

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 two weeks commencing Sunday 03 August, 2014

	<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat 02	[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fleet family</i>
Sun 03	18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21</i> Parish Mass Book p.111	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Gordon Macintosh, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 04	<i>St John Mary Vianney</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue 05	<i>Feria</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 06	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration</i> [Mass at St M's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur 07	<i>Feria</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Fri 08	<i>St Dominic</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Sat 09	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Gwen Marshall, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Sun 10	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matt. 14:22-33</i> Parish Mass Book p.114	10.00 a.m. <i>For the Intention of Peggy Stears</i> 12 noon <i>For those who died in the Wars</i>
Mon 11	<i>St Clare, Virgin</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (C. Needham)</i>
Tue 12	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the Intention of Tony Gormley</i>
Wed 13	<i>Feria</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur 14	<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr</i> [Vigil of the Assumption, Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Kathleen Byrne, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>For Families experiencing difficulties</i>
Fri 15	ASSUMPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY Mass book p.178 [HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION]	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7.30 p.m. <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Sat 16	<i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> [Nuptial Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 3 p.m. <i>Michael Hickey & Katherine Dantanus</i>
Sun 17	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matt. 15:21-28</i> Parish Mass Book p.117	[Vigil Mass] 7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>For the Intention of Niamh Storey</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am before weekday Mass.
Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

In the miracle of the loaves and fishes we see how God, the giver of all things, can do wonders when we give back to him what is ours. The world tells us the opposite - grab and accumulate here below what you can for yourself. The gospel instead tells us to be generous with what we have - our gifts, our time, our lives. At Mass we bring our small gifts - bread, wine, water - and offer them up to the Lord. They return to us as the Body and Blood of Jesus, the greatest of all gifts we can have. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£486.45

2nd COLLECTION - Day for Life

£206.31

[09/10 Aug - 2nd Coll. for 'Catholic Communications']

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

This feast of our Lady falls on the 15th August and is a **holy day of obligation**. Great graces are available on this day. There will be a vigil Mass (Low Mass) at 7pm on the 14th and then Masses at 10am and 7.30pm on the 15th.

WEEKDAY MASSES 4-8 AUGUST

This week Masses at St Mary's house as I am in Lourdes.

'Nothing created has ever been able to fill the heart of man. God alone can fill it infinitely' [St Thomas Aquinas].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 09 Aug	12 noon	Church	Baptisms of Aida & Sebastian O'Connell	
Sat 09 Aug	2 pm	Church	Baptism of Amelie D'Souza	
Thur 14 Aug	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parish SVP presentation meeting	
Sat 16 Aug	3 pm	Church	Wedding of Michael Hickey & Katherine Dantanus	

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, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Tony Gormley, Dick Morris & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2014/2015

These will all start again in the new school year. After the holidays registration forms will be available in the Church porch. **First Holy Communions** are generally for children in year 3 up. If you are in year 10 or above we would like to invite you to consider joining our **Confirmation** group. We are also planning to arrange an **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)** programme for non-baptized Adults or those baptized but not part of the Catholic Church who would like to become a part of the Church, the body of Christ. **Baptism** preparation sessions will also start again in September.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any of the young people who come regularly to Mass are always welcome to come and learn how to serve at Mass. This includes those who recently made their first Holy Communion. See Fr Bruno to register and then start.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Sisters of Grace and Compassion Benedictines are having a Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate 60 years of their work for the elderly at St Mary's House, 38/39 Preston Park Avenue. It will be on Thursday 28th August at 11 am. Cardinal Cormac and Bishop Kieran will be there and it would be lovely if some of the parishioners could come too. See the poster in the porch for details. R.S.V.P to the sisters on 01273 502129.

CATECHIST'S FORMATION DAY

Saturday 6th September 9.45am - 1.15pm at Sacred Heart, Hove. With David Wills, Adult Formation Adviser for the Diocese. Suitable for all catechists: new & seasoned. A chance to renew and refresh your catechesis for the coming year. The morning will explore how evangelisation is a foundation for catechesis, the guidance of Pope Francis to catechists and a look at some fresh methods for catechesis. Arrive at 9.45am for coffee & croissants, 10am start, Mass at noon, ending with lunch at 1.15. Please contact Lara 'lmsacredheart@gmail.com' to book your place. Please bring a packed lunch.

SVP PARISH MEETING

Thursday 14 August, 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre.

PRAYER FOR HOLIDAYS

'Loving Father, during this time of rest and relaxation, please repair in me whatever is weary or broken, and revive my drooping spirit. Let this vacation be a graced time of recollection and rejuvenation, of deeper self-awareness and eager self-giving. May it be an occasion of refreshment and reinvigoration - a time to reclaim my friendship with Jesus Christ, who is our Lord now and for ever. Amen.'

TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST

Summer Retreat for Young Adults @ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. 27th - 31st August 2014. Exploring monastic ways to discipleship, with talks from monks of Worth Abbey including Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, and members of The Wellspring Community. Cost: £120 (unwaged/student), £150 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net.

SUPPORTING A LOCAL CHILD

A little girl of 8, Niamh, who lives close to the Church, is quite sick and in need of our prayers and support. Please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/NiamhsFund> to find out more.

TEDDY LOOKING FOR A HOME

I have a huge "tatty ted" bear that I rescued from a children's day nursery as they no longer had room for him. He certainly lives up to his name (tatty ted) as he has been well loved over the years. He has been hoovered as no way could he fit into even a human's bath he is so large! If anyone would like to take him for say another day nursery or for some cause, please get in touch with me and I will make arrangements. Cathy - telephone 01273 56 44 31 - leave a message and I will get back to you.

FROM THE POPES

'Let us ask the Virgin Mary to teach us the secret of silence that becomes praise, of recollection that is conducive to meditation, of love for nature that blossoms in gratitude to God. Thus, we will more easily be able to welcome the light of the Truth into our hearts and practise it in freedom and love.'

AUGUST HOLIDAYS

Things are quieter in the parish this month. The Tuesday prayer group takes a break and newsletters will be fortnightly. There will also be no children's liturgy or tea and coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass.

'Jesus said to them, "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while." [Mark 6:31]