

# 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 Sunday 01 February, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	31		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving, Angela McCulloch</i>
Sun	1	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: Mark 1:21-28	Parish Mass Book p. 132	12 noon <i>Sarah Rooke &amp; Sally Bedrick, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	2	<b><u>The Presentation of the Lord</u></b> , Feast		10.00 a.m. <i>Margaret McGoldrick, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	3		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	4		<b>[REQUIEM MASS]</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Trudy Wood, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	5	<i>St Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>M. McGlew, R.I.P.</i>
			[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr John Olliver, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	6	<i>St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Jim Wilson, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	7	<i>Saturday Morning Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	8	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	Parish Mass Book p. 134	12 noon <i>Mrs Angela Mathias, R.I.P.</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before 10 a.m. weekday Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

### THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

This year we are hearing readings from the gospel of Mark. Mark was Peter's travelling companion and many commentators think that when we hear the gospel of Mark we are in fact hearing Mark's recollection of Peter's preaching. We notice a certain bluntness and urgency in this gospel. Today we hear of two things which immediately struck the people about Jesus. The first thing was the authority with which he taught. His words had the ring of truth about them, like fog disappearing and giving way to crystal clarity. The second thing was the power he had to heal and free people from their afflictions. These are two things still available to us today. His words, when received and acted upon, are light and truth. Secondly, his healing power is still at work in the Sacraments, especially Confession. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### FROM THE SAINTS

"To live without faith, to have no heritage to uphold, to fail to struggle constantly to defend the truth: this is not living. It is scrapping by. We should never just scrape by, but really live" [*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*].

**"It is the duty of every man to uphold the dignity of every woman" [St John Paul II].**

Last Sunday's Collection: £547.86, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £87.39

### CANDLEMAS 'MASS' MONDAY EVENING

Down at St Mary Magdalene's, Upper North Street, this Monday evening at 7.30 pm there will be a Sung Mass (*Missa Cantata*) for the Feast of Candlemas. Coming 40 days after Christmas this feast, closes the Christmas season.

### CATHOLICISM - 'The Journey of a Lifetime'

This Thursday at 8 pm in the Cassidy Centre part 3 of the 'Catholicism' series produced by Fr Robert Barron will be shown. Newcomers welcome. The topic is 'The Ineffable Mystery of God.'

### SVP VISITS

If you know of anyone who would like regular visits from the SVP please let Fr Bruno or Luke Fernandes know.

### PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the Parish or have moved to a new address recently can you please fill out a parish registration form. Forms are in the Church porch.

## 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, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Thurs 5 Feb	8pm	Cassidy Centre	RCIA meeting: DVD 'Catholicism'	Fr Bruno
Sat 7 Feb	11 am	Church	Choir Practice	Charles Wookey
Sat 7 Feb	5.30pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation class	John Stone
Sun 8 Feb	9.30am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion class	Janet, (01273 552900)

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Dennis Palmer.

### **CALLING ALL SINGERS**

**St Mary's and St Thomas More choir practices - come and learn Mozart's Requiem.** The choirs will be singing from Mozart's requiem in a special liturgical service of music and readings on Good Friday evening at St Thomas More's church. Between now and Easter there will be a choir practice every week at St Marys at 11am on Saturday mornings. All singers welcome. For further information please contact Charles on [c.wookey@bopenworld.com](mailto:c.wookey@bopenworld.com)

### **HCPT Family Group 2010**

HCPT does wonderful work whereby small groups from different regions of the UK take young people, either with disabilities or from a disadvantaged background, on a fun-filled pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes at Easter. The young people travel free, assisted by fully-trained volunteer helpers of all ages who pay their own fare. If you know any young people or families who would benefit from this opportunity, please get in touch for further information. Contact : 07508038389 or email [hcptgroup210@gmail.com](mailto:hcptgroup210@gmail.com)

### **Brighton Voices in Exile**

Brighton Voices in Exile needs help to support 50 people, asylum seekers, migrants and refugees from the Middle East and elsewhere with food parcels, warm clothing etc. Find out more about what you could collect to help them by emailing [bvic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bvic@hotmail.co.uk)

### **CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MARRIAGE (1/5)**

Marriage was instituted by God, not invented by man (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n.1603). The Creator has built it into human nature, even into the human body, in its two complementary forms, male and female. 'Male and female He created them' (Gen.1: 27): man for woman, and woman for man, united in marriage as 'one flesh' for the procreation of new life: 'Be fruitful and multiply' (Gen. 1: 28).

God has given marriage its essential characteristics and proper laws: **unity** (one man married to one woman); **indissolubility** (nothing but death can end a marriage); and **openness to procreation** (in every act of physical love). No president or religious leader, no senate or synod, nor any government, has the authority to re-define marriage.

### **PRAYER ON THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'

### **'INTRODUCTION TO SILENCE' Retreat**

Ever wonder what it would be like to experience making a silent retreat? A short 'taster' 24 hr introductory session is being held Sat 7 (11am) - Sun 8 Feb. (2pm) at St Cuthman's. [St Cuthman's Retreat & Meeting Centre, Cowfold Road, Coolham, RH13 8QL]. See details in Church porch for more details.

### **INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT**

Tue 10 Feb. - Thur 12 Feb, Led by the St Cuthman's Team. See poster in porch for details.

### **YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

'Dying and Rising in Christ' 13 - 15 Feb. at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. Find here space to prepare for Lent and reflect on our journey of transformation in Christ. Contact: [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net) or call 01342 710318. See poster in porch for more details.

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 30 July - 7 Aug 2015. Application forms available from Fr. Bruno or can be downloaded from the Lourdes website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01403 740 110

### **A&B JUBILEE MASS REHEARSAL**

Tue. 10 Feb., 7 pm, there will be a rehearsal with Catherine Inwood at St Peter's, Portland Road for the new Mass setting for the diocesan Golden Jubilee.

### **Catholic English Bible Convention**

Come along with your friends and family and be part of world evangelization. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2-6pm, at St Philip Neri Catholic Church, New Town, High Street, Uckfield, TN22 5DJ.

### **WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE TOUR**

18 - 20 April, Simon Smith (01273 501152) from European Connoisseurs Travel, is organizing a Weekend tour to Belgium's WW I sites. Price from £235. See posters in porch for details.

### **Holiday accommodation needed**

A Catholic family of 3 need accommodation during school holidays, 1-31 Aug., 2015 - see notice in porch for details.