

# 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 12 February, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	11	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Douglas Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	12	<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b> Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37      Mass Book p.136	10.00 a.m. <i>Sr Anne</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	13	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Mary-Jo O'Grady, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	14	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	15	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs	16	[Old Mass 1962 Missal]	7.00 p.m. <i>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Anniv. (A.Aguirre)</i>
Fri	17	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	18	<i>Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Mary Deacon, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Betty Ohene-Djan, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	19	<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b> Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48      Mass Book p.139	10.00 a.m. <i>Richard Heard, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</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 10 a.m. Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

### THE READINGS THIS WEEK

We are still hearing from our Lord's Sermon on the Mount today. One of the things Jesus says is that he has not come to do away with or abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfil them. In him and in his words we finally have the fullness of God's saving word given to us. Still today his words remain 'the source of all saving truth and moral discipline' [Vatican II, *Dei Verbum*, 7]. The Church uses the expression 'the deposit of faith' to name these saving truths she has received from Christ himself and which she is charged to preserve unaltered until the end of time. May we pray for the grace to love the Lord, to love his saving truth, to receive the grace to live it in our lives and ultimately find the salvation he came to give us. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY APPEAL

We welcome Fr Oliver Leavy to St Mary's this weekend to preach our annual Mission Appeal. Fr Leavy has a wealth of experience garnered from his ministering in Grenada, Scotland, Nigeria and other countries. Please remember the missions rely entirely on these appeals to fund and make possible their valuable work of bringing the Gospel to all corners of

Last Sunday's Collection: £545.49,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund £222.46

**Sanctuary Lamp** this week is burning for Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P.; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the families of the parish. If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

### Visit of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima along with the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be visiting cathedrals and churches in England and Wales in 2017. This is an important year regarding Fatima as it is the Centenary of the apparitions. The First visit will be at **WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will there receive, bless and crown the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and celebrate Mass. For Further details visit [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html). The statue is scheduled to visit the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton July 1-2.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year's crib collection was for the charity Friends of the Holy Land. £292 was raised which will be sent off and used to help Christian Families in the Holy Land. Thank

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#### **PARISH DIARY**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Time</i></b>	<b><i>Place</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Contact</i></b>
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 15 Feb	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes
Sat 18 Feb	12 noon	Church	Baptism: Joseph Gabriel Pearce Sullivan	
Sun 19 Feb	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion Class	Mrs Janet Silva
Wed 22 Feb	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth club	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Judy Harrison, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Wren Jessica Evelyn-Hall, who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday. Application forms for Baptisms are in the church porch.

**'A DAY WITH MARY'** - Will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 25 February, 2017. This year is very significant as it marks the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima. The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome. See poster in porch for further details.

**Preston Park Preschool - Active Kids Vouchers** - If you shop at Sainsbury's, or have friends and family that do, please ask them to collect the vouchers for us. These vouchers really help in supplying equipment for our school and made a huge difference. Vouchers can be put in an envelope, through the presbytery door or in the collection plate. Thank you in advance. Sally McLaughlin.

### From the writings of St Bernadette of Lourdes

'Thank you for having filled with bitterness the far too tender heart you gave me! For Mother Josephine who said that I was good for nothing, thank you! For the mother mistress' sarcastic remarks, for harsh words, her ridicule, and the bread of humiliation, thank you!

Thank you for making me the one to whom she could say "You are not like all the others." Thank you for making me the privileged recipient of her rebukes, so that my sisters used to say, "How lucky that we are not Bernadette!"

Yes, thank you, Lady Mary, that I am Bernadette, who was threatened with prison because I saw you. I am she who the crowds stared at as a rare animal - that Bernadette so wretched that upon seeing her, it was said: "Is that it?"

For this pitiful body you have given me, this illness of fire and smoke, for my rotting flesh, my riddled bones, my sweats, my fever, my dull pains and my sharp ones, thank you, my God.

And for the soul that you have given me, for the desert of interior dryness, for your nights, for your lightening, for your silences and your thunder, for everything, for you absent and for you present, thank you, Jesus.'

*Extract taken from This Month's Magnificat*

*'I am more sinful and flawed than I ever dared believe, more loved and welcomed than I ever dared hope' [Elyse M. Fitzpatrick].*

## FROM THE SAINTS - St Ambrose

"To us, Christ is all! If you have a wound to heal, he is the doctor; if you are parched by fever, he is the spring; if you are oppressed by injustice, he is justice; if you are in need of help, he is strength; if you fear death, he is life; if you desire heaven, he is the way; if you are in the darkness, he is light. ... Taste and see how good is the Lord: blessed is the man who hopes in him!"

## Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

Are looking for volunteers to help run the service on a Wednesday. The shifts are for 3hrs from 11.30 until 2.30pm, most volunteers do 1 or 2 shifts a month. If you would like to find out more please speak to Ros on 07786272455 or email [hangletonfoodbank@yahoo.com](mailto:hangletonfoodbank@yahoo.com) Thank you for the donations received this week in the church porch. They are currently running low on size 6 nappies, custard, rice pudding and toilet rolls.

## Approaching the Passion: Lent Retreats for young adults @ Worth Abbey Feb 24-26<sup>th</sup>

A chance to enter more deeply into the season of Lent with this weekend retreat and explore the path walked by Jesus. Inspiring talks, prayer, walks in the beautiful countryside, participate in the rhythm of prayer and *Lectio Divina*. With time for building community and friendships. Main Speakers are Fr Stephen Ortiger and Br Paolo of Taize. Cost: Donations per person between £62 (unwaged) & £102 (waged). Bookings will close when full or on the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. email [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net)

## Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Online applications now open - check Pilgrimage website for details [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance or those without access to the internet, should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01403 740110.

## Pilgrimage to Fatima

Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. spend 4 nights in a 4\* hotel on a half board basis. Flights included from London Gatwick. Early bird offer of £460 available until 01/04/2017. To find out more visit [aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima](http://aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima) or call 0800 689 4792

**And finally... Teacher:** 'Unselfishness means going without something you need voluntarily. Can you give me an example Jimmy?'

*Jimmy:* 'Yes, sometimes I go without a bath when I need one!'