuesday, 08 Nov, the priests of the deanery are meeting at St John the Baptist's, Kemp Town, to offer Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery. All are welcome.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
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
Sat 12 Nov	10.30 am	Racecourse	Catholaity Fair	
Wed 16 Nov	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 16 Nov	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: Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

CATHOLAITY FAIR – Saturday 12 November

This joyful and festive fair - run by the Catholic Parishes in Brighton and Hove - is on Saturday 12th November in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to support the parishes and organisations involved in this Deanery social and fund raising event. You can invite friends and it is an opportunity to meet people from our other local parishes. Our Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for Hands for Hope. Many thanks, from Chris Rodrigues.

CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOOR

The Holy Father has asked that Holy Doors, other than that of St Peter's Basilica in Rome, be closed on Sunday 13th November. Accordingly Bishop Richard will be celebrating Mass at Arundel Cathedral at 5 p.m. on that day. There were a great number of people gathered for the opening of the Holy Door, and Bishop Richard would like to extend an invitation to all to join him once again to mark the end of this great Jubilee Year of Mercy.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 26 November

Raffle tickets are available on the pews. Posters to display at home or in your car in the Church porch. There are a few stalls that still need volunteers. This weeks push: Chocolate for the chocolate tombola. Bottles for bottle tombola, no alcoholic soft drinks please. Red wine for the mulled wine stall. See separate newsletter in porch for more information

PARISH NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive the parish newsletter via email please send you email address to the parish office and you will be added to the (BCC) list.

VIDEO ON MASS 'AD ORIENTEM'

I encourage you to have a look at this 9 minute video on Youtube which provides a good explanation of the reasons and the fittingness of 'ad orientem' worship at Mass which we are having during the Novena for the Holy Souls and in preparation for Advent. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CWgpwZzeFI>

The bishop at the end puts it concisely and beautifully: "What's involved here is a recapturing of one essential element of liturgical celebration that from the earliest times has proved to be beneficial: that when the priest speaks for the congregation to God he faces God rather than the people."

Prayer "Don't Quit"

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit -
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow -
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down
How close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar,
So stick to the light when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit.
Don't Quit but turn to God.

CARDINAL CORMAC ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cardinal Cormac will be coming to Arundel Cathedral to celebrate a Mass on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee as a priest. It will be at 4 p.m., Sunday 27 November, followed by a reception. All are welcome.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

We received a thank you letter from Cafod for the £460.60 we recently raised for their Harvest Fast Day.

'THE ART OF DYING WELL'

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It is being launched this November - the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead. It can be found at 'www.artofdyingwell.org'. Prayer cards are in the porch.

A quote: "There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot, from that situation, create something that is surpassingly good. He did it at the Creation. He did it at the Cross. He is doing it today" [Handley C G Moule].

And finally ... Two men were talking. One of them asked his friend: "Have any of your childhood wishes come true?" His friend replied, "Yes. When my mother used to comb my hair I often wished I didn't have any."