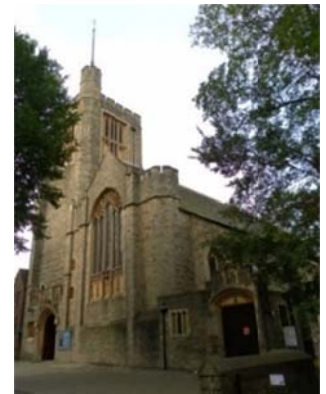


St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 09 July, 2017

		<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat	08	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>The deceased of the Bamin Family</i>
Sun	09	<u>14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 Parish Mass Book p.99	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Joseph Brett, R.I.P. (Joel Brett's Father)</i>
Mon	10	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>The deceased of the Bamin Family</i>
Tue	11	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	12	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Sr Anne</i>
Thur	13	[Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	7 p.m. <i>Cybil Pamela Urquhart, R.I.P. (Anniv)</i>
Fri	14	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Michael Stone, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	15	<i>St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> Wedding Service	10 a.m. <i>For the victims of Abortion</i> 12 noon <i>Steven Teague & Eimear Bradley</i>
		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	16	<u>15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 Parish Mass Book p.102	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Holy Souls</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning's 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 SUNDAY

Today's gospel passage is a real jewel as it is the first recorded instance of Jesus himself addressing God as "Father" in a prayer. It shows him to know God and to have received everything from him and Jesus declares that he will reveal God to us if we are humble in heart. Whereas unbelievers sadden him, Jesus is heartened by those who accept him - simple, humble people who do not trust to their own wisdom, and do not consider themselves to be wise and understanding. In the part about taking up the Lord's 'easy' yoke and 'light burden' St Augustine gives this vivid commentary: 'Any other burden oppresses and crushes you, but Christ's actually takes weight off you. Any other burden weighs down, but Christ's gives you wings. If you take a bird's wings away, you might seem to be taking weight off it, but the more weight you take off, the more you tie it down to the earth. There it is on the ground, and you want to relieve it of a weight; give it back the weight of its wings and you will see how it flies.' It is with the Lord and following his way that we find the 'lightness', joy and freedom that is so desired. We pray this Sunday that the joy of the gospel may be something that all our young people and families may experience. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the sick and housebound of the parish; **Our Lady's Lamp** is burning for Charlie Gard.

This weeks second collection is for The Apostleship of the Sea or 'Sea Sunday' as it is known. The Apostleship of the Sea provides spiritual & welfare support for seafarers visiting Great Britain. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people (over one million seafarers arrive in our ports each year), many of whom are Catholic.

A WELCOME BACK TO FR SLAWEK

Fr Slawek Jeziorski (from Poland), who was with us back in March, is returning to be in the parish from next weekend until the beginning of August. He will be helping out with Masses and Confessions for which I am most grateful. Please give him a kindly welcome and if you can do invite him over for a meal so that he can get to know some of us. Alternatively home cooked food delivered to the presbytery is always greatly appreciated by us non-cooks!

A & B NEWS - The July edition of our own (free) diocesan newspaper has arrived. Please help yourself to a copy which is in the church porch.

"One obtains from God as much as one hopes for" St Therese of Lisieux

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
Sat 15 July	12 noon	Church -Wedding	Steven Teague & Eimear Bradley	
Wed 19 July	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 19 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11 Last before hols	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

A Prayer [*St Ignatius Loyola*]

‘Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen’

Fr Foley’s Retirement Gift - After over 50 years of active service in the diocese Fr Foley, whose last parish was St John the Baptist’s in Kemp town, has recently retired. He was also for many years the faithful chaplain at the Royal Sussex Hospital and his visits and giving of the sacraments touched many people whilst they were in hospital. If you would like to make a retirement gift for him please put it in a marked envelope in the collection plate or presbytery door. There are some pre-labelled envelopes in the church porch. Cheques can be made payable to ‘St Mary’s’ and we will make sure it gets to him. Catholic priest’s do not have salaries and rely on donations and gifts from their people to support them. Each gift makes a difference. Thank you.

CELEBRATE BRIGHTON - 15-16 JULY 2017

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)
‘Seek First His Kingdom’ *Matt. 6:33*. Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young & old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Wide range of workshops, drama, praise & worship, speakers, opportunities for Confession plus Mass celebrated on both days. There will also be youth streams with their own activities & workshops. For more information go to www.celebrateconference.org/brighton or email celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com

CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

If you have missed the Arundel Cathedral visit then take a look www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation for some other alternatives near us. The National Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, will also be at St Mary’s Our Lady of Reparation, 70 Wellesley Road, Croydon, from Friday 4th August 2017 to Sunday 6th August inclusive together with the relics of the new saints, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta. This Church is close to both West Croydon & East Croydon Stations, Bus station & the local Shopping Centre.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Couples for Christ are holding a European Mega Conference at the Brighton Centre, Brighton on 29th-30th July 2017. The theme for this year is ‘Stand firm in the faith’. For more information please refer to their website www.couplesforchristuk.org/cfc-european-mega-conference

FOODBANK BOX – Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Each one is appreciated. Special items needed at present are rice, pasta sauces, tinned food fish / meat / fruit / beans / ravioli etc., and toiletries.

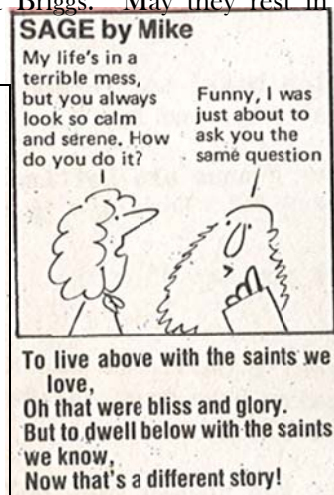
Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration Saturday 22nd July 2017.

Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St. Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead, West Sussex, RH13 8LT. Led by Fr David Goddard, Priest Custodian of the Shrine. Begins with Holy Mass at 12 noon. Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Silent Prayer and ends with Benediction (4.15pm Departure). Please bring a packed lunch with you. For more info please contact: Linda 01273463463 or Jozef 01444232974 or Jayne on either 07816422851 or jayne.lock1@gmail.com

PRESTON PARK PRESCHOOL – Based at St Mary’s Church Hall. Spaces are available for Sept. 2017. If you are interested please contact Sally McLaughlin on 01273 557144 or prestonpark5@vahoo.co.uk

PRAYERS – Please keep in your prayers Joel Brett who recently – within a few days of each other – lost his Father, Joseph, and his sister, Lorna Briggs. May they rest in peace.

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“What if I fall?” ‘Oh, dearest, but what if you fly?’”