

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 13 July, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	12 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Sun	13 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 Parish Mass Book p.102</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Francois Raynaob, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Gerard Stone, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	14 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>George O'Neill, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	15 <i>St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> [Mass at St Bernadette's Primary School]	10.00 a.m. <i>For John Cullen's wellbeing & for all carers</i> 2.00 p.m. <i>Leavers Mass</i>
Wed	16 <i>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	17 <i>Feria</i> [Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Michael Benjamin, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	18 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	19 <i>Saturday morning Mass of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving for 60 yrs of Religious life (Sr Anne)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Sun	20 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matt. 13:24-43 Parish Mass Book p.105</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving for their new daughter (D'Souza's)</i> 12 noon <i>Victor & Ida Bastiampillai, R.I.P.</i> 2.00 p.m. <i>John & Barbara Pierce (Marriage Golden Jubilee)</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.
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. & at call.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

One of the phrases we often hear about Our Lady in the gospels is that she kept and pondered the words and actions of God in her heart. She allowed the mystery of God to penetrate and dwell deep within her. In today's gospel Jesus gives us the first of all his many parables and it is exactly about this. Just as a seed needs to be planted into good soil to take proper root, grow and bear fruit so the word of God, something 'alive and active', needs to enter into a receptive heart. The parable compels us to examine our consciences. How do I receive the word of God? Do I let it penetrate into me or not? Does a hardness of heart or a weak faith mean I don't allow it to work in my life? Does worldliness and all of its distractions consume my life or is the enduring truth of God my light and guide? Does unrepented sin or a lack of forgiveness keep grace from working in my life? Today each of us is called again to open our hearts more to God and let the truth of his words and the reality of his grace, his mercy and his life take deeper root in us. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£435.99

2nd COLLECTION

£94.70

[This Sun. - 2nd Collection for the Apostleship of the sea]

'SEA SUNDAY' 13TH JULY

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's 2nd collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. You can visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

CERTIFICATES AT MASS THIS SUNDAY

The children in our parish who recently made their first holy communion and the young people confirmed will receive certificates at our Midday Mass this Sunday.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Tue 15 July	2 pm	St Bernadette's	Yr 6 'Leavers Mass'	
Wed 16 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth club, Yrs 7-11, 'New starters'	smyclub.co.uk
Fri 18 July		St Bernadette's	Last day of term	
Sat 19 July	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Ivan Stewart	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, Verity Cross, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Rosalie Marsh, Tony, Dick Morris & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

GEORGE O'NEILL, RIP

Please keep in your prayers George O'Neill, Sr Anne's brother, who died earlier this week after a long and difficult illness. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

COFFEE MORNING 2 WEEKS AGO

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who came and supported us Sunday 29th June. We raised £85 for CAFOD. Claire Shelton-Jones

100 CLUB

TO WIN IT, YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT: Next 100 club draw is due weekend of 19th/20th July. NOT A MEMBER?: Time to Join! Check the poster in the porch. ALREADY A MEMBER?: Are your subscriptions due or overdue? Please make cheques payable to "St Mary's Church."

UNUSUAL REQUEST - SCHOOL REUNION

Class of '63 Sacred Heart Hammersmith. It is 50 years since we all started secondary school together in London. If you or anyone you know were in this group we would love to hear from you for a possible reunion. Please contact Carole (nee Agius) on carole.appleford@gmail.com or telephone: 07962171695

WW1 CENTENARY EVENT IN BRIGHTON

17 July at 1.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Dyke Road, Brighton BN1 3LJ. WW1 Service with special prayers to remember Henry Allingham as the 18th July will be the fifth anniversary of his death; an important day for Brighton for St. Nicks as they hosted his funeral service. The service of remembrance is open to all and the Royal British Legion will also be in attendance.

CANTERBURY COACH OUTING

Tuesday 22 July. Leave St Mary's 10.30 am, returning around 7 pm. Free time to visit historic Cathedral and/or take a punt ride on the River Stour. Seats limited: £23 secures. Contact David on 540038.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'The Blessed Virgin is Queen of heaven and earth, quite true, but she is more mother than queen' [St Therese of L].

A PRAYER TO SAY ANYTIME IN THE DAY

'I adore you, O God. I love you with all of my heart. Thank you for having created me, and for having made me a Christian.'

WORD OF GOD

'Halt at the crossroads, look well, and ask yourselves which path it was that stood you in good stead long ago. That path follow and you shall find rest for your souls' [Jer 6:16]

TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST

Summer Retreat for Young Adults @ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. 27th - 31st August 2014. Exploring monastic ways to discipleship, with talks from monks of Worth Abbey including Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, and members of The Wellspring Community. Cost: £120 (unwaged/student), £150 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net.

WORD STUDY: PARABLES (Mt 13:3)

Parabole (Gk.): A spoken or literary 'comparison' between two things for illustration. The word is found 48 times in the Synoptic Gospels for short stories that use familiar images and word pictures to illustrate a truth or challenge a common outlook on life and religion. The term is found also in the Greek OT, where it frequently translates the Hebrew word *mashal*, a term for literary forms such as proverbs (1 Sam 10:12; 1 Kings 4:32), riddles (Ps 49:4; Sir 47:15), and allegories (Ezek 17:2; 24:3). Jesus uses parables in the NT for two purposes: to reveal and to conceal divine mysteries. (1) Parables invite the humble to reach behind the images and lay hold of God's truth (Mt 11:25; Mk 4:33). Parables sketch out earthly scenarios that reveal heavenly mysteries. (2) Conversely, they obstruct the proud and conceal divine mysteries from the unworthy. Parables thus have a second, albeit negative, function and are spoken as judgments on the faithless (cf. Is 6:9-10). In Matthew, Jesus shifts from straight-forward teaching (chaps. 5-7) to parables (chap. 13) immediately following his rejection by the Pharisees (12:14). Like the OT prophets Jotham (Judg 9:7-15) and Nathan (2 Sam 12:1-6), Jesus speaks parables for the benefit of the faithful and the judgment of unbelievers [From the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*].

AND FINALLY...

In the supermarket was a man pushing a trolley that contained a screaming baby. The gentleman kept repeating softly, "Be quiet, Albert; don't scream, don't yell, Albert; keep calm, Albert." A woman standing next to him said, "Well done for trying to soothe your son Albert." The man looked at her and said, "Lady, I'm Albert."