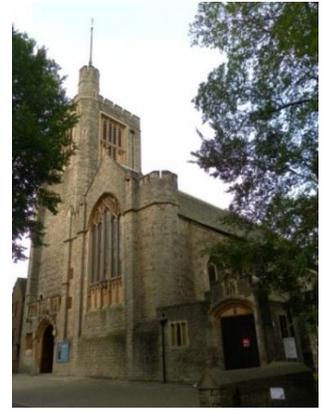


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 08 February, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	7 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P</i>
Sun	8 <b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Parish Mass Book p. 134	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Mrs Angela Mathias, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	9 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Susan Campbell, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	10 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	11 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	12 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Fri	13 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Sat	14 <i>SS Cyril and Methodius, Bishops</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Reginald Clancy, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Conrad Emmanuel Vance, R.I.P</i>
Sun	15 <b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 Parish Mass Book p. 137	10.00 a.m. <i>Hugh Hartnell, R.I.P.</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**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before 10 a.m. Monday Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

### THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

One of the things we hear in today's gospel is how 'in the morning, long before dawn, Jesus got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.' We glimpse here some of the mystery of Jesus' love and relationship with the Father. Persons who love each other desire to be together and make time to be alone with each other. Prayer is an essential part of our lives as Christians, to be in the loving presence of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. If we are too busy to pray, we are too busy. If we are not praying something is not right in the way we are living our lives. Next week Lent begins. This is always a time when we take up some spiritual exercise which does us good. If prayer has been squeezed out of your days use Lent to find 15 minutes a day to 'go off to a lonely place and pray.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### WEEKDAY MASSES 11-17 FEBRUARY

Fr Bruno shall be away 11-17 February visiting his new niece. Weekday Masses during this time are at 8.15 am at St Mary's House, or 10 am at St Mary Magdalene's or St John the Baptist's. Weekday Masses start again here Ash Wednesday, 18 Feb., with Masses at 10 am and 7 pm.

Last Sunday's Collection: £481.39, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £103.18 (CES).  
 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next week for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.  
 Gift Aid envelopes available in church porch.

### LENT IS COMING – Ash Wednesday, 18 February

We are called to take up three things during this holy season, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Something to help with prayer is the '*Walk With Me*' Booklet. It will be available today (£1) on sale after Mass. This popular prayer booklet guides you & your family on a Lenten journey of prayer. Lenten calendar's for children also available.

### CHURCH HEATING

For a few weeks the heating in the church has not been working properly. We have had the radiators, the fan heaters and the thermostats checked. This Thursday engineers are coming to look at the boilers. Until then keep wrapped up and offer it up to the Lord.

### SVP VISITS

If you know of anyone who would like regular visits from the SVP please let Fr Bruno or Luke Fernandes know.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 11 Feb	7.30-9pm	Cassidy Centre	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Thurs 12Feb	8pm		RCIA meeting	Eve Morrison
Sat 14 Feb	11am	Church	Choir Practice	Charles Wookey
Mon 16 Feb	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. Meeting	Janet Forte / Charles Wookey

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLaughlan & Dennis Palmer.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY ( R, Yr 1 & Yr 2 )

Thank you to all the parents who regularly *volunteer* with a smile to run children's liturgy every week. As a community we do rely on a spirit of reciprocity. If your children attend the liturgy sessions you are expected to help out. There are sheets for you to sign up in the church porch and a helper sheet. Attendance isn't an issue and if everyone contributes no one will need to do it more than twice a year. If you would like to do it with someone the first time please let us know - we can help! I am intending to step down at the end of this term, so if anyone is interested in taking this on, please see either me or Father Bruno. Thanks. Emma (07710 539 850)

### CAFOD: "Call of Creation" – 18<sup>th</sup> February

An evening of discussion & reflection on God's call to good stewardship of creation and our response. Martin Brown from CAFOD will lead this based on the teaching of The Bishops' conference of England & Wales. Starts 7.30pm on Wed., 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. St Joseph's Church Hall, Milton Road, Brighton, BN2 9TR. Refreshments will be served. The event is free & open to all.

### WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATIVE TOUR

18 - 20 April, Simon Smith (01273 501152) from St John's, Knoyle Road, is organizing a Weekend tour to Belgium's WW I sites. Price from £235. See posters in porch for details.

### HISTORIC WINCHESTER – Coach trip

Enjoy a day visiting Historic Winchester. Coach trip on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Few seats available at £28 - see Fr Bruno or call David Alfred on 540038 to book your seat.

### CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MARRIAGE (2/5)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, raised marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament. The marriage of a Christian man and woman is a sacramental sign of His union with His Church (cf. Eph. 5: 32). Since the union of Christ with the Church, His Bride, cannot be dissolved, no power on earth, not even the Pope himself, can dissolve the valid sacramental marriage, once consummated, of a Christian man and woman. "Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder" (Mt. 19: 6).

### PRAYER 'THE DIFFERENCE' [Grace Naessens]

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me,  
and heavier came each task,  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
but the day toiled on grey and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me;  
He said, "But you didn't seek."  
I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock;  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child you didn't knock."  
I woke up early this morning,  
and paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.*

### SING MOZART'S REQUIEM

It is not too late to join singers from St Mary's and St Thomas More's to learn this polyphony. Simply come along to the practices Saturday morning, 11 am in St Mary's. For further information please contact Charles on [c.wookev@btopenworld.com](mailto:c.wookev@btopenworld.com)

### YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

'Dying and Rising in Christ' 13 - 15 Feb. at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. Find here space to prepare for Lent and reflect on our journey of transformation in Christ. Contact: [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net) or call 01342 710318. See poster in porch for more details.

### Catholic English Bible Convention

Come along with your friends and family and be part of world evangelization. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2-6pm, at St Philip Neri Catholic Church, New Town, High Street, Uckfield, TN22 5DJ.

### WOMENS WEEKEND RETREAT

13-15 Feb. 2015 at Brentwood. A fantastic affirming & faith building retreat for women only. Come to know God's amazing love for you. Poster & enrolment form available in the porch.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SAINTS

St Bernadette of Lourdes was not initially believed, even by her priest and bishop. This is what she once told them: "I have not been charged with making you believe me, only with telling you what I have seen and heard."