

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 June, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	11 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	12 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Parish Mass Book p.93	10 a.m. <i>Daphne Moffat, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Mass with First Holy Communions</i>
Mon	13 <i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	10 a.m. <i>Fr Michael Lastiri</i>
Tue	14 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	15 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Irene Bloor, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	16 <i>St Richard of Chichester, Bp, 2nd Patron of the diocese</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7 p.m. <i>Friedrich & Mechthild Mönkemeyer R.I.P.</i>
Fri	17 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Duncan Mills, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	18 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 7 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	19 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 9:18-24 Parish Mass Book p.99	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Maureen Allan</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Non-Catholics who desire instruction in the faith welcome at any time. See Fr Bruno
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 gospel reading this Sunday we have the account of the sinful woman who was forgiven by Jesus. From her experience of being forgiven we see an incredible love well up in her. Something pivotal about this moment is that she is the first person to come to Jesus for pardon and forgiveness. Others till then had come to him for the sake of bodily health, she came to him for mercy and forgiveness. In this way she could be called the first Christian – the first person to grasp who Jesus was and his mission in the world. The heart of our faith is of being born again in Christ. The old sinful self is gone and a new life of grace is given. In this new life we are finally able to truly love and we enter into the path leading to salvation. An anonymous 6th Century Syrian writer wrote: 'A sinful woman has proclaimed to us that God's love has gone forth in search of sinners. For when he called her, Christ was inviting our whole race to love; and in her person he was drawing all sinners to his forgiveness. Only his love for the one he himself had formed persuaded him to do this. Who would not be struck by the mercy of Christ who accepted an invitation to a Pharisee's house in order to save a sinner!' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion" – St Maximilian Kolbe

Last Sunday's collection: £552.27. 2nd coll.: £ 100.08
 Next weeks (19th) 2nd collection will be for "Day for Life"

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please keep in your prayers the 23 children of our parish who will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday: Isla Blackwell, Emily Booth, Iona Brunstrom, Cara Carlin, Martha Carr, Ann-Sarah D'Abadie de Lurbe, Nathan D'Souza, Molly Edwards, Theodore French, Lola Haren, Charlotte Harrison, Clementine Hammond, Hettie Hughes, Rosie Jordan, Emma Kane, Jan Krakowski, Rose Larsen Disney, Isaac Mahony, Mary Millar, Ophelia Parkinson, Leily Saadatzadeh, Henry Stenning & Ewan Walker. This is one of the happiest days of the year in the parish. Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make it possible.

DAY FOR LIFE – Sunday 19th June

This year's 'Day for Life' focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections & relationships between people and the earth we inhabit. For more information visit : www.dayforlife.org

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 15 June	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	S.V.P. meeting	Luke Fernandes 01273 556927
Wed 22 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club - school years 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk

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, David Hayes, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

MOTHERS PRAYERS -18 June, Worth Abbey, 9am - 4pm. A beautiful way of praying together for our children & grandchildren. Mass, Tea & Coffee, Prayers and talks. Please bring a packed lunch. No charge for the day, but voluntary donations welcomed. Contact Janet on 01825 723378 or email janet.desmond@tesco.net. Further information about Mothers Prayers is available at www.mothersprayers.org.uk

CELEBRATE WEEKEND IN BRIGHTON

Sat 25th - Sun 26th June at Cardinal Newman School. Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for people of all ages, with separate streams for children, teens & young adults. There will be Mass, talks, times of praise and worship, Reconciliation, workshops, etc. See poster in porch for details or visit the website 'www.celebrateconference.org/brighton'.

SVP PARISH FAMILY MORNING - Sun. 10th July, 11am. Consisting of: Table-top sale of children's clothes, toys, books, etc. (Tables available £10 payable in advance), children's games, face painting, children's cake decorating as well as Teas, Coffee, soft drinks & cakes. Plus family BBQ to include Bacon Butties.

Letting our "Yes" mean "Yes"

'When I became a Catholic, it never occurred to me to question how much freedom I had or how much authority the Church had to limit that freedom. ... I had reached the point where I wanted to obey. I was like the child in the *New Yorker* cartoon (I was nearly thirty years old) who said, "Do I have to do what I want to do today?" I was tired of following the devices and desires of my own heart, of doing what I wanted to do, what my desires told me I wanted to do, which always seemed to lead me astray. ... Obedient to my conscience, I became a Catholic, was conditionally baptised and said, "I do believe", to the great and solemn and beautiful truths proposed to me. For the next five years no great problems came up of obedience. The Church held up a tremendous ideal for the follower of Christ, and no matter how many times one failed, fell flat on one's face, one might say, the Church, Holy Mother Church, was there with her Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist to reassure and forgive and sustain and nourish one.' [*Servant of God Dorothy Day* (+1980), a meditation in this month's *Magnificat* pocket missal]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.
You're a special friend to me.
Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome.
Thank you for coming to me.
Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you
For giving yourself to me.
Make me strong to show your love
Wherever I may be.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your loving care
And bring us to heaven to live with you there.
I'm ready now, Lord Jesus,
To show how much I care.
I'm ready now to give your love
At home and everywhere. Amen.*

THANK YOU - Preston Park Preschool would like to thank all the parishioners who handed in Sainsbury's vouchers for them. The vouchers make big a difference to our preschool. Thank you for remembering us.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOR 18-35s

The Sacred Heart, Hove, are running a Pilgrimage during October half term 2017. It is open to people from around the Diocese and will be a comprehensive pilgrimage, taking in all the main sites. You can download an application pack via the Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HolyLand2017](https://www.facebook.com/HolyLand2017). For more information, contact YPPHL2017@gmail.com. There will be an **Information Evening at 8pm on Thursday 16th June (This week)** in The Sacred Heart Parish Room.

DIARY DATE : Sunday 17th July 1 - 4pm

Local parishioners, Lisa & Asher Vance, having recently formed an entertainment business, will be putting on a fun day for children in the Church Hall on 17th July between 1pm & 4pm. There will be a photo booth, bouncy castle, face painting, candy floss, games etc.... There is a small charge of between 50p to a £1 for each activity. Proceeds, after expenses will be donated to St. Mary's Church.

PARISH WEBSITE - This has been largely untouched for a few years now. Is there someone willing and able to spend time bringing it up to date, or making a new one?

And finally ...6 year-old Angela & her 4 year-old brother Joel were sitting together during Mass. Joel fidgeted and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. **'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.'**

'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked. Angela pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

"Our sweet Jesus, through the excess of His love and liberality, has left Himself to us in the Most Holy Sacrament" - St Philip Neri