

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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**All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to our church and to the parish**

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 02 November, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	01 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	02 <b>ALL SAINTS</b> ( <i>transferred from yesterday</i> )	10.00 a.m. <i>Mr and Mrs I. Morrison, R.I.P.</i>
	Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 Parish Mass Book p. 184	12 noon <i>Holy Souls</i>
Mon	03 <i>All Souls Day</i>	- -
Tue	04 <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	- -
Wed	05 <i>Feria</i>	- -
Thur	06 <i>Feria</i>	- -
Fri	07 <i>Feria</i>	- -
Sat	08 <i>Saturday Morning Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Roy Jones, R.I.P.</i>
	[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena – 1)</i>
Sun	09 <b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena – 2)</i>
	Gospel: John 2:13-22 Parish Mass Book p. 192	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.**  
**Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass.**

Last week's collections - 1<sup>st</sup>: £549.14, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £80.58  
 This week's special collection for 'Retired Priest's Fund'

### **ALL SAINTS DAY THIS SUNDAY**

I came across this commentary about today's feast which I thought explains today's feast very well: 'The Solemnity of All Saints, which we celebrate today, invites us to raise our gaze to Heaven and to meditate on the fullness of the divine life which awaits us. "We are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be" (1 Jn 3:2); with these words the Apostle John assures us of the reality of our profound relation to God, as too, of the certainty of our destiny. Like beloved children, therefore, we also receive the grace to support the trials of this earthly existence - the hunger and the thirst for justice, the misunderstandings, the persecutions (cf. Mt 5:3-11) - and, at the same time, we inherit what is promised in the Gospel Beatitudes. This holiness, imprinted in us by Christ himself, is the goal of Christian life. And we have a foretaste of the gift and the beauty of sanctity every time we participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy, the communion with the "great multitude" of holy souls, which in Heaven eternally acclaim the salvation of God and of the Lamb (cf. Rv 7:9-10).' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES, SUN 02 NOVEMBER**

The priests of the deanery will be at all the cemeteries in Brighton & Hove at 3 pm this Sunday, 02 November. If you have any family members or loved ones buried there do go and show the priest which grave to bless. Meet at the car parks where the priests will be waiting.

### **NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In November we traditionally pray and offer Mass for the dead. Between 08-16 November we will be offering a novena (nine consecutive days) of Masses for the Holy Souls. If you have any deceased loved ones you would like to be included in this novena please put their names into the little brown envelopes in the church and return it to the presbytery or to Fr Bruno. Those names will be placed at the foot of the altar during this Novena.

### **NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**

There will be no weekday Masses at St Mary's this week (03-07 November) as I shall be on retreat. St Mary's House (38 Preston Pk Ave.) have Mass daily at 8.15 am and St John the Baptist's and St Mary Magdalene's both have Mass at our usual time of 10am during the week.

*'Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?'- St. Gerard Majella*

## **PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 01273 506845
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 08 Nov	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Caspar Krakowski	

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Ann Chandler, Gladys Dillon, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill & Trudy Wood.

**PLEASE PRAY** for two of our dear parishioners who died this week, Mary O'Donnell and John Cullen. Mary's Requiem will be Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. May they rest in peace.

### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

May God keep in his care two of our parishioners who were baptised last Saturday: Chris Rutter and Jack Wells.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

The first meeting for parents of the First Holy Communion children will be Mon. 24 Nov., 8pm in the Cassidy Centre. The date for the FHC'c is Sun 21 June, 2015, 12 noon.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

With a view to recommissioning would you please pick up and fill in a form which you can find at the back of the church and return it to the presbytery.

**FOLLOW ME** - Exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. A day led by Fr Christopher Jamison, Sat. 15 Nov., 10-3.30pm at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. For details email: 'admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk' or phone 07975 845193. See flyers in porch.

### **CATHOLAITY FAIR - Sat 08 Nov. This Week**

This year's Catholaity Fair is at Hove Town Hall on Saturday 8th November from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for "Uganda Hands for Hope." If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery social event. Many stalls and refreshments available all day. Thanks to all who have taken Grand Draw tickets, could you please return all counterfoils and money by Sunday 2nd Nov. Many thanks for your support. Chris Rodrigues

### **Parish Christmas Fair Grand Draw:**

The Parish Grand Draw tickets are now available. Tickets are £1 a book - 1st prize £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 plus various other prizes.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 29 Nov., 11-3pm**

A special appeal this week for bottles for the tombola. Any size, non-alcoholic or alcoholic. New and unopened please. Also chocolate for the chocolate tombola. If we all bring one item of each we can easily stock both these stalls. Thank you, Eve, Tess, Nick & Vicky.

### **A SHORT PRAYER - to repeat often**

'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.'

### **REJOICE EVENING - Sat 08 Nov. This Week**

An evening of prayer, praise and Adoration, led by Joe Wells and David Matthews. Saturday 8th November, 7.30pm (tea & coffee from 7.00pm), Sacred Heart Parish Rooms, Norton Road Hove, BN3 3BF. Donations only. All welcome.

### **TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH - 11 November**

A coach will leave St Mary's at 10.30 on Armistice Day (11 Nov). Drop off at Gun Wharf Quay. Free time of 4-5 hrs to enjoy the many sights this historic city has to offer. Return St Mary's 1830. Seat confirmed with early payment of £23 to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

### **SENIORS CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

St Mary's Seniors Club invite you to join them at their Christmas lunch, **Tuesday 16 December**, 12 noon, in the Russell Room at the Royal Albion Hotel. Sherry, Turkey, Tinsel with all the trimmings (veg. option available), Coffee. £12 by Sunday 16 Nov. to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

### **PARISH RCIA COURSE STARTING SOON**

The parish RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be beginning Thursday 13 November, 8-9 pm, in the Cassidy Centre. The input, before discussion, will be based on the 'Catholicism' DVD series by Fr Robert Barron. All members of the parish are invited to join in viewing part 1 (of 10) of this series at this meeting.

### **TREK JORDAN**

One of our parishioners, Fran Playford, in thanksgiving for being in remission from cancer, recently trekked across the Jordanian desert to raise funds for the charities which helped save her life. Visit 'justgiving.com/Fran-Playford' to find out more and help support her work.

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

The Annual Carol service for St Mary's and St Thomas More's Parishes will be held in the Church at 6pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Any member of either parish who would like to join the choir for this event (especially those who have not been brave enough before) would be very welcome. **The first practice will be at 11am on Saturday 8 November.** Please contact Charles Wookey (01273 554954) or Elizabeth Dunn (507254) for further details.

### **AND FINALLY**

**Boy 1:** Somebody said you sounded like an owl.

**Boy 2:** Who?