

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 Sun. 11 October, 2015 - Month of the Rosary

		<u>Mass proper</u>			<u>Intention</u>
Sat	10		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	11	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)		10.00 a.m.	<i>Tony Taylor, R.I.P</i>
		Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30	Mass Book p143	12 noon	<i>Mario Monteiro, R.I.P</i>
Mon	12	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Theresa Collins, R.I.P</i>
Tue	13		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	14	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Cyril Cassidy (Anniversary), R.I.P</i>
Thurs	15	<i>St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Linda & John Cullen, R.I.P</i>
		Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal		7.00 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri	16	<i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sat	17	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Ron Ayres</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Cynthia Ashing, R.I.P</i>
Sun	18	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45	Mass Book p.146	12 noon	<i>Margarita Callaghan, R.I.P</i>

The Church is open (generally) for private prayer from 8 a.m. every day
Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 - 9.50am before Weekday Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

We live in a society where it seems that the pursuit of wealth and bowing down before it is the chief goal of life. This though is deadly to our souls. We see in today's gospel story about a rich young man that his wealth was an obstacle to his salvation. He chose to keep hold of his riches rather than follow Jesus, the one who is life. 'What does it profit to gain the world and suffer the loss of your soul?' In a way wanting riches and what is good is natural for us but as we hear in the first reading wisdom is the most precious thing we can have. May we too ask for wisdom to use all God has given us to live not for our but for his greater glory. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Fr Francis Anyanzu, SJ, who is doing further studies at Brighton University and has been with us the last few weeks has returned to Uganda for research work. He looks forward to returning here after Christmas and for the remainder of the academic year.

'The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description' [Bishop Fulton Sheen].

Last Sundays Collection : £616.28

2nd Collection: £378.27 'CAFOD Harvest Fast Day'

(CAFOD envelopes can still be handed in this week)

Next week's 2nd coll. is World Mission Sunday (Missio)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES, 2015/16

First Holy Communion (closing date Oct 11th), Confirmation & RCIA. Application forms in porch. Please drop your completed forms into the parish office.

SANCTUARY PROJECT

I hope to say something during the Masses this weekend about some of the restoration and renovation work that is being planned for the Apse of the church. Planning for any work in a listed and historic church like ours takes time and a number of approvals which we now have. As well as repairing some water damage the main work will be the dry lining of the Apse wall and moving the Tabernacle to beneath the Cross. If you are interested in the architectural drawings they are at the back of the church.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes 01273 556927
Fri 16 Oct	7-7.45pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno
Wed 21 Oct	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Resi Michel & Terry Rodrigues.

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW DEADLINE

BEST TIME TO JOIN £30 in: £200 to win. Join by 17th October to be entered (£200, 1st prize/ £150, 2nd/ £50, 3rd). And of course £50/£30/£20 for the other 11 months. Contact Mary Cornelius on 01273 558812.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT! - Fri 30 Oct., 7.30pm in the Cassidy Centre. £4 Ticket includes glass of wine or juice & light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to St Anne's Day Centre. Tickets on sale after Masses from 4 Oct. (or call Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899).

CALLED BY NAME - 23rd to 25th October 2015

Young Adults Retreat (18-35) @ Worth Abbey offering an opportunity for you to discover a deeper meaning and direction in your life, to hear Christ's call & to be formed as disciples. Talks from excellent speakers. Prayer, Reflection, The Divine Office, Mass, Spiritual Direction. Cost: £60 for students/the unwaged, & £100 for the waged (subsidies available). More info at TOC@worthabbey.net or call 01342 710318

CATHOLAITY FAIR Sat. 14th Nov. 10.30- 3.30

This year's Fair is in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the "Uganda Hands for Hope" charity. If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery event. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets are available now & usually around 90% of the tickets we sell go to "Uganda Hands for Hope." Thank you for your support. Chris Rodrigues.

DON'T PANIC BUT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Is less than 7 weeks now! - Sat 28 November

The stall holder's board is up! Several stalls are already spoken for so to avoid disappointment sign up today!

Please keep the dried fruit coming in as we want to make Xmas Puds & lots of mincemeat & mince pies.

This year part of the money raised will be going to a Charity (tbc). So the more we raise the more we can give & share Thank you, Eve and Tess.

As the weeks rush forward we'd really like stock to start coming in for all our stalls ...but just to remind you

each week we'll put a big push item in

THIS WEEKS BIG PUSH REQUEST - TOYS!

But you can bring anything else in too! Thank you

GRAND DRAW TICKETS ARRIVING SOON

Poem: Don't Count Sheep

*When nights are long and sleep won't come,
and you toss and turn in bed,*

*don't waste your time counting sheep,
talk to the shepherd instead.*

This time when all around is still, no one will disturb.

As in silence to the Lord you come,

you know you will be heard.

Those things that have been on your mind,

the worry and the care,

now in the stillness of the night,

bring them to God in prayer.

So do not fret when you can't sleep,

or worry about next day,

draw near to God and peace will come,

when you use this time to pray.

Newman College - Sixth Form Open Evening

Newman College, the 6th form of Card Newman Catholic School, welcomes all Year 11 students in the local area to their open evening this Thurs. 15th 7-9pm

ENCOUNTER Evening (for 15-35s), Crawley, Friday October 23rd, 7-9pm.

The next ENCOUNTER evening for 15-35s will be at St. Wilfrid's School, Crawley (RH11 8PG) 7-9pm on Friday 23rd. Our guest speaker this month will be Fr. Simon Dray, one of the Diocese's newest priests. As usual, there will also be live music, food, and a time of adoration. It's a great way to learn more about your faith in a friendly, relaxed environment, and a great way to make some new friends. The event is free, and there's no need to book. New people are always particularly welcome.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP

On Tuesday 3rd November at Sacred Heart, Hove there will be a special 10am Mass celebrated for grandparents, recognising all that they are and bring to the lives of our families. There will be a short follow on meeting afterwards led by Mrs Katherine Bergin who will be exploring the possibility of establishing grandparents support groups within parishes across the deanery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

For the baptism of a child there has to be evidence that the child will be brought up in the faith (Sunday Mass and the word of the parents). We also ask the parents to attend a preparation evening. The next one is this Friday at 7 pm in the Cassidy Centre.

And finally... The Sunday School Teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

*'The works of God are perfect, and all his ways are just: God is faithful and without any iniquity,
he is just and right' [Deuteronomy 32:4]*