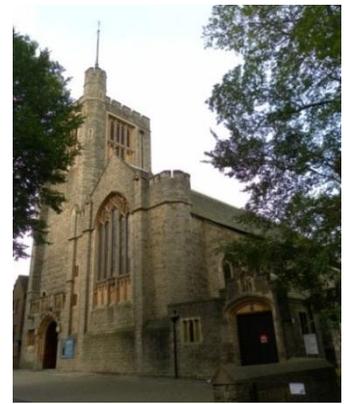


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to our church and to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 09 November, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	08 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 1)</i>
Sun	09 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Gospel: John 2:13-22 Parish Mass Book p. 192	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 2)</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	10 [REQUIEM MASS]	10.00 a.m. Mary O'Donnell, R.I.P.
Tue	11 <i>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> [Mass at St John the Baptist's]	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 4)</i> 11.00 a.m. <i>Deanery Mass for deceased clergy</i>
Wed	12 <i>St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</i>	-
Thur	13 <i>Feria</i> [Traditional Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Martha Turner</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 6)</i>
Fri	14 <i>Feria</i> [Mass at Cardinal Newman School]	10.00 a.m. <i>Winifred Lord, R.I.P.</i> 3.30 p.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 7)</i>
Sat	15 <i>Saturday Morning Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 8)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	16 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 Parish Mass Book p. 155	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena - 9)</i> 12 noon <i>Mr & Mrs Whitehead, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tue, Thur & Fri for 1 hour before 10 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass.

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints on 1 November, the next day and throughout November prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the blessed day when they will join in the company of the Saints. The offering of the Mass, which makes present the Sacrifice of Calvary and extends the graces of that moment to the present, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the commandment of charity towards the dead. Many of our Masses in November will be for the Holy Souls. 08-16 November in particular we will be having a Novena of Masses for them. If you have any deceased loved ones you would like to be included in this novena please put their names into the little brown envelopes in the church and return it to the presbytery or to me. Those names will be placed at the foot of the altar during this Novena. We can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, suffrages and penances. Even after death, links with our fellow pilgrims are not broken. May the good Lord have mercy on all the faithful departed. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Last week coll: 1st: £567.39, 2nd: £267.91 (Retired Priests)
 Next week special collection for 'Arundel Cathedral Maintenance'

PARISH RCIA COURSE STARTING SOON

The parish RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be beginning this Thursday, 13 Nov., 8-9 pm, in the Cassidy Centre. The input, before discussion, will be based on the 'Catholicism' DVD series by Fr Robert Barron. All members of the parish are invited to join in viewing part 1 (of 10) of this series at this meeting.

THE CATECHISM ON PURGATORY

'All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. ...The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned' [CCC. 1030-1031].

'The Church is the traveller's inn where the wounded are healed'- St. Augustine

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 01273 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
Thur 13 Nov	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Showing of DVD 'Catholicism' (1)	

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, Ann Chandler, Gladys Dillon, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill & Trudy Wood.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

May God keep in his care one of our parishioners, Caspar Krakowski, who was baptised this Saturday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The first meeting for parents of the First Holy Communion children will be Mon. 24 Nov., 8pm in the Cassidy Centre. The Children will meet for the first time 9.30 am Sunday 7th Dec 9.30 am in the Cassidy Centre. The date for the First Holy Communions is Sun 21 June, 2015, 12 noon.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone who supported our quiz night on Friday 31st October. We had 8 enthusiastic teams: a record! Everyone had a good time and we raised a fantastic £170 for St Anne's Day Centre. **From The Social Concerns Group**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: With a view to recommissioning would you please pick up and fill in a form which you can find at the back of the church and return it to the presbytery.

ST BERNADETTE'S PTA EVENT - *This week*

This Thursday evening (13th) there is a PTA 'Christmas Made Easy' shopping event at St Bernadette's, 7-10 pm. There is a raffle, mince pies and many other things.

FOLLOW ME - *This week*

Exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. A day led by Fr Christopher Jamison, Sat. 15 Nov., 10-3.30pm at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. For details email: 'admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk' or phone 07975 845193. See flyers in porch.

Parish Christmas Fair Grand Draw:

The Parish Grand Draw tickets are now available. Tickets are £1 a book - 1st prize £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 plus various other prizes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 29 Nov., 11-3pm

Please keep your donations coming in, especially chocolates, bottles of red wine for the mulled wine. We also need lots of fizzy pop bottles to fill up the tombola. We also need good quality Christmas decorations. Is there someone out there who would run the bottle tombola? Thank you, Eve, Henry, Tess, Nick & Vicky.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Lord, welcome into your presence your sons and daughters (N.), whom you have called from this life. Release them from all their sins; bless them with eternal light and peace; raise them up to live for ever with all your saints in the glory of the Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH - 11 Nov. *This Week*

A coach will leave St Mary's at 10.30 on 11 Nov. Drop off at Gun Wharf Quay. Free time of 4-5 hrs to enjoy the many sights this historic city has to offer. Return St Mary's 1830. See Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

SENIORS CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Mary's Seniors Club invite you to join them at their Christmas lunch, **Tuesday 16 December**, 12 noon, in the Russell Room at the Royal Albion Hotel. Sherry, Turkey, Tinsel with all the trimmings (veg. option available), Coffee. £12 by Sunday 16 Nov. to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING

You are warmly invited to a Day of Prayer and Healing at Chilworth Abbey, Sat. 15th of Nov. 10.20 am to 4.20 pm. The Day includes Holy Mass, opportunity for Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Healing and Keynote Speaker Sr Maria Natella, OP. See poster in porch for more details: St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Web site: chilworthbenedictines.com

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Annual Carol service for St Mary's and St Thomas More's Parishes will be held in the Church at 6pm on Sunday 21st December. Any member of either parish who would like to join the choir for this event would be very welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Dunn (507254) for further details. Next practice Sat 15 Nov., 11am in church.

FROM A HOMILY ON PURGATORY - [B XVI]

'I would go so far as to say that if there was no Purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong', that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being.'