

# 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 Sun. 13 November, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	12	Vigil Mass
Sun	13	<b><u>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u></b>
		Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19 Parish Mass Book p.164
Mon	14	<i>Feria</i>
Tues	15	[Mass at St Mary's House]
Wed	16	<i>Feria</i>
Thur	17	[Extraordinary Form]
Fri	18	<i>Feria</i>
Sat	19	<i>Saturday Morning Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
		Vigil Mass
Sun	20	<b><u>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,</u></b>
		<b><u>KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)</u></b>
		Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 Parish Mass Book p.167
<b>Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. &amp; at call</b>		
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday</b>		
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass - All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this</b>		

### THE READINGS THIS WEEK

We are still on the last things. Today we hear about Our Lord's return, the second coming. This is an article of faith. He will come again - he told us so - and it will not be in a quiet way but 'in glory to judge the living and the dead'. Some of the Thessalonians, to whom Paul is writing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, were convinced that the Lord's return was immanent so they stopped working and waited and waited and waited and being idle they ended up being a burden to other people. So Paul writes to them reminding them that the Lord will return, that we know, but we do not know when. The proper task of the faithful is not to be idle but in the time we have to be both ready for the Lord's return and "to go on quietly working and earning the food that [we] eat." God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard this Sunday. It is his last one on the Year of Mercy which ends this week. Today's letter is on the seven spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear wrongs patiently and to pray for the living and the dead. Copies of the letter are in the Church Porch.

Last Sunday's Collection: £578.03  
 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. for The Retired Priests Fund: £201.40  
 Next Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. for the Cathedral Maintenance fund.

**The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for The Children of Yemen; Our Lady's Lamp for the wellbeing of Francisco.**

### A COLD WEATHER REQUEST

With the recent arrival of cold weather we regularly have people who knock at our door asking for a cup of tea and something to eat. If you are food shopping could you perhaps add an instant pot or 2 of porridge, healthy noodles or such like and drop it in the porch? It is easy to prepare and always gratefully received. Thank you.

### ADVENT IS JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY

The helpful 'Walk with Me' booklets are available in the porch. Booklets are just £1 and are filled with Prayers & thoughts to help guide you through this holy season.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will be for the deceased of the World Wars. There is a box to get your poppies at the back of the church.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</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 16 Nov	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 16 Nov	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 26 Nov	11am-3pm	Church Hall	CHRISTMAS FAIR	

### 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, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

**GIFT AID** – We recently received a cheque from the treasury for £4106.35. It was from Gift Aid. Taxpayers do not have to pay tax on money given to charity. The charity can claim back 25p for every £1 it receives. Thank you to those who ‘Gift Aid.’ If you do not do this but would like to please contact the Parish office or Bernard Regan. After Masses this weekend those who do Gift Aid can pick up an envelope with their name on it. Application forms to begin gift aiding will also be available.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 26 November

Raffle tickets are available on the pews. Posters to display at home or in your car are in the Church porch. There are a few stalls that still need volunteers. This weeks push: Chocolate for the chocolate tombola. Bottles for bottle tombola, no alcoholic soft drinks please. Red wine for the mulled wine stall. See separate newsletter in porch for more information. Thank you – the Christmas fair team.

### ST BERNADETTE’S SCHOOL FORMS

For parents wanting to apply to send their children to St Bernadette’s Primary School (or Cottesmore) next September Fr Bruno will be in the presbytery to sign forms on the following dates: **Wed 14 Dec., 11am-12pm; Fri 16 Dec., 6-7pm; Sat 17 Dec., 11am-12pm.** There will be another date in the new year before the deadline for handing in applications.

### SERMON IN A SENTENCE

‘Nothing short of suffering, except in rare cases, makes us what we should be; gentle instead of harsh, meek instead of violent, conceding instead of arrogant, lowly instead of proud, pure-hearted instead of sensual, sensitive of sin instead of carnal’ [Blessed John Henry Newman].

### DEEPENING OUR FAITH

There is a good book called ‘The Temperament God gave your Kids’ by Art & Laraine Bennett, which parents especially may find useful in understanding and nurturing your child who has his or her own unique temperament.

The website ‘www.discerninghearts.com’ has some free audio downloads with talks on the spiritual life. Those by Fr Timothy Gallagher (e.g. the series on the Discernment of Spirits) have been highly recommended. One person said she listens to them at the gym and has found them very useful.

*“Even when alone, be cheerful, remembering always that you are in the sight of angels” St Therese of Lisieux*

### Prayer for a departed loved one

*‘We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord’ [St Ambrose].*

O gentlest heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor souls, have mercy on the soul of thy departed servant. Be not severe in thy judgment but let some drops of thy precious blood fall upon the purifying flames, and do thou, O merciful Saviour, send thy angels to conduct thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Merciful Jesus, grant eternal rest.

### CURRY EVENING FUNDRAISER -

#### Cassidy Centre - Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4.30pm

Come & Support us raising money in aid of the homeless people of Brighton & Hove. Enjoy good food with entertainment thrown in as well. Chicken or Veggie curry will be available. Tickets : Adults £7 children £4 or a Family ticket (2 adults + 2 Children) £20. For more information or tickets contact Ethil on 01273 506845 or 07710 982652

### THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH 25-27 November

Young Adults Advent Retreat at Worth Abbey.

Talks, Prayer & Friendship. For more info & to book contact : [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net)

### The Journey: A Teenage Retreat for Advent

Join us at Worth Abbey this Advent to explore what Christmas is really all about! Like the wise men journeyed to meet Jesus after his birth, this advent each of us can make our own journey to meet Him. This is an invitation to put aside the Christmas lists and to go back to basics. It will be a weekend of fun and games, prayer, arts and crafts and much more! **This retreat is for all those in years 7-9 and will be running at Worth Abbey from 2-4th December.** The weekend costs £84 but bursaries are available. Email [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net) for more info. Booking closes on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### CARDINAL CORMAC ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cardinal Cormac will be coming to Arundel Cathedral to celebrate a Mass on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee as a priest. It will be at 4 p.m., Sunday 27 November, followed by a reception to which all are welcome.

**And finally ...** A teacher was telling the parable of the prodigal son to her class. She then asked the children questions. “Who was particularly unhappy that the prodigal son returned?” Little Johnny put up his hand. “Was it the fatted calf?”