

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 2 weeks from Sunday 14 January, 2018

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 13	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 14	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: John 1:35-42 Mass Book p127	10 a.m.	<i>For the Wellbeing of Sabina D'Souza</i>
		12 noon	<i>For the Wellbeing of Norina Ramos</i>
Mon 15	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Pierrette Moira Bunty, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 16	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 17	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Thurs 18	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Fri 19	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Sat 20	<i>Saturday Morning Votive Mass to Our Lady</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Justina Dorothea Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 21	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Mass Book p129	10 a.m.	<i>Pat Leahy, R.I.P.</i>
		12 noon	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Mon 22	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Tue 23	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 24	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Thurs 25	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Fri 26	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Sat 27	<i>Saturday Morning Votive Mass to Our Lady</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Noreen Irwin, R.I.P.</i>
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Denis Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 28	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Mass Book p132	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon	<i>For the D'Souza Family Souls</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call

Sanctuary Lamp these weeks is burning for Fr David Weston, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for all unborn children

[Contact the parish office if you would like one of these lamps to burn for a specific intention]

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 17 Jan	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Fri 19 Jan	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (4) 'Why the Catechism?'	Fr Bruno
Sun 21 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class (2)	
Fri 02 Feb	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy	Echoes (5) 'Who teaches?'	Fr Bruno

		Centre	
Sun 04 Feb	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class (3)

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew - God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed, and dedicate this New Year to Him - to serve Him and love Him afresh.

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

SENIORS CLUB – Thursdays 2-4 p.m.

The first meeting of the Seniors Club in the New Year will be this Thursday 18th January, 2-4 p.m. As the New Year begins the club is always happy to welcome new members from the parish or the local community. Just come along or speak to Fr Bruno or David Alfred if interested.

ECHOES – Parish based formation in the Faith

The next session will be on Friday 19th January, 7-8.15 pm in the Cassidy Centre. This session is Titled 'Why the Catechism?' Anyone wanting to learn more about the faith in a small friendly group welcome on a come and see basis. Materials will be provided. A copy of the course book is in the porch for you to look at.

CHILDRENS 1st HOLY COMMUNION

The next session for the children will be next Sunday, 21 Jan, at 9.30 am in the Cassidy Centre.

Homeless Sunday Coffee Morning - 28th Jan, 11 am

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts & raffle plus the usual tea and coffee, in aid of St Anne's Day Centre for Homeless & Lonely People. A chance to put any unwanted Christmas presents to good use! Please bring your **cakes & gifts** to the hall before Mass. Thanks.

Readers Day – Saturday 24th February: 11 am – 12.30 pm, in Church. Coral Olson, who is the 12 o'clock readers co-ordinator, has organised a day of reflection, prayer and re-commissioning for the 12 o'clock readers. If any readers from the 7 pm Saturday or 10 am Sunday Mass would like to participate please call Coral on 01273 500944

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are blessed to have generous volunteers in the parish who fill the church with beautiful flowers throughout the year and for our various feasts. They would be grateful though for some assistant helpers. If you feel this is something you would like to do, or learn to do, (often on a Thursday or Friday morning) please speak to Chris Rodrigues, Joan Spells or Fr Bruno.

FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you for the regular donations left in the 'Foodbank' box in the porch. The usual foodstuffs and toiletries are still needed and can be left in the foodbank box in the church porch. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Without volunteers to lead the sessions this cannot take place. Please see the sign-up sheets in the porch for the Sundays up to April. This is worthwhile work. Materials are provided.

DEANERY

Hospital Visits - Fr Peter Fitch, at St John The Baptist, is the main hospital chaplain and goes into the Hospital most days. If you know anyone in hospital who needs the sacraments please contact Fr Peter on 01273 681587 or tell Fr Bruno.

Fr David Weston, R.I.P.

Fr David, the former Parish Priest of St George's, Hangleton, was called back to God this week. Please say a prayer for him. Funeral details not yet arranged.

DIOCESAN

Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage

26 July to 3 August 2018 The online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (School Years 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more information go to www.ablourdes.org.

OTHER

Quote – "Life is not just a succession of events or experiences. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise our freedom; it is in this – in truth, in goodness and in beauty – that we find happiness and joy" [Pope Benedict XVI].

Prayer – 'His Unfailing Presence'

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING - Rather than put your Christmas cards in the recycling bin, you can leave them in a bag in the Church porch. A parishioner, Verity Cross, generously recycles and makes beautiful new ones from them with the proceeds going to charity.

2 WEEK NEWSLETTER

You may notice a slight change in format for the newsletter this week. This as well as moving to a '2 week' newsletter for a trial period is an attempt to ease the (necessary) administrative burden in the parish. Fr Bruno.

And I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me?

I may not, must not know;

Will it be love and rapture,

Or loneliness and woe?

Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;

I surely shall be blest;

"My presence shall go with thee,

And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author