

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 September, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	05	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	06	<u>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: Mk 7:31-37 Mass Book p.129	10.00 a.m. <i>Billy Bamin, R.I.P</i> 12 noon <i>William Aston, R.I.P</i>
Mon	07	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>The Bamin Family</i>
Tue	08	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	09	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Peggy Stears, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs	10	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Brian O'Sullivan, R.I.P</i>
		Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m. <i>For Armando, In Thanksgiving</i>
Fri	11	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Monica McLaughlan, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	12	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Najib Anthony, R.I.P.</i>
		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (A McCulloch)</i>
Sun	13	<u>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: Mark 8:27-35 Mass Book p.132	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo</i> 12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

In today's gospel reading we hear of Jesus curing the deaf and dumb man. He opens the man's ears and loosens his tongue. Not only is he physically healed but far more importantly the man is now able to hear and tell the good news of salvation which Jesus brings: 'Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life!' We too need Jesus as much as that man in the gospel to come to us, to heal us by his touch and to guide us in the path of true life. 'Lord Jesus, I ask you to come to me, to open my ears to hear you, to touch my heart to love you and my neighbour and to loosen my tongue that I may praise your name all the days of my life.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Richard will be giving us his first pastoral letter this Sunday at Mass (via CD). Paper copies are available in the porch for you to take home.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

The next preparation evening for parents who wish to present a child for baptism is this Friday, 11 September 7-7.45pm, in the Cassidy Centre.

30th Aug Coll: £546.12, 2nd Coll: £82.53

2nd collection this week will be for 'The Seminary Fund'

PARISH TABLE-TOP SALE & BARBEQUE

Next Sunday (13 Sept) the parish SVP group are arranging a Table-Top sale and Barbeque in the parish garden. The Table-Top sale in the hall (selling only children's clothes, toys & books) will start at 11am. £10 will buy you a table - paid in advance in an envelope with name and tel. number to be given in 2nd collection plate or to Luke Fernandes. This sale will allow parents to exchange their unwanted clothes, books and toys into money to then use as they wish. BBQ to start from 12.30pm. All are invited. See posters in porch.

Notice - Application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation & RCIA are available from the Church porch.

QUOTE - 'Today we can illuminate our cities so brightly that the stars of the sky are no longer visible. Is this not an image of the problems caused by our version of the enlightenment? With regard to material things, our knowledge and our technical accomplishments are legion, but what reaches beyond, the things of God and the question of good, we can no longer identify' [Benedict xvi].

It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy

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 9 Sept	8.30 pm	12, Bavant Rd	Social Concerns Group Meeting	Liz Woodhead, 01273 556899
Fri 11 Sept	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation for parents	Fr Bruno
Sat 12 Sept	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Conor O'Sullivan	
Wed 16 Sept	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting, followed by lunch	Luke Fernandes

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt & Terry Rodrigues.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MONICA MCLAUHLAN

This Friday 11th Sept., 10 am, at St John the Baptist's. Please keep her family and sisters in your prayers.

Message From our Bishop, Richard Moth

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or by post send postcards, copies of which can be found in the porch.

SVP Notices: Boxes to be collected this Sunday,

Mass for the sick & housebound – Sat 3rd October 2pm
If you, or you know someone, who would like to come please contact either Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or the Parish Office to arrange transport if needed. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

This Bible study and prayer group is led by Luke Fernandes and meets Tuesdays 3-4 pm in the Cassidy Centre and is happy to welcome new parishioners.

SENIORS CLUB

This long running club run by David Alfred meets on Thursdays, 2-4 pm, in the Cassidy Centre. It is a pleasant social gathering and is happy to welcome new members. Just come along and you will be made welcome.

BAPTISMAL GARMENT / SHAWL

Baptisms are a joyful and regular part of our parish life. It has happened on a number of recent occasions that the parents have forgotten to bring along a white baptismal shawl / garment to place over the child during the ceremony. Is there anyone who has one they would be happy to donate to the parish which we could use on these occasions? Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – less than 12 weeks now!

Many thanks for all the wonderful sugar. Now could we ask for any dried fruit and most importantly some JAM JARS! Please put them in the box in the porch. Thankyou. **PLUS** We need Lots and Lots of Bottles for our Bottle Tombola! Please hand these in to someone you know or to Beryl Cheeseman 01273 556275

"If literature teaches us anything at all, it is this: that we have in us an eternal element" [JRR Tolkien]

A PRAYER 'O MOTHER MINE'

When I'm troubled and lost
I know your love will follow me still.
When I'm distressed, weak and sick
I know whose tears will come down to me.
O Mother of mine!
I know your love and prayers
Will make me whole.
When I'm lonely and confused,
I know your blessing will help me
Set things right.
O my loving Mother,
My confidence – I love you,
Make me love you
More and more. [Sr Mary Rose Coronna, OCD]

TOWERS CONVENT TRIP- 20th September

A Parish visit to the Towers Convent leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm on Sunday 20th September, returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Benediction. Call David Alfred for further details on 01273 540038.

COFFEE MORNING – Sunday 20th September

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of Uganda Hands For Hope. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc. to the hall before Mass. Many thanks from The Social Concerns Group

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Royal Albion Hotel will this year be on Tuesday 15 Dec. from 12 noon. Sherry, Turkey, with all the trimmings for £13, including tip (Vegetarian option available). Early payment to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

A & B News: Free Copies of the latest A & B News including reports and pictures of the recent pilgrimage to Lourdes are available in the porch.

LOCAL FOODBANKS

If you have any (non immediately perishable) food which you would like to donate to the local foodbanks (or to some of the people in need who come to the presbytery door) please leave the food in a bag in the church porch and it will be collected and distributed.

And finally: A teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She asked one little girl who was working very diligently what she was drawing. The little girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But nobody knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."