

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 15 January, 2017

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 14		Vigil Mass 7.00 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 15	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: John 1:29-34 Mass Book p.125	10.00 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> <i>Maria Paz & Claudia Luis</i>
Mon 16	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Philippe Hogge, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 17	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 18	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	<i>For the Wellbeing of Angela Menendez</i>
Thurs 19	Mass in the Extraordinary Form	7.00 p.m.	<i>Bessie Gertrude Moller, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 20	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Justina Dorothea Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 21	<i>St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	10.00 a.m.	<i>John Donald, R.I.P.</i>
		Vigil Mass 7.00 p.m.	<i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 22	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 Mass Book p.127	10.00 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> <i>Alma Green & Margaret Eden R.I.P.</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday Morning Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

After the Christmas Season we are now in what we call 'Ordinary Time.' In his letter to the Ephesians St Paul urges them to make prudent use of their time by seizing every opportunity to do good. He uses the vivid expression 'redeeming the time' [Eph. 5:16] and this is something for us too in our day to day life, to 'redeem the time'. In today's gospel John the Baptist points to Jesus and refers to him in words which we hear at every Mass: 'The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' This is who he is, the Lamb who died for our sins, and with the gift of his grace calls us to follow him. In him we find undeserved forgiveness, unimaginable love and life. A beautiful short prayer which keeps this in our minds is: 'Thank you, Lord, and have mercy.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

THE WORD OF GOD

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour' [Isaiah 43:1-3].

Last Sunday's Collection: £574.58; 2nd coll: £79.69
This Week's 2nd collection is for Peace Day (Pax Christi)

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Guillaume;
Our Lady's Lamp for Fred. If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

Homeless Sunday Coffee Morning - Sun 22nd Jan

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass next Sunday: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee in aid of St Anne's Day Centre For The Homeless. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc. to the hall before Mass. Put those unwanted Christmas gifts to good use!

PEACE SUNDAY - This Sunday

Our second collection this Sunday will be for *Pax Christi*. The work of *Pax Christi* is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please pick up a collection / gift aid envelope today.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aoife Jane Cumberbatch who became a

Christian and a child of God this Saturday.

PARISH DIARY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 01273556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Sat 14 Jan	12 noon	Church	Aoife Jane Cumberbatch - Baptism	
Mon 16 Jan	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. Meeting	Mrs Janet Silva
Wed 18 Jan	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273556927
Sat 21 Jan	2 pm	Church	Baptism of Maxwell Dale	

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, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller

Norah Golden, R.I.P.

Please pray for Norah who died just after Christmas. She had been to Mass here on Christmas morning and died peacefully at home two days later. Her funeral Mass will be at St Mary's at 10 a.m., Friday 27th January.

SENIORS CLUB

The first meeting of the Seniors Club this year will be this Thursday 19th January, 2-4 p.m. David Alfred has been running this important club for many years but is finding it more difficult to prepare and arrange things for the club each week by himself. Is there someone who would like to assist him each week in running the club? Please pray about this and if you feel you can help please see David or Fr Bruno. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING

Rather than throw your Christmas cards in the recycling bin, could you perhaps leave them in a bag in the Church porch? A parishioner likes to recycle and make new ones from them with the proceeds going to charity. Thank you.

SVP Christmas Raffle Donations to our chosen Homeless Charities. - St Anne's Day Centre and St Thomas Fund send their warm & sincere gratitude to you for our recent 'Crisis Appeal' Christmas donations, on your behalf, of £250 to each of them. They remind us that they are dependent on such generosity from donors to provide the vital service to the street homeless in Brighton, which has now risen to over 140, the largest outside London. Luke Fernandes.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th July to 4th August 2017.

Online applications will be open soon - check Pilgrimage website for details www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance or those without access to the internet, should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct for a paper application form on 01403 740110.

PRESTON PARK PRE-SCHOOL

Long established community preschool with fully qualified, caring & experienced staff are now taking applications for September 2017. Age 2½ - 5 years old (There are a few sessions available for this school year). Open 9am-1pm with some funded sessions available. This lovely preschool is situated in a spacious Church Hall with a large secluded garden for the children to enjoy. Funding from 3 & 4 for eligible 2 year olds. Visitors welcome - OFSTED Registration 130762
Contact : 01273 557144 email:
prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk

A Reflection

*I was regretting the past and fearing the future.
Suddenly my Lord was speaking: 'My name is I Am'.
He paused. I invited. He continued.*

*When you live in the past, with its mistakes and regrets,
It is hard, I am not there. My name is not I Was.*

*When you live in the future, with its problems and fears,
It is hard, I am not there. My name is not I will be.*

*When you live in this moment, It is not hard. I am here.
'My name is I AM'. (Helen Mallicoat)*

SVP Project worker – 1 year contract

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has received funding to pilot a project working with older people in the Brighton deanery. We are now looking to recruit a Development Worker to work out of parish halls and SVP premises within the deanery (min 1 Year fixed term contract, possible extension subject to funding, Salary: £20k - £22k negotiable depending upon skills and experience.) The ideal candidate will have experience in working with older people, including those with dementia and a proven ability in establishing and maintaining projects for older people. Ideally he/she will also have experience of working closely with volunteers. For more information and an application pack please contact Veronab@svp.org.uk. Closing date 26th Jan. '17

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

- from 13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursion & guided tours incl. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com or 07740 175557. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

New Year's resolution: Make a difference with CAFOD!

Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our brothers and sisters working to overcome poverty around the globe. Cafod are looking for people at St Mary's to help us thank parishioners for their support and assist with CAFOD fast days twice a year and emergency appeals. For more information please contact Martin or Jo on 01438 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

And finally... a Tim Vine one liner: 'I'm getting rid of my vacuum cleaner - it's just gathering dust.'