

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 05 February, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	04	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	05	<u>5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 Mass Book p.133	10.00 a.m. <i>Neil Gazley</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	06	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	07	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	08	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Ron Ayres, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs	09	[Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri	10	<i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John McDonald, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Susan Campbell, R.I.P.</i>
		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Douglas Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	12	<u>6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 Mass Book p.136	10.00 a.m. <i>Sr Anne</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</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 10 a.m. Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

We are continuing a reading of the Sermon on the Mount in our gospel today. More than just words which don't have any real effect for the better in us the Sermon on the Mount is a challenge given to us to reset our priorities and live in a new way. Today Jesus is calling us to be the 'salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world.' These elements describe the divine mission. Salt gives savour to food and preserves it from corruption. The role of the Christian is to bring out the best in others by leading them to Christ. And through our personal witness we are called to make the light of Christ shine in this world, a light which shows us the way from the darkness of sin to the splendour of Heaven. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Next Sunday we shall be having the visit of Fr Oliver Leavy, an experienced missionary from the St Patrick's Missionary Society. He will be preaching our annual Mission Appeal. The missions rely on these appeals to fund and make possible their work in bringing the Gospel to all corners of the earth. Fr Leavy has ministered in Grenada, Scotland, Nigeria and other countries and I hope we will all find his presence and sharing a gift and inspiration.

Last Sunday's Collection: £411.53, 2nd coll.: £85.27
 This week's 2nd coll. is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Frederick McKay; **Our Lady's Lamp** for Jeanne de Buyer. If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust Collection Feb 4/5th

The Pilgrimage Trust is an independent charity which manages our Diocesan Pilgrimage, and takes around 700 people each year to Lourdes, of whom around 140 are frail, elderly, disabled and sick. The trust receives no regular direct financial support from the Diocese but relies on volunteers and donations to enable it to pay for pilgrims who cannot afford the journey. This Sunday's retiring collection will be for this fund. This Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. There is a letter from the Holy Father written for this event copies of which are in the church porch for you to pick up.

John Finnie, R.I.P

Many people in the deanery will have known John Finnie, who sadly died last week. He was a much loved and respected teacher at Fitzherbert and Cardinal Newman. His Requiem mass will take place at St Peter's, Hove, at 11am Wednesday 8th February. May he rest in peace.

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 08 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth club	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 11 Feb	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Wren Jessica Evelyn-Hall	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Judy Harrison, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

A & B NEWS

The February edition of the diocesan newspaper, the A & B News, has arrived. Free copies available in the porch.

CAN YOU HELP?

The following request arrived this week in the parish email: **Genealogy search: Francis Ignatius Jukes.** I am conducting research on behalf of myself and my cousin Philip Jones. We would be happy to correspond with any relative or parishioner in your parish, who has an interest, in sharing knowledge of the Jukes/Wallace families of Greenwich (and Brighton). Many Thanks Julian Elphick. Contact: julian.elphick@gmail.com

'A DAY WITH MARY' - Will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 25 February, 2017. This year is very significant as it marks the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima. The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome. See poster in porch for further details.

'BEGINNING EXPERIENCE'

For single, separated, divorced or bereaved Catholics, these weekends help you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning and help you to face the future with renewed hope. Next weekend 17-19 March, West Wickham, Kent. The person to contact is: johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk. See poster in porch.

Preston Park Preschool - Active Kids Vouchers - It's that time of year again where Sainsbury's offer school vouchers for your purchases. If you shop at Sainsbury's, or have friends and family that do, please ask them to collect the vouchers for us. These vouchers really help in supplying equipment for our school and make a huge difference. The vouchers can be put in an envelope, through the presbytery door, marked preschool. Thank you in advance for all your support. Sally McLaughlin.

FROM THE SAINTS

'Mercy is the compassion in our hearts for another person's misery, a compassion which drives us to do what we can to help him' [St II-II, 30.1].

Wedding Congratulations

Please pray for Alexis Healy & Jordan Gardner who got married here on Saturday. We wish them every blessing and happiness for their future life together.

Prayer of Self-Offering

'Receive, Lord, my entire freedom.
Accept the whole of my memory,
my intellect and my will.
Whatever I have or possess,
it was you who gave it to me;
I restore it to you in full,
and I surrender it completely
to the guidance of your will.
Give me only love of you
together with your grace,
and I am rich enough
and ask for nothing more. Amen.'

EMPTY JAM JARS NEEDED

At the Christmas Fair you will have noticed a fabulous stall packed full of homemade marmalades and preserves. Most of these were kindly made by one of our parishioners, Maureen Ashing, with a lot of the fruit coming from her own garden. With Seville Oranges now coming into season she is in need of empty jars. If you have any empty jars please drop them into the church porch for Maureen. Thank you.

FOODBANK

We are a collection point for the local Hangleton Foodbank. You can leave your items in the box in the church porch. Church generally open every day.

WALSINGHAM MEN'S RETREAT

'Finding God in Daily Life' - Thur. 23 to Sun. 26 Feb, 2017. This guided retreat is for adult men, single or married, of any age. See poster / application form in porch or Fr Bruno if interested in going.

ADVERTISERS FOR THE A&B NEWS

If you have a business you may be interested in advertising in the diocesan monthly newspaper, the A & B News. See details in A&B News in the church porch.

And finally.... One day a group of scientists got together and concluded that since they could now do so much they no longer needed God. Their spokesman, turning to God, said: "God, we've decided that we no longer need You. We're at the point that we can even make people and do many things once considered impossible. We don't need you anymore. Thank you. You can go your way." After the scientist was done talking, God replied, "Oh, really? Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest to check this?" To which the scientist replied, "Ok!" God added, "Let's do this like I did back in the old days with Adam". The scientist said, "Sure, we can do that." He bent down and picked up a handful of dust. At this God said, "Hang on, get your own dust."

'God stoops down to our nothingness and transforms that nothingness into fire' [St Therese of Lisieux]