

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 June, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	10 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Fr Cyril Elkington, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	<u>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)</u> Gospel: John 3:16-18 Parish Mass Book p.81	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Fr Ragheed Ganni, R.I.P. (10th Anniv.)</i>
Mon	12 Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	13 <i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	10 a.m. <i>For Toby's Health & Happiness</i>
Wed	14 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Mary Ann Hughes, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	15 Low Mass of Corpus Christi [Traditional Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri	16 <i>St Richard of Chichester, 2nd Patron of the diocese</i>	10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	17 <i>Saturday votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i> 7 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	18 <u>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST "Corpus Christi" (A)</u> Gospel: John 6:51-58 Parish Mass Book p.83	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Mass with First Holy Communions</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

This June we are entering into an important period in the life of our parish family as over the next two weeks we have the first Holy Communions of 25 of our children and then the confirmations of 13 of our young people by our bishop, Richard, on 24th June. These are significant moments in the lives of those involved and in their vocations of becoming what we are all called to be - ever more fully disciples of Jesus. Some people might say we ought to leave others to 'just be' but this is not truly loving them and wanting what is best for them. The best thing we can do for anyone is to lead them to Jesus as it is only in him that the mystery and purpose of our life becomes clear. Without God we remain in the dark and overwhelmed by the presence of suffering and death but with Jesus and in him these things lead us closer to him and the fulness of life and love. Pray for our young people and the deepening of their faith and of their knowledge of each being willed, loved and necessary to God. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

2nd Collection this weekend, 10/11th June, is for the 'Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese'. This is an annual collection in support of overseas missionary work.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** this week is burning for the Intentions of Judy Harley; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the children of the parish making their 1st Holy Communion.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please keep in your prayers the children of St Thomas More's parish who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. Also pray for the 25 children in our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday at our 12 o'clock Mass: Petra Alonso-McGee, Maisie Andlaw, Jessie Appiah, Billy Bryant, Emanuela Cicerale, Abigail D'Souza, Xavier de Menezes, Tiana Donegal, Kipp Eade, Rose Elford, Miguel Giron, Alex Grey, Francesca Hanlon, Samuel Hill, Raphael Kelly, Tomas Lesko, Alannah Mason, Leonardo Masserini, Alice O'Sullivan, Toby Pitt, Chloe Redfern, Max Rowe, Ivy Terry, Sylvie Vonderscher & Daisy Wells.

DEANERY MEETING – Mass Tue am not Mon am
 This Tues. the monthly meeting of priests in the Brighton deanery will again be at St Mary's. There will be no public Mass Monday but there is Mass Tuesday at 10 a.m.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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 17 June	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting	John Stone
Sun 18 June	12 noon	Church	Children's First Holy Communion Mass	
Wed 21 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 24 June	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, 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.

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF CORPUS CHRISTI & THE WORLD FAMOUS CARPET OF FLOWERS.

The 2017 Carpet of Flowers will be on view at Arundel Cathedral this week on Wednesday 14 June, 9.30 am - 8 pm and Thursday 15 June, the day of Corpus Christi, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm. Entry is Free. The Cathedral will also be open to the public on Tuesday 13 June while the Carpet is being laid by Cathedral parishioners. This normally starts after the 10 am Mass and the parishioners work until it is finished, usually by about 5 pm. There will be many other floral displays around the Cathedral during the event. Mass on Thursday will be at 5.30 pm followed by the procession to Arundel Castle for Benediction. Refreshments will be served on both days in the Cathedral Hall, which is close to the Cathedral. For more information please see their website www.arundelcathedral.org

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lilliana Zara Stafford who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday.

55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY -

Congratulations to Peter and Brenda Knott who this Friday (16th) celebrate 55 years of marriage. God bless you!

VOLUNTEERS - For new SVP Tower House Community Centre, Preston Park.

We are looking for people who may be interested in helping, for whatever time they can, at the Centre when it opens later this summer. It will cater for isolated, older or vulnerable people. Planned activities include lunches, Coffee & Community shops; library, hairdressing, social activities; advice and counselling e.g. bereavement, debt and housing issues; good health e.g. diet and nutrition, chiropody, fitness, etc. These potential services will grow according to demand and resources.

At this stage, we are simply seeking an expression of interest in establishing a "Volunteer Bank" of those willing to help; even flexible volunteering is welcome, with no pressure whatsoever! Contact Luke Fernandes 01273 556927 for further information. Thank you.

Day of Prayer in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace,

Saturday, June 24th at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, near Guildford. The day, from 10.15 to 4 pm, includes Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, inspiring talks, the Rosary and more, led by Fr John Seddon OSB. Bring a packed lunch & a friend if you can. Come to part or all of the Day. Visit www.chilworthbenedictines.com for more information.

A REQUEST - There are often callers to the presbytery door from people asking for something to eat and drink. Our supply of noodles has run out. Can someone help?

WINTERSHALL 'THE LIFE OF CHRIST'

The open air production of the Life of Christ is happening at Wintershall 20-24 June, 2017, 10 am - 3.30 pm. Book now at www.wintershall-estate.com. See poster in porch.

OFF THE FENCE'S - 20th Anniversary Celebration Prayer Gathering - Thur. 29th June 7 - 8.30pm. Resisting Poverty. Empowering People. Restoring Hope. At Bishop Hannington, Church Lounge, Nevill Avenue, BN3 7NH

CELEBRATE BRIGHTON - 15-16 JULY 2017

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)
Theme this year '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

Preston Park Pre School.

Thank you very much for the Sainsbury's vouchers. Your support has been amazing and is much appreciated. We currently have **spaces for academic year 2017/18**. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact us on 01273 557144 or email prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk. Our latest Ofsted report is now online for you to read at ref:130762

And finally ... A Irishman enters a railway carriage looking quite flustered. With some urgency he asks the people, "Is there a priest present?" No answer. "Is there a vicar present?" No answer. "Is there a rabbi present?" No answer. Then a man in the corner speaks up: "I'm a Methodist minister - can I help?". He's told: "No, you're no good to us - we're looking for a corkscrew."

Religion is taking due notice of God and behaving accordingly with the help of the Sacraments