

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 week commencing Sunday 14 September, 2014

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	13		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Harry & Verity Cross, In Thanksgiving</i>
Sun	14	<u>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
		<i>Gospel: John 3:13-17</i>	Parish Mass Book p.181	12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon	15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tue	16	<i>Sts Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Wed	17	<i>Feria</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	18	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
			[Low Mass in the Extraordinary form]	7.00 p.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i>
Fri	19	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Fred McFabden, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	20	<i>Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Martyrs</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Anne Winifred Sheppee, R.I.P.</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention (Mrs F. Bamin)</i>
Sun	21	<u>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16</i>	Parish Mass Book p.131	12 noon <i>John Green, R.I.P & Barbara Stewart, R.I.P.</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday morning Mass.
Mass at 8.15 a.m. Mon-Sat at St Mary's House, 38 Preston Park Avenue.
Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.
Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass.

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

When a feast of Our Lord falls on a Sunday it replaces those Sunday prayers. September 14 is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and so this is the Mass we offer today. Some might be tempted to ask why we Christians celebrate an instrument of torture, a sign of suffering, defeat and failure. It is true that the Cross expresses all these things. And yet, because of him who was lifted up on the Cross for our salvation, it also represents the definitive triumph of God's love over all the evil in the world. The Cross, then, is something far greater and more mysterious than it at first appears. It is the most eloquent symbol of hope that the world has ever seen. It speaks to all who suffer - the oppressed, the sick, the poor, the outcast, the victims of violence - and it offers them hope that God can transform their suffering into joy, their isolation into communion, their death into life. It offers unlimited hope to our fallen world. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Last week's collections: 1st: £521.76, 2nd: £ 91.94
 This week 2nd collection for 'Racial justice Sunday'
 Next week 2nd collection for 'Home Mission Sunday'

THE VATICAN CRICKET TEAM, 10 am Mass

A very warm welcome from St Mary's to our distinguished guests this Sunday. The St Peter's Cricket Club consists of priests, seminarians and supporters who live close to the Vatican and who wish to bring all that this sport represents to the heart of the Church and to ensure that the Church's voice finds an echo in this particular contemporary culture. The club engages in intercultural and ecumenical occasions and charitable initiatives through the means of this sport which is the second most followed sport in the world. They are currently on 'The Light of Faith Tour' in England and we wish them every blessing and success especially in their match in Preston Park this afternoon. St John Paul II, intercede for them!

"All that we call human history ... [is] the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." [C.S.Lewis]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 506845
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Wed 17 Sept	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 st Parish SVP Meeting, All welcome	
Sat 20 Sept	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Sylvie Erica Boniface	
Mon 22 Sept	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Session	Fr Bruno
Sat 29 Nov		Church Hall	Parish Christmas Fair	

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, Ann Chandler, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Tony Gormley & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

SUNDAY COFFEE

We are back to Coffee and Chat after the mass at 10.00am this Sunday 7th September. We have teams for the first, second and fourth Sundays of the month. We are looking for two new teams for the 3rd Sunday and the occasional 5th Sunday. Please give me a ring on 07740 177556 or email lizwoodhead@allcomm.co.uk and I will set up a new rota. Many thanks, Liz.

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW

October is the month for the annual "GRAND DRAW" of the 100 club. Now is the best time to join. £30 annual subs and you are included in the monthly draw: £50/£30/£20 for 11 months but £200 1st prize, £150, 2nd, £50, 3rd in October! Join by 17th October to be entered in this year's grand draw. Contact Mary Cornelius on 558812

55 YEARS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

This Saturday Evening Mass (13th) the intention is for Harry & Verity Cross in thanksgiving for their recent 55th Wedding Anniversary. God bless you and your loved ones.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Concerns Group invites you to a quiz night on Friday 31st October at 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 October (or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 505642)

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'We all suffer for each other, and gain by each other's sufferings; for man never stands alone here, though he will stand by himself one day hereafter; but here he is a social being, and goes forward to his long home as one of a large company' [Blessed John Henry Newman].

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The date for our Christmas fair is the last Saturday in November, the 29th. This is a wonderful annual event in the parish and for the wider community. We do however need much cooperation and many volunteers in its organization. If you would like to offer your time and energy please see Fr Bruno or Eve Morrison. Thank you.

PRAYER TO O. L. JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED

'Behold O good and loving Jesus, that I cast myself on my knees before you and, with the greatest fervour of spirit, I pray and beseech you to instil into my heart ardent sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a most firm purpose of amendment. With deep affection and sorrow I ponder intimately and contemplate in my mind your five wounds, having before my eyes what the prophet David had already put in your mouth about yourself, O good Jesus: they have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones' (Ps 21:17-18).

DEMENTIA AWARENESS AFTERNOON

This Saturday, 20th September, 2-5pm, Martlets Hospice, Wayfield Avenue, Hove (01273 829940) have invited speakers and specialists to talk about a range of issues relating to dementia. See poster in porch for more details.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are looking for your child to be baptised pick up a form in the porch. The next Baptism preparation session for parents is Mon 22 Sept. at 8pm in the Cassidy Centre

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of the programs preparing for the sacraments next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date 28 September.

NAME:

AGE/SCHOOL YEAR:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE NO:

I wish to enrol for preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

ADULT BAPTISM/RECEPTION

Signed: