

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 commencing Sunday 16 August, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>			<u>Intention</u>
Sat	15		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sun	16	<u>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (B)</u>	Mass Book p.180	10.00 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Mon	17		No Mass		
Tue	18		No Mass		
Wed	19		No Mass		
Thurs	20		[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7.00 p.m.	<i>Fr Stephen Collins, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	21	<i>St Pius X, Pope</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Francis Ignatius Jukes, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	22	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Vigil Mass	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	<i>Claudio Cerda Vera Gibson, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	23	<u>21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>	Gospel: John 6:60-69 Mass Book p.123	10.00 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish Deceased Souls of the D'Souza family</i>
Mon	24	<i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Tue	25		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	26	<i>Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God (Barberi)</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Carole Pirie, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs	27	<i>St Monica, Mother</i>	[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	<i>Pierre Bamin, R.I.P. Priest's Intention</i>
Fri	28	<i>St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Joanna Dorothy Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	29	<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	Vigil Mass	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	<i>Priest's Intention Pro Populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Sun	30	<u>22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>	Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 Mass Book p.126	10.00 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Billy Bamin, R.I.P. William Aston, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call

No Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 a.m. Mass in August. Resumes September.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BL. V. MARY

'The Assumption reminds us that Mary's life, like that of every Christian, is a journey of following, following Jesus, a journey that has a very precise destination, a future already marked out: the definitive victory over sin and death and full communion with God ... [The Virgin Mary] has entered into the fullness of union with God, with her Son. She draws us onwards and accompanies us on our journey' [Benedict xvi].

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Penelope Amaia Lander who became a child of God this 15th August. Application forms for baptism are in the church porch.

2nd Aug Coll: £504.75, Christian Aid: £174.47

9th Aug Coll: £416.52, Comboni Mission: £659.43

LOURDES COLLECTION – A THANK YOU

We have received a letter of thanks from the diocese for our contribution to this fund. In all over £43,000 was raised across the diocese enabling those less fortunate to go to Lourdes. A total of 700 pilgrims travelled to Lourdes this year with the diocese.

COMBONI MISSION THANKS

Fr Franco Masromauro has thanked the parish for the generous response to last week's appeal. In all £659.43 was raised which will go to the missions. Thank you.

"It is only that which is eternal that is capable of satisfying our heart" [St Therese of Lisieux]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Sat 22 Aug	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Socie St Clair Frimont	

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, Harry Cross, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Monica McLauchlan & Terry Rodrigues.

PARISH NEWS

With the holidays having arrived we have also finished with our Sacramental programmes for this year. I am so very grateful to all those who give of their time and help in so many ways - our catechists, group leaders, sacristans, servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, musicians and singers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, those who lead the children's liturgy, our Tea and Coffee volunteers and those who work faithfully behind the scenes in the parish office. Thank you! Here is a reminder of some of our programmes:

BAPTISMS - Application forms are in the porch as are the dates for the preparation sessions for the parents. Baptisms usually take place on Saturdays.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (School year 3 and above), **CONFIRMATION** (School year 10) **AND RCIA** (Adult reception into the Church) - Application forms will be in the porch in September with the various programmes starting around November.

GETTING MARRIED - Contact Fr Bruno for this. Generally we need at least 6 months' notice before getting married.

ALTAR SERVING - Thank you to our regular servers. Those who have made their First Holy Communion (and older) and who regularly come to Mass are welcome to come and learn. See Fr Bruno or Vito Forte if interested.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - This choir sings once a month (1st Sunday) at our 10 am Mass. This is open to all children and young adults. Please see Charles Wookey or Liz Dunn if interested.

SUNDAY 10 AM CHOIR - Again new and additional voices would be a valuable help in our celebration of Mass. Just come and join in.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- During the holidays there will be **No Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass**. Thank you to those who volunteer for this.
- **Children's Pre-School Liturgy** only (not School Group) will continue through the Summer.
- **Tuesday Bible Study** is off for the Summer and will resume in September.
- No **SVP** meeting on 3rd Wednesday in August. Next meeting 16th September.
- **Senior's Club** continues through the Summer. Thank you David.
- **Youth club (Yrs 7-11)**. This will be starting again in September. Check newsletter for dates.

PRAYER: THE 'MEMORARE' of St Bernard

'Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.'

PARISH TABLE-TOP SALE & BARBEQUE

Sunday 13 September the parish SVP group are arranging a Table-Top sale and Barbeque in the parish garden. The Table-Top sale in the hall (selling only children's clothes, toys & books) will start at 11am. £10 will buy you a table - paid in advance in an envelope with name and tel. number to be given in 2nd collection plate or to Luke Fernandes. This sale will allow parents to exchange their unwanted clothes, books and toys into money to then use as they wish. BBQ to start from 12.30pm to which all are invited. See posters in porch.

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

TOWERS CONVENT - 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 01273 540038.

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The parish SVP are arranging a Mass on **Saturday 3rd October (2pm)** especially for the sick and housebound of the parish. The holy anointing with the Sacrament of the Sick will be given during the Mass to those who need it. The SVP are happy to arrange transport for those who request it and there will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please contact Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or the parish office if you would like to come and if you need transport.

100 CLUB - Next 100 club draw is due 3rd weekend of August. **100 CLUB - TO WIN IT, YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT!** See the poster in the porch about joining. **ALREADY A MEMBER??** Are your subscriptions due or overdue? Cheques payable to 'St Mary's Church.' Thank you.

Book recommendation: 'The Shed that Fed a Million Children' by *Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow*. This is the extraordinary story of Mary's Meals which today provides meals for over one million children every school day - giving them food and an education.