

# 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 06 July, 2014

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 05		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Joseph &amp; Mary O'Hara, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 06	<b><u>14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30</i> Parish Mass Book p.81		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 12 noon <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Mon 07	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Tue 08	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Wed 09	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur 10	<i>Week 14, Ordinary Time – Feria</i> [Traditional (Low) Mass, <i>pro defunctis</i> ]		10.00 a.m. <i>Victor &amp; Ida Bastiampillai, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Cybil Pamela Urqhart, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 11	<i>St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (Maura Lesser)</i>
Sat 12	<i>Saturday morning Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> [Vigil Mass]		10.00 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 13	<b><u>15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23</i> Parish Mass Book p.83		10.00 a.m. <i>Francois Raynaob, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>For the People of the Parish</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Thursday & Friday.**  
**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. & at call.**

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

**£518.54**  
**£158.51**

### THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

The Holy Father's Universal Intention is 'that all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all people.' His Evangelisation Intention is 'that Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.'

### THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

During this last week the Opening Prayer (the Collect) at Mass went like this: '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 baptism God has called each one of us to live as children of light. This is our common vocation as Christians. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "I have to enter many dark places. Rather than curse the darkness I carry a candle, the light of Christ." In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells us how pleasing to the Father is the guileless trust and simplicity of children. In our relation with God these are not qualities to grow out of but remain ever necessary. May the good God give us this grace and ever help us to seek what is good and not what is evil, to carry light wherever we go and live as children of the light. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### 'MAGNIFICAT' POCKET PRAYER BOOK

If you are not sure what to use for good spiritual reading I would recommend the small pocket missal/prayer book called 'Magnificat.' It is published monthly and has daily morning/evening/night prayer as well as all the readings for Mass with commentaries. There have been good recent articles on mothers and fathers who were saints, on credible witnesses and great conversion stories and also an ongoing series on how the Church has changed the world for the good. This last week I have had the time to read Pope Francis' Encyclical on faith, *Lumen Fidei*, as well as Victor Frankl's *Man's Search for meaning*. Again I would recommend both.

## 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	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038

### 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, Mary Connett, Verity Cross, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Rosalie Marsh, Tony, Dick Morris & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### GERARD STONE, RIP

Please keep in your prayers Gerard Stone, John's brother, who died earlier this week after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

We apologise for mentioning the 'C' word this early in the year, but the Homemade stall for the Christmas fair are already thinking about making jams, chutney's and minced meat. This can be very expensive so we are asking for donations of sugar, dried fruit, ground almonds and chopped mixed nuts. A box has been left in the porch for this. Thank you.

### A DAY WITH MARY - Saturday 12 July

This day will be at Arundel Cathedral, 10 am - 5.30 pm. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster in porch for more details.

### CANTERBURY COACH OUTING

Tuesday 22 July. Leave St Mary's 10.30 am, returning around 7 pm. Free time to visit historic Cathedral and/or take a punt ride on the River Stour. Seats limited: £23 secures. Contact David on 540038.

### HEAVEN'S ROAD FM CATHOLIC RADIO

Heaven's Road FM Catholic Radio is a new internet Radio broadcasting prayers, interviews and features to appeal to a Catholic audience. Based at St John's Seminary, Womersley, they also webcast up to 40 Masses daily and have 200+ podcasts available. Further information at [www.heavensroadfm.com/vols](http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols).

### INFORMING YOUR FAITH

[www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk) offer a useful service too.

### GRANDPARENTS ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Grandparents Pilgrimage will take place Saturday 12 July, 11-5 pm at Aylesford Priory in Kent. There will be family activities, face painting, bouncy castle, etc. this will also include Eucharistic and Rosary devotions and a Mass with Bishop Kieran and Bishop John Hine. For more information contact Katherine Bergin: 01293 651152 or 'katherine.bergin@dabnet.org.'

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*'My Jesus,*

*I believe that you*

*are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things,*

*and I desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment*

*receive you sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there*

*and unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.'*

[St Alphonsus Liguori]

### DOES CREATED BEAUTY REFLECT DIVINE BEAUTY?

'Leave, then, the prison of your own reasonings, leave the town, the work of man, the haunt of sin; go forth, my Brethren, far from the tents of Cedar and the slime of Babylon: with the patriarch go forth to meditate in the field, and from the splendors of the work imagine the unimaginable glory of the Architect. Mount some bold eminence, and look back, when the sun is high and full upon the earth, when mountains, cliffs, and sea rise up before you like a brilliant pageant, with outlines noble and graceful, and tints and shadows soft, clear, and harmonious, giving depth, and unity to the whole; and then go through the forest, or fruitful field, or along meadow and stream, and listen to the distant country sounds, and drink in the fragrant air which is poured around you in spring or summer; or go among the gardens, and delight your senses with the grace and splendour, and the various sweetness of the flowers you find there; then think of the almost mysterious influence upon the mind of particular scents, or the emotion which some gentle, peaceful strain excites in us, or how soul and body are rapt and carried away captive by the concord of musical sounds, when the ear is open to their power; and then, when you have ranged through sights, and sounds, and odors, and your heart kindles, and your voice is full of praise and worship, reflect - not that they tell you nothing of their Maker - but that they are the poorest and dimmest glimmerings of His glory, and the very refuse of His exuberant riches, and but the dusky smoke which precedes the flame, compared with Him Who made them. Such is the Creator in His Eternal Uncreated Beauty, that, were it given to us to behold it, we should die of very rapture at the sight' [J.H. Newman, Discourse: "The Mystery of Divine Condescension,"].

'The price of freedom is perpetual vigilance.'