

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 September, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	12	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (A.McCulloch)</i>
Sun	13	<u>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
		Gospel: Mark 8:27-35	12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>
		Mass Book p.132	
Mon	14	<i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross, Feast</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Luca Barbone, R.I.P</i>
Tue	15	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	16	<i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs	17	<i>St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pat Hodgson, R.I.P</i>
		Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m. <i>Thanksgiving W/Anniv Francisco&Miroslava</i>
Fri	18	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sat	19	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday'</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Noel Ryan, R.I.P</i>
		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	20	<u>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>	10.00 a.m. <i>Annette Winifrede Sheppe, R.I.P</i>
		Gospel: Mark 9:30-37	12 noon <i>Edward Haroun, R.I.P.</i>
		Mass Book p.135	

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

This Monday is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Here is a powerful prayer that can be used before a Crucifix, or even used as a novena prayer: 'Jesus, because of your love for your Father and your burning love for us, you willed to be crucified and to shed your most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls. We gather before the Cross, this magnificent symbol of our faith, to recall the events of Calvary and to thank you for your great sacrifice. Your cross is our life. Look down upon us and grant the petition we ask for: *[state your petition]*. We trust completely in Your Mercy. Cleanse us from sin by Your Grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings, bless our families and grant to the nations, so sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true peace, so that obeying Your Commandments we may come at last to the glory of Heaven. Amen.'

God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

Last Sundays Collection : £538.88,
 2nd Collection: £106.18 'Seminary Fund'
 2nd collection next week will be for 'Racial Justice Sunday'

TABLE TOP SALE AND BARBEQUE - organised by the parish SVP group and after Mass on Sunday. Please pop down if you can. All welcome.

FR FRANCIS ANYANZU, SJ

Some of you may have met Fr Francis, a Jesuit priest from Uganda, who is doing doctoral studies at Sussex University. Last year he was staying with Fr Kevin Dring at the Sacred Heart. This year I am very happy to say he is staying here at St Mary's. Please say hello to him if you see him around.

Notice - Application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation & RCIA are available from the Church porch.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Conor Graham O'Sullivan and Michelle Afeli Kodjo who were baptized and became children of God this Saturday.

Apart from the Cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven [St Rose of Lima]

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 16 Sept	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting, followed by lunch	Luke Fernandes

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt & Terry Rodrigues.

SVP: Mass for the sick & housebound – Sat 3rd October 2pm If you, or you know someone, who would like to come please contact either Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or the Parish Office to arrange transport if needed. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

CATHOLAITY FAIR Sat. 14th November 10.30- 3.30
This year's Fair is in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the "Uganda Hands for Hope" charity. If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery event. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets are available now & usually around 90% of the tickets we sell go to "Uganda Hands for Hope." Thank you for your support. Chris Rodrigues.

REJOICE EVENING: You are warmly invited to... Rejoice! On Saturday 26th September, Sacred Heart parish room, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BF. 7.00pm refreshments / 7.30pm start. This is a donation only event. There will be praise & worship and a short talk on "How to Forgive" from David Matthews and an opportunity for prayer ministry. All welcome.

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION
Saturday 10th October 2015 – Starting at Westminster Cathedral, 1.45pm. See porch for further details.

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER - Curry, Talk & Film
Saturday 10th October, Cassidy Centre, 8-10.30pm
Tickets £8 which includes a homemade curry, a short talk by Fr Alexander, a Benedictine Monk from Worth Abbey on "Silence in the City" followed by a screening of the latest film from Mary's Meals. Your entrance fee of £8 will provide a daily meal for a hungry child in a place of education for 8 months in a developing country such as Malawi. Please contact Henry and Eve Morrison (01273 979204) or Chris Rooke (01273 551577) to reserve your ticket and/or find out more about Mary's Meals.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – less than 11 weeks now!
Many thanks for all the wonderful sugar. Now could we ask for any dried fruit and most importantly some JAM JARS! Please put them in the box in the porch. Thankyou. **PLUS** We need Lots and Lots of Bottles for our Bottle Tombola! Wine, Spirits etc. Bring any donations along to Church. Please hand these in to someone you know or to Beryl Cheeseman (01273 556275) who is running this stall.

"What did the calculator say to the student?" "You can count on me!"

WORDS FROM BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

'I recommend praying these words to Mary: Mary, Mother of Jesus ... we come to you with the same attitude of children who come to their mother. We are no longer children, but adults who desire with all our heart's to be God's children. Our human condition is weak; that is why we come to ask for your motherly aid so we are able to overcome our weakness. Pray for us so that we can, in turn, become people of prayer. We invoke your protection so that we may remain free from all sin. We invoke your love so that it may reign and we will be able to be compassionate and forgiving. We ask for your blessing so we can be like the image of your beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.'

TOWERS CONVENT TRIP- 20th September
A Parish visit to the Towers Convent leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm on Sunday 20th September, returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Benediction. Call David Alfred for further details on 01273 540038.

COFFEE MORNING – Sunday 20th September
Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of Uganda Hands For Hope. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc. to the hall before Mass. Many thanks from The Social Concerns Group

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Royal Albion Hotel will this year be on Tuesday 15 Dec. from 12 noon. Sherry, Turkey, with all the trimmings for £13, including tip (Vegetarian option available). Early payment to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another: SMILE QUIZ NIGHT! Friday 30th October, 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. £4 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to St Anne's Day Centre. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 4th October (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead 01273 556899).

ENCOUNTER Crawley - For those aged 15-30 Fri 25th September, 7pm at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley, RH11 8PG. Live music, adoration, praise, worship, food & the chance to meet some rally nice people. Entry is free.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS
Couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary this year are invited to book for this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth, Saturday 17th Oct, 12 noon at the Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel, BN18 9AY. Booking Essential: Please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152 or email katherine.bergin:@dabnet.org

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us" [JRR Tolkien]