

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 10 July, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	09 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sun	10 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 Parish Mass Book p.108	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Gordon MacIntosh, R.I.P</i>
Mon	11 <i>St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe</i>	10 a.m. <i>Joanna Dorothea Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	12 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	13 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Anne Hawkins & Gertrude Savage, R.I.P</i>
Thur	14 <i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Marlene Sampson</i> 7 p.m. <i>Cybil Pamela Urquhart, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	15 <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	10 a.m. <i>Harry Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	16 <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7 p.m. <i>Michael Stone, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	17 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 Parish Mass Book p.111	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Owen Morgan, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call

Non-Catholics who desire instruction in the faith welcome at any time. See Fr Bruno

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday

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

We hear this Sunday the parable of the Good Samaritan, one of the best known of Jesus' parables. We tend to interpret it as a model of how we ought to act – to act as the Samaritan did to the man who was beaten and broken on the side of the road – and this is right. The early Church though saw something different. They saw our Lord as the Good Samaritan. This interpretation sheds a whole new light on the parable because we see that we are the wounded and bruised traveller. We are wounded through original and actual sin but Jesus, and his work in the sacraments of the Church, heals us. The fact that the Samaritan promises he will return reminds us that he will return and take us with him. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

GOING FORTH MASS - 17th July, 12 noon

Our Going Forth Mass for the Children who made their First Communion this year will be on Sunday 17th July at 12 noon. If your child is unable to attend that day please let Mrs Janet Silva or the Parish Office know (stmarysprestonpark@yahoo.co.uk), so that your child can receive their certificate at another time.

"The progress of the soul consists not in thinking a great deal about God, but in loving God greatly; and one acquires this love when one determines to do a great deal for him." St Teresa of Avila

Last Sunday's collection: £516.88 2nd collection: £76.58

This weeks 2nd coll: is for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Sanctuary lamp this week burning for Maya who is sick & for her parents.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Our 2nd collection this week is for the Apostleship of the Sea. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare and mission agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. They support more than 1 million seafarers arriving in our ports each year. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations and blessings to our 11 young people from the parish who were confirmed this Saturday by bishop Richard. Please keep them in your prayers: Rebecca Bond, Ellie Burroughs, Conor Fitzpatrick, Aaron Grealish, Isabella-Mae Harris, Chriselle Hicban, Robert Maye, Miriam Petche, Eloisa Rocha Leidl, Grace Rowbotham & Fred Williamson. With thanks to all the catechists involved in the preparation of the candidates and those who prepared the church beautifully.

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
Wed 20 July	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 20 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club School Yrs 7-11 (last before hols)	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

Please note there will be no tea & coffee next week (17th) after the Sunday 10am Mass

PARISH FUN DAY - Sunday 17th July, 1 – 4pm

Local parishioners, Lisa & Asher Vance, having recently formed an entertainment business, will be putting on a fun day for children in the Church Hall next Sunday between 1 & 4pm. There will be a photo booth, bouncy castle, face painting, candy floss, games etc.... There is a small charge of between 50p to a £1 for each activity. Proceeds, after expenses will be donated to St. Mary's Church.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

'Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it!' – *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

WORKS IN THE PARISH

This week work will hopefully begin for the renewal of the microphones and loudspeakers in the church. Bishops house has given us the green light for this. The father and son team doing the work have done the audio system at Arundel Cathedral and Worth Abbey. Their work may take up to three weeks. A copy of the proposals is available for you to read at the back of the church. One recommendation to help the effectiveness of the sound is to move the pulpit from its present position to the sanctuary proper so that the reader is standing behind and not in front of the loudspeaker. For a while the lectern will be moved to where it is recommended to be until drawings and proposals can be made for a more permanent lectern.

Other work to take place involves waterproofing. The hall toilets actually extend out under ground where cars park outside the church. This has caused leaks and damp problems in the toilets. One estimate of work that needed to be done came to c. £80K, a bit much for us. Another survey located water coming in under the stone paving by the main entrance. These stones will be taken up and a waterproof barrier will be laid down and the stones replaced which we hope will help. During the days this is going on daily Mass will still be in the main Church but we must use the side entrance by the toilet.

A PRAYER FOR TEENAGERS

With each new day that dawns I am growing up, O Lord. It's not too soon to start thinking of what I want to be. It's very hard, I think, to make the right decision but I pray that you will help and guide me. Show me what to do, let me share, someday, my talents where they're needed. And when you show me, give me courage to be generous enough to do what you want. Amen.

MARIAPOLIS - 7- 11 August, 2016

Mariapolis is a holiday with a difference. Set in the beautiful grounds of Ashburnham Place, the programme provides daily talks for adults, special activities for children & teenagers, organised outings, workshops and lots of space to take time out and refocus on what really matters. For more information see poster in porch or go to mariapolis.south.2016@focolare.org.uk.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF IRELAND

7-13 August, at St Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea, Ireland, there is a summer school (with Dominicans) open to people 18+ who are interested in studying the works of St Thomas Aquinas. This year they will be looking at some of his writings on love and mercy. For details visit their website at 'www.aquinasinstitute.ie' or 'apply@aquinasinstitute.ie'

Job Vacancy – Music Teacher – for Sept 2016

St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Haywards Heath. Music Teacher required for September 2016. 2x days per week. Closing date for applications 7th July. Interviews 15th July. Please ring the school office on 01444 452584 to arrange a visit or email: bursar@stjosephshh.org.uk

PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Peter McDermott and his team run a regular (term time) youth club for school years 7 to 11. As well as being fun this provides an opportunity for friendships to develop and continue after the children leave their primary schools. **On Wednesday 20 July Year 6's are invited to a taster 'come and see' gathering, 7.30-9 pm, in the church hall.** More info at: smyclub.co.uk or email info@smyclub.co.uk

REQUEST FOR A NEW ARRIVAL

A few years ago a family gave away all their baby stuff thinking that they would no longer need it, but God is good and they are delighted to be expecting a baby girl. The only thing is they have no baby stuff. There is a list in the porch of stuff that they need, including pram, baby bath etc... Do any of you have any items that the family can borrow or have that you no longer want? Tick off the items on the list in the porch. If the items are just to borrow mark them with a label and they will be returned to you.

And finally ... Morality will keep you out of jail, but only the blood of Jesus will keep you out of hell.

"Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honour your patience." St. John Climacus