

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 January, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	10 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Frederick Hopper, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	11 <u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u> Gospel: Mark 1:7-11 Parish Mass Book p. 119	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Clare Dawson, R.I.P</i>
Mon	12 <i>Week 1 in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Sr Margaret Mary</i>
Tue	13 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	14 <i>Week 1 in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Michael Blease, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	15 <i>Week 1 in Ordinary Time</i> [Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	10.00 a.m. <i>Intention of Margaret Johnston</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Damian Ashby, In Thanksgiving</i>
Fri	16 <i>Week 1 in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Daphne McLeod, In Thanksgiving</i>
Sat	17 <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>For the victims of Abortion</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P</i>
Sun	18 <u>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: John 1:35-42 Parish Mass Book p. 127	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Wellbeing of Sr Teresa</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before 10 a.m. weekday Mass
Tea & Coffee (usually) after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass

Last Sunday's Collection: £514.02, 2nd: £73.10
 Next Sunday 18th Jan. 2nd collection for Pax Christi.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD THIS SUNDAY

After hearing about many of the events surrounding our Lord's birth and coming into the world the gospels tell us very little about the next 30 years of his life. It is with Jesus' baptism by John that his 'public' life begins. For us too baptism is a beginning, the beginning of truly living, of living as God made us to live. The etymology of the word 'Baptize' is 'to wash something by dipping it in water.' In baptism we are washed of our sins, cleansed of the stain of original sin and as adopted sons and daughters of God we are given grace to help us become holy. As we enter this new year one of our prayers can be, 'Lord, nothing is impossible to you, by your grace make me new and help me to become holy.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL FORMS

For parents wanting to apply to send their children to St. Bernadette's Primary School this September Fr Bruno will be in the presbytery to sign forms **Mon. 12th, 11-12 noon.**

THE IMPORTANT FEASTS OF THIS YEAR

18th February - Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent
 5th April - Easter Day and the Resurrection of the Lord
 14th May - the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ
 24th May - the feast of Pentecost
 7th June - the feast of Corpus Christi
 29th November - the first Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING

Rather than throw your Christmas cards in the recycling bin, could you perhaps leave them in a bag in the Church porch? A parishioner likes to recycle & make new ones from them. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP: An Invitation

We welcome you to share the fellowship of our relaxed and friendly group. Help us unlock the truths of the Bible - which we need for our salvation - and give real meaning to your life. No preparation, no pressure! Just come along on Tuesdays 3 - 4 pm, Cassidy Centre. (contact Luke Fernandes 01273 556927)

'Only He who has experienced it can believe what the love of Jesus Christ is' [St Bernard of Clairvaux].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Sat 10 Jan	5.30-7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Start of Confirmation Program	John Stone or Fr Bruno
Sun 11 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st H. Communion meeting	
Mon 12 Jan	8.00 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parent's 1 st H. Communion meeting	
Fri 23 Jan	7.00 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation class for Parents	

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, Monica McLauchlan & Trudy Wood.

SENIORS CLUB

Every Thursday, 2-4 pm, in the Cassidy Centre behind the Church, we have our 'Seniors Club.' It is generally for retired people and is an opportunity to come together, to enjoy the company of others, share a cup of tea and play games such as Bingo. New members are always welcome. Simply come along and you will be made most welcome.

Letter of Thanks from Delete Blood Cancer

'On behalf of the whole team at Delete Blood Cancer UK I would like to say an enormous thank you for your support. Thank you for the Carol Service in support of our charity and raising an amazing £606.52. Rebecca Wilson.'

Homelessness Sunday Coffee Morning

Sunday 18th January - Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of St Anne's Day Centre. Please bring your **cakes** and unwanted Christmas **gifts** etc. to the hall before Mass. Many thanks from The Social Concerns Group.

ST MARY'S YOUTH CLUB - (for 11-16 year olds)

Our first session for the new year starts with some great team games this Wednesday, 7.30-9 pm, in St Mary's Church Hall. New members always welcome. Please see our website for more information: <http://smyclub.co.uk/>.

St Mary's Youth Club Ice Skating Trip

Our winter trip to the Royal Pavilion Ice rink is on **Sunday 18th of January at 5.15pm**. You will need to complete a form for the day out which can be found on: <http://smyclub.co.uk/> This can be handed in at the next Youth Club session this Wednesday. For more information please call Peter McDermott on 01273 550187.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next preparation evening for those who would like for their child to be baptized is Friday, 23rd Jan., 7 pm in the Cassidy Centre.

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is hosting a Taize Prayer Evening on Friday 23rd January. All are welcome: 6-8.30pm for young people (under 30) and 7-8.30 for adults (30+). It will be in the school Chapel, Upper Drive, Hove.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

For all aged 18 - 35. We meet once a month at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hove, for food, prayer & socializing. Next date **18th Jan 6.30pm-8pm** Newcomers welcome, just come along! For more info email Lara: LMsacredheart@gmail.com

REDSHIRTS 2015

Calling all students in school years 10 or 11. Would you like to spend 10 days this summer in the south of France? Would you like to meet other young people from around the diocese? Would you like to deepen your faith & understanding of God in your life? Would you like to make a difference in other people's lives? If you have said yes to any of the above then being a Redshirt in 2015 could be just the thing for you! Dates are Wed 29th July - Fri 7th Aug. If you are interested please email Ray Mooney at abredshirts@gmail.com. Further information can be found on www.ablourdes.org. Fr Bruno happy to help sponsor anyone for this.

CHILWORTH ABBEY STUDY DAY: *This Week*

This Saturday, 17th January, there will be a study day with the theme 'Dealing with Temptation': monastic insight, given by Fr John Seddon, OSB. It begins with Mass at 9 am. Also 3 Talks. Tea & coffee provided but bring a packed lunch. St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Nr. Guildford, GU4 8QR. See: 'chilworthbenedictines.com'

A DAY WITH MARY

To be held at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Portsmouth, Saturday 7th February, 2015. For further details please see poster in Church porch.

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Due to the promotion to Headteacher of our Deputy the Governors are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic as Deputy Headteacher. The person appointed will be an outstanding teacher and a motivated, dynamic & inspirational leader. For an application pack or to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Helen Costello 01273 553813 or email mail@stberns.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Ecumenical Prayer Group

Tuesdays 7.30pm - Sing, pray & be led by the Holy Spirit. *Chemin Neuf*, a new community invited to the diocese, are starting this prayer group at St. Patrick's Church, Hove, BN3 1DE. See poster in Church porch for details.

A QUOTE - [Pope Benedict XVI, 13 February 2013]

"If we look closely, in every moment, we are at a crossroads: do we want to follow the self, or God?"