

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c 12 January 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 11		7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 12	<u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)</u> <i>Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the parish</i> Midday <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon 13	<i>Week 1 in Ordinary time</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Nelson Mandela, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 14	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Martin Mannion, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 15	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 16	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (Maura Lesser)</i>
Fri 17	<i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John Meehan, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 18	<i>Saturday morning votive Mass to Our Lady</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 19	<u>2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel, John 1:29-34</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>John Brendan D'Arcy, R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration before Mass (9-9.50 am) on Monday and Thursday
Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.
Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

For thirty years Our Lord lived quietly with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. He was known by others simply as 'Jesus, the carpenter's son.' Jesus did not reveal his true identity to the world nor begin any public ministry during those years. It was only with his baptism by John in the river Jordan that his identity begins to be made known to the world. During his baptism we hear the Father's voice saying: "This is my Son, the beloved. My favour rests on him." It is also from this moment that Jesus begins his three years of public ministry. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah gives a glimpse of what his mission will be - one of service to others, of healing, of liberating and of giving light. God's desire over us is not to destroy and start again but to heal what is good but wounded: 'He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.' Maybe we can pray this week words we hear at Mass today, "O God,... grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed through him whom we recognize as outwardly like ourselves."
 God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£519.48

2nd COLLECTION

£99.59

BAPTISM DIGNITY

King St Louis of France [1214 - 1270] used to sign his documents not, 'Louis IX, King' but 'Louis of Poissy.' Someone asked him why, and he answered: 'Poissy is the place where I was baptised. I think more of the place where I was baptised than of Rheims Cathedral where I was crowned. It is a greater thing to be a child of God than to be the ruler of a Kingdom: this last I shall lose at death, but the other will be my passport to an everlasting glory.'

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This important week of prayer for Christian Unity always ends on the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, on the 25th January. It thus starts this week on Saturday 18th. Please pray especially for a healing of the rupture between the Orthodox and Latin Rites of the Church (which happened in 1054), a healing which is still necessary.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540033
Sun 12 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st H.C. preparation	Janet Forte
Sun 12 Jan	5.15 pm	Brighton Pavilion	Youth club Ice skating trip	Peter McDermott, 550187
Mon 13 Jan	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Class for parents of 1 st H.C.	Charles Wookey
Sat 18 Jan	11.30 am	Church	Baptism of Caspar Hills	
Sun 19 Jan	Masses	Church	St Barnabas Society Appeal	
Mon 3 & 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1 & 2)	Fr Bruno

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsetts, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, Evelyn Bullock, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Pat Sawyer, Fr Jeff Scott and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

PART-TIME CARETAKER REQUIRED

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School are looking for a temporary Caretaker/Cleaner to start immediately. This job might suit a shift worker, retired person or gap year student. It is for 35 hours per week over 5 days. Please see the notice in the Church porch.

PARKING WARNING

There are recent notices and bylaws which prohibit parking on the pavement in Surrenden Road. It is still OK to park in front of the Church if there is space but be aware of parking on the verge. Ticket people are especially around on Sunday mornings.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE BIBLES

If you have any spare foreign language Bibles, in particular in Eastern European languages (Polish, Lituanian), please drop them into the parish office. They would be greatly appreciated by some people in the local Lewes Prison.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

"Baptism is ... a spiritual regeneration. Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, so he cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration is effected by Baptism" [St Thomas Aquinas].

A DAY WITH MARY

There will be a beautiful 'Day with Mary' up at Westminster Cathedral this Saturday 25th January. See the poster in the porch for details.

CATHOLIC TEACHING

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the Sacrament that gives our souls the new life of grace by which we become children of God.

What sins does Baptism take away?

Baptism takes away original sin; and also actual sins, if there be any, and all punishment due to them. If a person were to die right after Baptism, he would go straight to heaven. But he could not increase his love of God the way he could if he remained on earth longer.

A KITCHEN PRAYER

*Lord of all pots and pans and things,
since I've no time to be
a saint by doing lovely things
or watching late with thee, or dreaming in the twilight or
storming heaven's gates
make me a saint by getting meals or washing up the plates.*

*Although I must have Marta's hands, I have Mary's mind,
and, when I black the boots and shoes
thy sandals, Lord, I find.*

*I think of how they trod the earth
what time I scrub the floor.*

Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time for more.

*Warm all the kitchen with thy love,
and light it with thy peace.*

*Forgive me all my worrying and make all grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men food,*

In room or by the sea,

accept this service that I do, I do it unto thee.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave.'

STUDY DAY

A One-Day intensive study day will take place on Saturday 1st February in the parish of the Immaculate Conception, Peacehaven. It's theme is 'A Quick Journey through the Bible'. See the poster in the porch.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

A young adults retreat called 'Dying and Rising in Christ' is happening at Worth Abbey between 7th - 9th February. There will be talks from the Monks of Worth Abbey and the Wellspring Community. See the poster in the porch or contact 'TOC@worthabbey.net'.

THANK YOU'S

Cafod have written to thank the parish for the £633.60 raised by the parish in our Advent Carol Service. This has been divided between the Syria Crisis Appeal and the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and for those who put on the Advent Service for us. The more local St Thomas Fund have also thanked the parish for a Christmas donation we made to them.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charlie Whyte who was baptised this Saturday. May God keep him and his family in his care.