

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome to the parish

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 02 February 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 01		10.00 a.m. Margaret McGoldrick, R.I.P. 7.00 p.m. Private Intention
Sun 02	<b><u>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</u></b> <i>Gospel: Luke 2:22-40</i>	10.00 a.m. For the people of the Parish Midday Harry Hart, R.I.P.
Mon 03	<b><u>Mass in St Mary's House</u></b> St Blaise, Bp & M	8.15 a.m. -
Tue 04	<b><u>Mass in St Mary's House</u></b>	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 05	<b><u>Mass in St Mary's House</u></b> St Agatha, V & M	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 06	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	10.00 a.m. John McEvoy, R.I.P.
Fri 07	'First Friday' Mass of the Sacred Heart	10.00 a.m. Private Intention
Sat 08	Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 a.m. St Cuthman's Retreat Centre 7.00 p.m. Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.
Sun 09	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:13-16</i>	10.00 a.m. For the people of the Parish Midday Nicola Bezuidenhout (Nee Colburn), R.I.P.
Mon 10	<b><u>Requiem Mass</u></b>	10.00 a.m. Evelyn Bullock, R.I.P.

**There is Adoration before Mass Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.**  
**Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.**

### THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

This Sunday falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The Church on this day celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which replaces the prayers and readings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The Presentation, 40 days after the Nativity, traditionally concludes the celebration of Christmas. Old Simeon's prophecy referring to Jesus as 'a light to enlighten the pagans' sums up the Christmas theme of light coming into the darkness. I am away this Sunday but still I pray that God may bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### NEW PARISH SECRETARY REQUIRED

**The Parish of the Sacred Heart (Norton Road, Hove)** is seeking to appoint a new Parish Secretary to begin as soon as possible. This post will be for 12 hrs per week (3 mornings - Mon, Tues, Thurs) and will require suitable office and person skills and experience. If interested please request an Application Form and Job Description from The Parish Office 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF - 01273-732843 - [sacredheartrove@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartrove@gmail.com). **Closing date for applications is Wed 12 Feb.**

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

**£511.71**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

**£80.08**

### MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Daily Mass Monday to Wednesday will be down the road at St Mary's House (38 Preston Park Avenue).

### SUPPLY PRIEST THIS SUNDAY

Thank you to Fr Michael Jackson who will be saying the Sunday Masses at St Mary's this weekend.

### NEW 'CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY' STAND

There is a new wall mounted CTS stand in the porch. Do take time to have a browse. There are booklets on prayer, on various devotions, the saints and various other things. St Josemaria Escriva said, "An hour of study, for a modern apostle, is an hour of prayer". Additionally two good informative websites can be found by searching for 'Catholics come home' and 'Word on fire' a website set up by a Fr Robert Barron.

## **PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 03 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1)	Denis O'Sullivan
Mon 03 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> HC meeting	Charles Wookey
Sat 08 Feb	9.45-4.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Marriage Prep. Course	Marriage Care
Sat 08 Feb	After 10 am	Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Confessions for 1 <sup>st</sup> HC Children	
Sat 08 Feb	11.30 pm	Church	Baptism of Dominic James Price	
Sat 08 Feb	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation meeting	John Stone
Sun 09 Feb	Masses	Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Lourdes fund	
Mon 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (2)	Denis O'Sullivan
Wed 12 Feb	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 our prayers at this time: Ken Adsett, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Pat Sawyer, Fr Jeff Scott and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### **HOMELESSNESS COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who came and supported us last Sunday. There was a great response and we raised £150 for St Anne's Day Centre for homeless and lonely people. From Claire Shelton-Jones.

### **EVELYN BULLOCK, RIP**

Please keep in your prayers Evelyn who died recently, as well as Len, her husband who mourns her loss. They had been married 63 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 10 am. May she rest in peace.

### **WORDS FROM THE SAINTS**

"People ask me what advice I have for a married couple struggling in their relationship. I always answer: pray and forgive. And to young people from violent homes, I say: pray and forgive. And again, even to the single mother with no family support: pray and forgive" [Bl. Mother Teresa].

### **WORD STUDY: 'AMEN'**

*Amen* (Gk.): means "so be it", "so it is", or "truly". Behind it stands a Hebrew term that conveys a sense of firmness or reliability. The term "Amen" appears frequently in the OT, where it is pronounced to confirm a divine oath or curse, attest to the greatness of God, or express a prayerful wish. A double "Amen" concludes the first, second, and third divisions of the Psalter. In the NT, "Amen" is a liturgical response arising from the congregation in both the earthly and heavenly liturgies. It expresses a firm belief in God's revealed truth and often comes at the end of doxologies that extol his glory. To say "Amen" is to desire God's promises to be fulfilled and to trust that they will be. Christ is called the "Amen" because he embodies the reliability and covenant faithfulness of God. Jesus often uses this expression as an abbreviated oath formula to insist that his words are incontrovertible declarations of truth.

### **POEM 'ON A COLD BLEAK DAY'**

*The dawn was cold and bleak and grey  
As I took a walk in the woods that day.  
My thoughts unclear, my mind a whirl  
Rain on the leaves like beads of pearl.  
On I strode through bracken and fern  
Not really knowing which way to turn.  
Had God abandoned me? I felt alone -  
I was praying as I stumbled and kicked a stone;  
Then I noticed a flower in that deep dark wood  
And suddenly I understood.  
As I knelt to touch the tiny flower  
Growing alone in that dark green bower,  
My spirit soared, hope glimmered bright -  
I saw God's majesty in a snowdrop white.*

### **SERMON IN A SENTENCE**

"Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid" [Albert Schweitzer].

### **CALLED BY NAME - AN INVITATION TO ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS**

Deep Waters young adults group in Brighton invites you to explore the call of Christ in your life. Over the next 4 weeks we are offering sessions looking at vocation, discernment and mission - how we can discover our unique call in life. With guest speakers Deep Waters meets weekly on Thursday evenings from 7pm for supper, talks, prayer and friendship. All are welcome - St Joseph's Church Hall, Milton Road (off Elm Grove), Brighton. For more info email: [deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com](mailto:deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com)

### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 24 July - 01 August. Application forms are available in the porch, from Fr Bruno or from the Pilgrimage Office and can be downloaded from the Lourdes website: 'www.ablourdes.org.' Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180. If you are a nurse some funding is available.

### **NOURISHING OUR FAITH**

A good contemporary writer and teacher is Scott Hahn. A good book of his to begin with is 'The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as heaven on earth'. He also does audio tapes.