

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 11 February, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 10	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Betty & Anthony Ohene-Djan, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 11	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 p137 Mass Book	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Susan Campbell, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 12	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>John McDonald, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 13	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 14	ASH WEDNESDAY-The beginning of Lent *A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE*	10 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Bessie Gertrude Moller, R.I.P.</i> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Thurs 15	Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Fri 16	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> Stations of the Cross	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	<i>Fr Frank Harrington, R.I.P.</i> -
Sat 17	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>In Thanksgiving (Patricia Cornell)</i>
Sun 18	1st SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 p152 Mass Book	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Lucila Ayala, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass
During Lent Stations of the Cross Fridays, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Fr Frank Harrington, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for Frederick Mckay.

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Fri 16 Feb	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (6) 'Whose Story?'	Fr Bruno
Sat 17 Feb	12 noon	Church	Baptism Lotte Leslie Fulker	
Wed 21 Feb	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Wed 21 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 24 Feb	11-12.30	Church	Readers Day	Coral Olson 01273 500944
Sun 25 Feb	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class (3)	Janet Silva
Fri 02 Mar	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (7) 'Who are we?'	Fr Bruno

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – Meditate-Pray-Act
Meditate – Lepers were kept at a distance, but Jesus approached this man with love, touches him and heals

strength in your service. Help me to show the true face of Jesus to the world.

Act – Bring the good news of Jesus, not in a strident,

him. The man was told to go to arrange for a thanksgiving offering to be made. But he goes around speaking of his healing everywhere. He cannot contain the good news, despite Jesus's instructions.

Pray – *Father, help me to reach out beyond my comfort zone. With the grace of Jesus give me both wisdom and*

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connott, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS - This year's crib collection was for the Catholic Children's Society's Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund. £221.87 was raised for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you.

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

Congratulations to Oisin & Pearl Lowery-Forrester who were baptised and became children of God this Saturday.

FOODBANK

There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. See the list on the noticeboard of items especially needed. Please no more Bake Beans for now – they have enough. This could be part of your Almsgiving for Lent.

SCG's Recent Coffee Morning

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who contributed and came to support us on Sunday 28th January. We raised £120 for St Anne's Day Centre. Claire Shelton-Jones.

PARISH WEBSITE – Digital images needed

We have someone working on a new parish website for us. If anyone has any photo's that they are happy to share of the Church/parish, could they put them on a labelled memory stick (which will be returned). We will see if we can use them. These can be handed to Fr Bruno or put, in an envelope, through the presbytery letterbox.

ECHOES – Parish based formation in the Faith

The next session will be on Friday 16th February, 7-8.15 p.m. in the Cassidy Centre. This session is titled 'Whose Story?' and is about what we mean by 'Salvation History'. Anyone wanting to learn more about the faith in a small friendly group welcome on a come and see basis. Materials will be provided. A copy of the course book is in the porch for you to look at.

WCCM MEDITATION GROUP

self-important way, but in generosity and love. Preach the Word by love.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday Mass (with Ashes) 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. This is a day of Fasting and Abstinence for us.

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REQUIEM MASS - Fr Frank Harrington, R.I.P.

The Requiem Mass for Canon Frank Harrington (who served in this parish 1968-73) will be at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT this Tuesday 13th February at 12.00 noon. There will be a Vigil Mass on the Monday evening before at 7.30pm for those unable to attend the Requiem. May he rest in peace.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

The online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (School Years 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more information go to www.ablourdes.org.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE APPEAL

10/11th February - Our second collection this week is for the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal. Each year around 700 pilgrims journey to Lourdes with the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage and each year the Diocese holds a special collection to raise funds so that sick pilgrims are able to afford to travel to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. The sum required to subsidise those who struggled to pay the full amount last year was £58,305 – and this shortfall can only be made up by parishes generosity at the collections like today's. You can give on-line as well as in the parish. To visit go to: www.justgiving.com/aandblourdespilgrimage

OTHER

PRAYER

'Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generous service that gives without counting the cost. A life overflowing with grace poured out from the One who gave everything, that we might show the power of love to a broken world, and share the truth from a living Word. Lord, grant us simplicity of faith, and a yearning to share it. Amen.'

QUOTE: 'If only it were so simple! If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?' [A. Solzhenitsyn]

This ecumenical group, linked to the World Centre for Christian Meditation, takes place in the Cassidy Centre every Monday evening from 7-8 p.m. (6.55 arrival), and new people are always very welcome. On Saturday March 3rd the group will welcome Father Christopher McDermott, who is the Anglican Chaplain at Sussex University. He will lead an afternoon about Christian contemplative prayer. This will be in the Cassidy Centre from 2-5pm, with refreshments provided, and suggested donation of £5. To reserve a place please email felicity.stimpson@btinternet.com or phone Celia on 01273 555967

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

This penitential season begins this week with Ash Wednesday. The three main things we are called to is Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These are all personal things that others cannot do for us but that we must do ourselves. God bless each of you in this. Some resources that may help you this Lent include:

- 1] 'The Meaning of Lent' – a Catholic Truth Society (CTS) booklet available in porch for Free
- 2] Book 'Rediscover Jesus' by *Matthew Kelly*. A 40 day retreat. Available in Porch for Free or donation
- 3] Book 'The Secret of Mary' by *St Louis de Montfort*. Available in paperback from Amazon or on kindle