

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 09 February 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 08		7.00 p.m. <i>Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 09	<u>5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:13-16</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Nicola Bezuidenhout (Nee Colburn), R.I.P.</i>
Mon 10	Requiem Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Evelyn Bullock, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes, (World day of the sick)</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Susan Campbell, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 12	<u>Mass at St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 13	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 14	<i>Sts Cyril & Methodius, Co-Patrons of Europe</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Liz Gaufield, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 15	<i>Saturday Votive Mass of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the sick & housebound of the Parish</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 16	<u>6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:17-37</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Michael Welch, R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration 8.50 – 9.50 am Thursday before Mass
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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

We are in a period of five Sundays now where we are hearing Our Lord's 'Sermon on the Mount' (Matt 5-7). His hearers heard it in one go but we will only hear small sections at a time. More than just words which don't really change us the Sermon on the Mount is a challenge to us to reset our priorities and live in a new way. Ultimately he is calling us to leave behind our own ways and the ways of the world and to follow him. Today our Lord is calling us to be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". Just as salt brings out the full flavour of food so Jesus reveals to us the full meaning of human existence. He is the light of the world and when we follow him and act with love for him and our neighbour we enter into true life and by our good actions help to reveal his light to the world. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

POPES PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS MONTH

'That priests, religious and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization' (Missionary intention).
 'That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people' (General intention).

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£539.44

2nd COLLECTION

£66.86

FR JEFFREY HAYDN SCOTT, RIP

Fr Jeff died peacefully last Monday, 3rd February. Please pray for him, for the repose of his soul. Ordained a priest in 1979 twice he served in this parish - first as a curate from 1981, then as your Parish Priest from 1992 to 1997. His funeral Mass will be on Monday 17 February, at 11.30 am, at St Dunstan's, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, GU22 7DT. Please pray also for more vocations to the priesthood.

DIOCESAN LOURDES FUND COLLECTION

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most important events in the year for the diocese and in particular for the Pilgrims who go - especially the helpers and the sick. A good number of these are unable to come up with the full cost for this so the diocese is happy to help fund them. This help comes primarily from this Sunday's 2nd collection, so please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (2)	Denis O'Sullivan
Tue 11 Feb	11.15 am	Cassidy Centre	Deanery meeting	
Wed 12 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club (Yrs 7-11)	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 15 Feb	12 noon	Church	Baptisms of Isabella & Amelia Thomas	
Sat 22 Feb	7.30 pm	Sacred Heart, Hove	Rejoice evening	See poster in the porch

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsett, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bernard Regan, Pat Sawyer and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

NEW PARISH SECRETARY REQUIRED

The Parish of the Sacred Heart (Norton Road, Hove) is seeking to appoint a new Parish Secretary to begin as soon as possible. This post will be for 12 hrs per week (3 mornings - Mon, Tues, Thurs) and will require suitable office and person skills and experience. If interested please request an Application Form and Job Description from The Parish Office 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF - 01273-732843 - sacredheartrove@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is Wed 12 Feb.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

"I see now that true charity consists in bearing with the faults of those about us, never being surprised at their weaknesses, but edified at the least sign of virtue. I see above all that charity must not remain hidden in the bottom of our hearts: 'nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it gives light to all the house.' It seems to me that this lamp is the symbol of charity; it must shine out not only to cheer up those we love best but all in the house" [St Therese of Lisieux, *The story of a soul*].

MESSAGE FOR 'WORLD DAY OF THE SICK'

The annual feast of Our Lady of Lourdes falls on the 11th February. This is the day Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette. This is also the day the Church has chosen as the 'World day of the Sick'. The Pope has given a message for this day which can be found at 'www.vatican.va'. He begins by addressing the sick and saying "the Church sees in you, dear sick people, the special presence of the suffering Christ" and he goes on to say that it is God himself who gives us the strength to face each adversity united to him. He goes on to say that suffering and death remain with us but that God the Son has taken them upon himself and transformed them. With him they now no longer have the last word. All Christians should make their own lives a gift to others out of love for God. Our approach to others should always be one of tenderness and charity. Finally he reminds us of Our Lady, the mother of God and our mother who is always attentive to the will of God and to the needs and difficulties of his children.

PRAYER 'FOR AN END TO STORMS'

O God, to whose commands all the elements give obedience, we humbly entreat you, that the stilling of fearsome storms may turn a powerful menace into an occasion for us to praise you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ALL 100 CLUB MEMBERS

- 1) If you are happy to be contacted by email please send your email address to 'stmarysprestonpark@yahoo.co.uk'. This helps to protect the environment and keep costs low.
- 2) Gentle reminder: Renewals are now due for Feb., some outstanding for January. Please send cheques - payable to 'St Mary's Church' - to the parish office. Thank you.

REJOICE EVENING

Saturday 22nd February, 7.30pm (tea & coffee from 7.00pm), Sacred Heart Parish Rooms, Norton Road Hove, BN3 3BF. Guest speaker David Matthews, a well known Catholic speaker on scripture; praise & worship; prayer ministry. Donations only. All welcome.

CHILWORTH ABBEY DAY OF PRAYER

Chilworth Abbey are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing, on Sat 15th Feb, around the Divine Mercy Devotion, from 10.20 - 4.30. Speakers include Fr Keith Barltrop and Fr Erik Kapala. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10.50 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Blackheath, Nr Guidford, GU4 8QR

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 24 July - 01 August. Application forms are available in the porch and can be downloaded from the Lourdes website: 'www.ablourdes.org.' Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180. If you are a nurse some funding is available.

NEW 'PARISH MASS BOOK'

Next week we come to our last batch of 'Missalettes', those little Mass sheets with the prayers and readings for the Sunday Mass. They will be replaced by the 'Parish Mass Book' which is more durable and which has all the same prayers as well as many other useful texts

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness".