

# 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 November, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	14		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Martin Breen, R.I.P</i>
Sun	15	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Family of Sr Anne</i>
		Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32	Mass Book p157	12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	16	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Mr &amp; Mrs Whitehead, 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>Helen Mullaghan, R.I.P</i>
Thurs	19	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Roger Chandler, R.I.P</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Fri	20	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Genevieve Dell &amp; Family</i>
Sat	21	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>The Golden Family, Intentions of</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Robin Mountford, R.I.P</i>
Sun	22	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: John 18: 33-37	Mass Book p.160	12 noon <i>Delia Foley, R.I.P</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on hold while work going on in the church**  
**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

Once again we find ourselves coming to the end of the liturgical year. The readings tell us of Christ's return in glory and also remind us powerfully of the 'last things' - death, judgment, heaven and hell - three of those realities which sooner or later will come to each one of us. Today Jesus tells us of his Second coming and the final judgment. It will be something terrible. What we are all called to is to live lives of daily vigilance and fidelity (not forgetting the power of the sacrament of confession). If we love the Lord and treasure his word in us then we need not fear. The opening prayer for Mass today invites us to ask this. It goes: 'Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.' May God give you his peace this week, Fr Bruno.

**SANCTUARY WORKS:** The plasterboard is now mostly up and this week the plastering work begins. The Crucifix has been cleaned and the 'INRI' regilded. While this work is going on the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the safe in the Sacristy and weekday Masses are at the usual time but in the Cassidy Centre. 4 weeks to go, hopefully.

Last Sundays Collection : £576.23

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for 'The Retired Priests Fund' £250.18

2<sup>nd</sup> coll. this week is for the 'Wellspring Community'

### WELLSPRING COMMUNITY

Jo Gilbert, from the Wellspring Community here in Brighton, will be speaking at our Sunday Masses this weekend. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week will be taken for them, to support them, their witness and the important work of evangelisation they do in our city, in particular for the young who today need credible witnesses.

### Philip Stephens, R.I.P

Philip Stephens, the organist at Rottingdean for 50 years died earlier this week. Known to many around here his Requiem Mass will be at 10am, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov., at Our Lady of Lourdes, Rottingdean. May he rest in peace and please keep his family in your prayers.

### Hospital Visits – A Reminder

Please let Fr Bruno or the Parish Office know if there is someone you know who is in hospital and may need to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites). We no longer get a list of the Catholics in hospital and we rely on you the parishioners informing us. It is best if we are given the name of the patient, hospital and ward.

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>				
<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, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Tue 17 Nov	7.30-9pm	St Joseph's Hall	Confirmation meeting	Fr Bruno
Wed 18 Nov	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Wed 18 Nov	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	
Mon 22 Nov	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. meeting	Charles Wookey, Janet Silva
<b>SAT 28 Nov</b>	11-3pm	Hall & CC	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	Eve Morrison

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Resi Michel, Dick Morris & Terry Rodrigues.

**Advent is just a 2 weeks away!** The helpful "Walk with Me" booklets will be available next weekend, along with calendars, for you and your children to enjoy together in the run up to the birth of our Lord.

**Day of Prayer and Healing** at St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR, Saturday 21st November, 10.20 a.m. - 4.20 p.m. The day includes Holy Mass, inspiring talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & the Ministry of Healing. Please bring a packed lunch. See Web site for more info: [chilworthbenedictines.com](http://chilworthbenedictines.com)

### Young Adults Advent Retreat, 27-29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Talks-Space-Prayer-Stillness-Friendship. Reflecting on the themes of Advent, the coming of God to us in Christ, the Dawn who breaks upon us from on high. Talks from Monks of Worth and the Wellspring Community. At Worth Abbey, Benedictine Monastery. For more info or to book e-mail [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net) or call 01342710318

### Pontification Sung Vespers – 6<sup>th</sup> December Arundel Cathedral at 6.30pm

The Friends of Arundel Cathedral invite everyone to join them for this celebration. Presided by Bishop Richard.

### THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Is less than 2 weeks now! – Sat 28 November

**CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN** or the young at heart!

It's time to fill a jar with Christmas goodies!

The Jars with instructions are in the Porch

Don't forget to bring them back though!

**THIS WEEKS BIG PUSH REQUEST -  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!**

PLUS....

Mulled Wine Stall

We need RED WINE &

Mince pies

Please mark these for the mulled wine stall - in case they accidentally end up on the bottle tombola! Thank you

**GRAND DRAW TICKETS**

**KEEP SELLING & BUYING!**

A great way to support us especially if you can't be there on the day - please return stub & monies to presbytery



### PRAYER: For the Heart of a Child

'Holy Mary, Mother of God, preserve in me the heart of a child, pure and transparent as a spring. Obtain for me a simple heart that does not brood over sorrows; a heart generous in giving itself, quick to feel compassion; a faithful, generous heart that forgets no favour and holds no grudge. Give me a humble, gentle heart loving without asking any return; a great indomitable heart that no ingratitude can close, no indifference can weary; a heart tortured by its desire for the glory of Jesus Christ: pierced by His love with a wound that will heal only in heaven' [*Leonce de Grandmaison, SJ*].

### START OF SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Our First Holy Communion program begins with a parents meeting in the Cassidy Centre, 8-9 pm, Mon. 23 November. Our Confirmation preparation this year will combine with the other Brighton parishes of St Joseph's, St John the Baptist's & St Thomas More's. First meeting for the candidates (& parents) will be this Tues. 17 November, 7.30-9 pm, in St Joseph's Hall, Milton Rd, BN2 9TQ.

### CAFOD Mass of Remembrance.

All are welcome - 21<sup>st</sup> November. Over the years, CAFOD has been blessed by the kindness & commitment of our supporters, but sadly many of these people who have been at the heart of our work are no longer with us. As a small token of appreciation, CAFOD will hold a Memorial Mass in their honour, on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November** in St Mary Magdalene's church, Bexhill-on-Sea (opposite the railway station) where the community will welcome us to their 10 am Mass. If you would like any names included in the Book of Remembrance, please get in touch with CAFOD A&B at [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) or on 01483 898 866. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the Mass.

### 1 to 1 TUTORING – English & R.E. for all ages

Joe Cook, a parishioner here, is available to give one to one tuition for all ages in English & R.E., in accordance with Catholic values. He has a degree in English & teaching experience. Phone or text: 07754208152 for an informal chat or alternatively email him on: [joedupreccook1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joedupreccook1@hotmail.co.uk)

**And finally:** A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' His son asked, 'What happened to the flea?'

*'A person's rightful due is to be treated as an object of love, not as an object for use' [St John Paul II].*