

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 September, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	10 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 Mass Book p.136	10 a.m. <i>Mass for the Prayer Board Intentions</i> 12 noon <i>Jean Marion Lamb, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	12 <i>The most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10 a.m. <i>Justina Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	13 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	14 <i>The Exaltation of the Cross</i> CHANGED MASS TIME	9.15 a.m. <i>Deceased of the Theolen family</i>
Thur	15 <i>Seven Sorrows of the BVM</i> 1962 Missal	7 p.m. <i>Achim Jansen</i>
Fri	16 <i>SS Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs</i>	10 a.m. <i>Anna Viggiano, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	17 <i>Saturday morning votive Mass to the Bl. Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Thomas Jackson, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Sun	18 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13 Parish Mass Book p.140	10 a.m. <i>Stephen Deasey, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

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

In our 2nd Reading this Sunday (1 Tim. 1: 12-17) St Paul says: "Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." St Paul's own life is his most powerful testimony to the truth of this. He was a persecutor of Christians and full of hate before the Lord called him to a new life in His service. We ought never think that our sin is so great that there is no future for us. Jesus' three parables in today's gospel - the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son - tell us of God's seeking love for the sinner and the joy that he feels when the sinner is found and returns to him. This is what St Therese of Lisieux writes about this: 'What joy to remember that our Lord is just; that he makes allowances for our shortcomings, and knows full well how weak we are. What have I to fear, then? Surely the God of infinite justice who pardons the prodigal son with such mercy will be just with me 'who am always with Him.'" God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Mass for Prayer Board Intentions – 11th Sept

Many intentions get posted on our prayer board in the church. These will be taken down (to free up the board) and a Mass offered for these intentions this Sunday, at 10.

Last Sunday's Collection: £575.97, 2nd coll: £109.11
 This weeks 2nd coll. for the Catholic Education Service
 Next weeks 2nd coll. is for Home Mission Sunday

Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Francisco. If you would like the Sanctuary lamp to burn night and day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a special intention contact Fr Bruno or the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

TOWERS CONVENT TRIP – Next Sunday

A Parish visit to the Towers Convent, Upper Beeding. The coach leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm on Sunday 18th Sept., returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Benediction. Call David Alfred for further details on 01273 540038. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Porch.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Now is the time for putting your names forward for our parish preparation programmes for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Adult reception into the Church. These Sacraments will be celebrated at Easter and the season after Easter next year. The application form is on the reverse of this newsletter.

"The soul was created for union with God through the Cross, redeemed by the Cross, consumed and sanctified by the Cross, so that it would be marked with the sign of the Cross for all eternity" St Edith Stein

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 14 Sept	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club School Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Wed 21 Sept	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927

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, Anthony Larratt, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is this weekend. Please leave your box contents in a bag with your box number in the porch. **THANK YOU** for your support.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP - Next meeting this Wednesday 14th Sept 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's.

PARISH YOUTH CLUB – This Wed. 14 Sept.

The first meeting of the parish Years 7-11 Youth Club is this Wednesday, 7.30-9 p.m. in the Church Hall. More info at: smyclub.co.uk or email info@smyclub.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING - Sunday 25th September

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of Uganda Hands For Hope. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc to the hall before Mass. Thank you.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of Sacramental programmes for this next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date September 30th. Details about first meetings will follow in the newsletter.

NAME:.....

SCHOOL YEAR:.....

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE No.:

EMAIL:

I wish to enrol for the preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [Year 3+]

CONFIRMATION [Year 10+]

ADULT BAPTISM / RECEPTION

Signed _____

MOTHER OF SORROWS – Prayer to Mary

Mary, you console those who are sad,
and make us happy with your motherly love.
Comfort me when I am in pain;
console my heart with your sweetness.
Have pity on me, Mother of Sorrows,
and heal the wounds of my soul.
Show me your mercy and pray for me;
turn my sadness into joy,
Fill my heart with your joy,
and make me forget the troubles of this life.

Prayer in Honour of Mary

Heavenly Father, as Your Son was raised on the Cross, His mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May Your Church be united with Christ in His Suffering and Death and so come to share in His Rising to new life, where He lives for ever. Amen.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2016/7

The CCRS starts again on **Thursday September 22nd at 6.45pm at the Chaplaincy, Falmer**. All details are given on the website - google ccrs@brighton or call Kate Williamson on 01273 776491 or 07810 596575. Everybody is welcome. Come along and learn more about our faith.

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

This public Marian witness with a procession of roughly 2,000 Christians is on Saturday 8th October beginning at 1.45 p.m. at Westminster Cathedral and finishing at the Brompton Oratory. See leaflets in porch for more details.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - less than 11 weeks away

Can any of you help us out with SUGAR for jam making & DRIED FRUIT for Christmas pudding making. Home-made jams and marmelades are always popular as are bottles of wine you may have brought back from your holidays. Red is helpful for the mulled wine stall. Items can be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you.

SOUND EQUIPMENT

We have some of the old loudspeakers from the church as well as a mixing deck available to anyone who enjoys working with sound equipment. See Fr Bruno if interested.

SATURDAY CRAFTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Starting Saturday 17 Sept., 11 am – 12.30 pm, there will be a Saturday craft club for children. It will be run by one of our parishioners Izabel Rocha. She can be contacted on 07925 195619 or email 'craftsclubforchildren@gmail.com' See poster in church porch for more details.

And finally ... In bed it's 6am. You close your eyes for 5 minutes and it's 7.45am. At School it's 1.30pm. You close your eyes for 5 minutes and it's 1.31pm.

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to the person, a beautiful thing" St Teresa of Calcutta