

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 week commencing Sunday 07 September, 2014

Mass proper		Intention
Sat	06 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	07 <u>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20</i> Parish Mass Book p.125	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>William Aston, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	08 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John Cullen's wellbeing</i>
Tue	09 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Special Intention (TL)</i>
Wed	10 <i>Feria</i>	-
Thur	11 <i>Feria</i> [Low Mass in the Extraordinary form]	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>For all the victims of Abortion</i>
Fri	12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (C. Needham)</i>
Sat	13 <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> [HCPT Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 3.00 p.m. -
		7.00 p.m. <i>Harry & Verity Cross, In Thanksgiving</i>
Sun	14 <u>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</u> <i>Gospel: John 3:13-17</i> Parish Mass Book p.181	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday morning Mass.
Mass at 8.15 a.m. Mon-Sat (not Wed. this week) at St Mary's House, 38 Preston Park Avenue.
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.

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

The response in today's psalm is, 'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.' The first Christians considered a hard impervious heart to be the worst character trait of the pagans. If a heart is hard the word of God and his healing grace cannot enter. Spiritual teachers often say that the only way God can get into such a heart is through some trial or suffering. If we turn to God in these moments he is able to enter and heal us. A Cross thus becomes life-giving just as Jesus' Cross is the source of all grace for mankind. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

THE VATICAN CRICKET TEAM

The Vatican Cricket team, called 'St Peter's,' will be at our 10am Mass next Sunday before an afternoon 20/20 Cricket Match in Preston Park. Pray for sunshine!

Last week's collections: 1st: £460.95, 2nd: £99.55
 Next week 2nd collection for 'Racial justice Sunday'

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Could it be for you?

We are all on a 'journey of faith' which is unique and personal and which is greatly enriched when we come together and learn with others. Maybe you are a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to Church and feel drawn to become Catholic and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Maybe your roots are in another religion or none. Maybe you were baptised but never confirmed. In October we will begin an RCIA programme where we will be able to learn more about our faith. If you are interested in being part of this fill in the application slip on the back of this newsletter.

"All that we call human history ... [is] the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." [C.S.Lewis]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 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
Wed 10 Sept	All day	Outside Church	Pigeon protection being installed	
Wed 10 Sept	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	Peter McDermott, 550187
Wed 17 Sept	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 st Parish SVP Meeting, All welcome	

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

SUNDAY COFFEE

We are back to Coffee and Chat after the mass at 10.00am this Sunday 7th September. We have teams for the first, second and fourth Sundays of the month. We are looking for two new teams for the 3rd Sunday and the occasional 5th Sunday. Please give me a ring on 07740 177556 or email lizwoodhead@allcomm.co.uk and I will set up a new rota. Many thanks, Liz.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP

Next meeting Wednesday 10th September 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome.

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW

October is the month for the annual "GRAND DRAW" of the 100 club. Now is the best time to join. £30 annual subs and you are included in the monthly draw: £50/£30/£20 for 11 months but £200 1st prize, £150, 2nd, £50, 3rd in October! Join by 17th October to be entered in this year's grand draw. Contact Mary Cornelius on 558812

55 YEARS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Next Saturday Evening Mass (13th) the intention is for Harry & Verity Cross in thanksgiving for their recent 55th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations and God bless you!

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leonardo Brucculeri who was baptised this Saturday. If you are looking for your child to be baptised pick up a form in the porch and the next **Baptism preparation session** for parents will be Mon 22 Sept. at 8pm in the Cassidy Centre

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'It is better for a man to confess his sins than to harden his heart' [Pope St Clement I].

WORDS WORTH REMEMBERING by Fred Rogers

'When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." To this day, especially in times of "disaster," I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers - so many caring people in this world.'

PRAYER FOUND IN AN OLD CHURCH

'You have come into this house where God lives. Whoever you are, he welcomes you, with your gladness and your sadness, with your successes and your failures, your hopes and disappointments. Be welcome. Before you, others have loved this place, helped to build it and make it beautiful, and they have prayed here. Respect it. Be silent. If you believe, pray. If you are seeking, look. If you are doubting, ask for light. If you are joyful, give thanks to God, and may your happiness continue. In this house you may meet others and be able to pray with them. May your stay in this place remain in your heart. Whoever you are, he welcomes you. Welcome him too.'

TRIP TO THE TOWERS CONVENT

A coach will leave St Mary's for the Convent in Upper Beeding 1430 next Sunday, 14 September. After a drive through the countryside there will be Tea followed by Benediction. Return to St Mary's 1830. Let Fr Bruno or David Alfred (540038) know if you would like to come.

QUOTE

'During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act' [George Orwell].

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of the programs preparing for the sacraments next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box.

NAME:

AGE/SCHOOL YEAR:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE NO:

I wish to enrol for preparation for:
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

ADULT BAPTISM/RECEPTION

Signed: