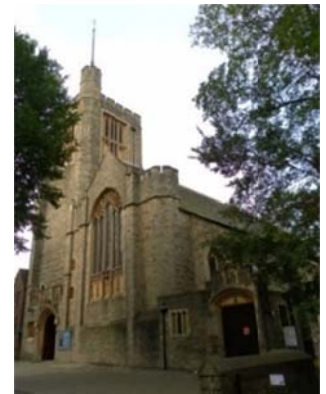


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 02 July, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	01 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Fr Patrick McMahon, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	02 <u>13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42 Parish Mass Book p.96	10 a.m. <i>Mr & Mrs Eaton</i> 12 noon <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i>
Mon	03 <i>St Thomas, Apostle, Feast</i>	10 a.m. <i>Michael Fitch, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	04 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	05 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	06 [Mass in the Extraordinary form]	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Fri	07 <i>First Friday – Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</i>	10 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Sr Anne</i>
Sat	08 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i>	10 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Bamin Family, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	09 <u>14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 Parish Mass Book p.99	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Mr Brett, R.I.P. (Joel Brett's Father)</i>

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

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

At Mass some of the prayers are always the same (called the 'common' of the Mass) and some are particular to the Mass of the day (called the 'propers' of the Mass). One of the propers for this Sunday is the opening prayer and it expresses both gratitude to God for what he has done for us and then adds a humble request for a help which we so need in our times: 'O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.' God always hears our prayers when we ask them humbly.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

We had many of our children who recently made their First Holy Communion and a good number of our young men and women who were confirmed by Bishop Richard. We have some certificates for them and they will be presented next Sunday, 9th July, at the end of both the 10 am Mass and the 12 noon Mass, depending on which Mass they usually come to.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Sr Anne (in hospital); **Our Lady's Lamp** for Families in the Parish.

Last weeks second collection 'Peters Pence' raised £83.80
Next weeks second collection will be for The Apostleship of the Sea or 'Sea Sunday' as it is known.

Fr Foley's Retirement Gift - After over 50 years of active service in the diocese Fr Foley, whose last parish was St John the Baptist's in Kemp town, has recently retired. He was also for many years the faithful chaplain at the Royal Sussex Hospital and his visits and giving of the sacraments touched many people whilst they were in hospital. If you would like to make a retirement gift for him please put it in a marked envelope in the collection plate or presbytery door. Cheques can be made payable to 'St Mary's' and we will make sure it gets to him. Catholic priest's do not have salaries and rely on donations and gifts from their people to support them. Each gift makes a difference. Thank you.

A & B NEWS - The July edition of our own (free) diocesan newspaper has arrived. Please help yourself to a copy which is in the church porch.

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
Wed 5 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11	www.smvclub.co.uk
Wed 19 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11 Last before hols	www.smvclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

Mary's Meals

At the families request a collection was made at Penny Gurowich's Requiem Mass which raised £228 for Mary's Meals. Thank you for this gift.

ST JOHN VIANNEY GROUP

A group for men, aged 18-45, who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place at 4pm on Sunday 9th July at The Priest's House, Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD. For more details contact Fr Con Foley on Tel: 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Couples for Christ are holding a European Mega Conference at the Brighton Centre, Brighton on 29th-30th July 2017. The theme for this year is 'Stand firm in the faith'. For more information please refer to their website www.couplesforchristuk.org/cfc-european-mega-conference

FOODBANK BOX – Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Each one is appreciated. Special items needed at present are rice, pasta sauces, tinned food fish / meat / fruit / beans / ravioli etc., and toiletries.

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio

www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio - why not tune in and enjoy features like prayers, interviews & music to appeal to a Catholic audience? Follow them at www.facebook.com/heavensroadfm or @HeavensRoadFM The radio is run on a shoestring by unpaid volunteers, so any donation, however small, would be very welcome.

PRESTON PARK PRESCHOOL – Based at St Mary's Church Hall. Spaces are available for Sept. 2017. If you are interested please contact Sally McLaughlin on 01273 557144 or prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk

'In order to be touched by the sufferings of others, we must first of all overcome our own self-love, and take our passions in hand. The heart that 'showeth mercy', which has pity for all human frailty and the generosity to come to it's aid, will experience a peace which does not change, a calm without cloud - almost, one might say, a participation in the divine unchangeableness' [from the book *Where Silence is Praise* by Dom Augustin

Saint Augustine's Prayer of the dead

'If you knew the gift of God and what heaven is. If you could hear the song of the angels from here and see me in the midst of them. If you could see unfolding before your eyes the horizons and eternal fields, the new paths where I walk!

If, for a moment, you could contemplate as I do the beauty before which all beauties pale. What? You saw me, you loved me in the country of shadows, and you could not see me or love me in the country of immutable realities! Believe me, when death comes to break your bonds as it broke those that chained me and when, on a day that God knows and that he has determined, your soul comes into this heaven where mine has preceded, on that day you will see me again, you will find my affection purified. God forbid that upon entering a happier life, unfaithful to the memories and the true joys of my other life, I became less loving. You will see me again, then, transfigured into ecstasy and happiness, no longer awaiting death, but advancing moment to moment with you into new paths of Light and Life. Wipe away your tears, and weep no more if you love me' [taken from the book *The Power of Silence* by Robert Cardinal Sarah, #180].

CELEBRATE BRIGHTON - 15-16 JULY 2017

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)

'Seek First His Kingdom' *Matt. 6:33*. Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young & old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Wide range of workshops, drama, praise & worship, speakers, opportunities for Confession plus Mass celebrated on both days. There will also be youth streams with their own activities & workshops. For more information go to www.celebrateconference.org/brighton or email celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com

CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

If you have missed the Arundel Cathedral visit then take a look www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation for some other alternatives near us. The National Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, will also be at St Mary's Our Lady of Reparation, 70 Wellesley Road, Croydon, from Friday 4th August 2017 to Sunday 6th August inclusive together with the relics of the new saints, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta. This Church is close to both West Croydon & East Croydon Stations, Bus station & the local Shopping Centre.

And finally ... An agnostic found himself in trouble and a friend suggested he pray. "How can I pray when I do not know whether or not there is a God?" he asked. "If you are lost in the forest," his friend replied, "you do not wait until you find someone before shouting for help."

Guillerand].

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.