

# 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 July, 2017

		<u>Mass Proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	15		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	16	<b><u>15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: Matt 13:1-23	Mass Book p.102	12 noon <i>Holy Souls</i>
Mon	17	<i>Feria</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue	18		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	19	<i>Feria</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Thur	20		[Traditional Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Paul Wynn (Paul Hollingdale), R.I.P.</i>
Fri	21	<i>Feria</i>		10 a.m. <i>Peter Hui, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	22	<i>St Mary Magdalene, Feast</i>		10 a.m. <i>Fleet Family</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Bamin Family, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	23	<b><u>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10 a.m. <i>Teresa Brown, R.I.P. (Anniv)</i>
		Gospel: Matt. 13:24-43	Mass Book p.105	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	24	<i>Feria</i>		10 a.m. <i>Doris Prescott, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	25		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	26	<i>Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Thur	27		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Fri	28	<i>Feria</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	29	<i>St Martha</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Welfare of Christians in the Holy Land</i>
Sun	30	<b><u>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52	Mass Book p.108	12 noon <i>Joseph Brett &amp; Lorna Briggs, R.I.P.</i>

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

**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

### THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

One of the phrases we often hear about Our Lady in the gospels is that she kept and pondered the words and actions of God in her heart. She allowed the mystery of God to penetrate and dwell deep within her. In today's gospel Jesus gives us the first of his many parables and it is exactly about this. Just as a seed needs to be planted into good soil to take proper root, grow and bear fruit so the word of God, something 'alive and active', needs to enter into a receptive heart. How do I receive the word of God? Do I want it to live and bear fruit in me? Today each of us is called again to open our hearts more to God and let the truth of his words and the reality of his grace, his mercy and his life take deeper root in us. It is the way to life. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Apostleship of the Sea Collection raised £174.67  
**Sanctuary lamp these weeks burning for Betty Meehan; Our Lady's lamp for Nancy Tiernan.** If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a special intention contact the parish office.  
 Recommended donation £5.

### WELCOME BACK TO FR SLAWEK

Fr Slawek Jeziorski, who was with us for a few weeks in March, arrived last Friday to help out in the parish for a few weeks. He recently successfully completed his doctoral studies in Rome and will be returning to his home diocese in Poland in August. Please give him a kindly welcome. He would be happy to meet you, practice his English and even be invited for a meal or two.

*'Doing little things is never ridiculous' L'Abbe Pierre*

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	3-4pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer group	Luke Fernandes,01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 19 July	1-2	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes,01273 556927
Wed 19 July	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Last Youth Club of this School Year	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

**SUMMER NEWS**

Last week we had the presentation of the certificates for those in the parish who have recently made their First Holy Communion and others who were confirmed. Thank you to all involved in these important sacramental programmes. As we approach the summer holidays and August some happenings in the parish will also be taking a break. During this time there will be no Tuesday Bible study, nor tea and coffee after Sunday's 10 a.m. Mass nor children's liturgy. Again thank you to those who volunteer your time in these ways. Talking about volunteers we are still looking for a small team to help co-ordinate our annual Christmas Fair. Please see Eve Morrison who knows more about this.

**TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST, 20-28 AUG.**

This is a Summer week for Young Adults (18-35) at Worth Abbey with input from the monks and the Wellspring Community. For more information and to book, please contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net) or Tel. 01342 710318

**JOB ADVERTISEMENT**

The diocese is looking for a full-time Diocesan Property Manager. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. Further information is on the church noticeboard and is available from Sarah Kilmartin in the Finance office at Bishop's House, Hove.

**The Gift of Marriage** (a message from the dean of Brighton and Hove, Fr Kevin Dring). Many of you have chosen this vocation and any of you who have, know that it is an interesting road, full of twists and turns, joys and difficulties. Young engaged couples need people to support them as they begin this wonderful journey and you may be just the person to do that! We are looking for couples from our parishes who may be willing to commit to 6 evening sessions a year to help prepare couples for marriage in the Brighton area. You don't have to have the 'perfect' marriage, just one in which you still recognise the face of the person to whom you said "I do". To further support these couples we are looking for people to act as sponsors, who may walk alongside them in the process and support in a more casual way. **If you are interested please**

**Prayer for Old Age** - *John Henry Newman* 1801-1890

'O Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then the Lord in thy mercy grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

**FOODBANK UPDATE**

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this initiative this last year. We have been able to donate a significant amount of food and other helpful items to our local foodbank and they are very grateful. This is then redistributed to needy people here in Brighton, of which there is not an insignificant number. Charity always begins at home. The box in which you can drop things off is in the church porch and Special items needed at present are Shampoo, sugar, toilet rolls, long-life juice, UHT milk, unflavoured dried noodles and TINNED: tomato's, custard, rice pudding, macaroni cheese/ravioli, fruit. Thank you.

They also need VOLUNTEERS on WEDNESDAY's 10.30-2.15pm. The foodbank is open every Wednesday between 12-2pm at St George's Church Hall, Court Farm Road, Hove, BN3 7QR.

**PETER'S PENCE**

The Bishop has thanked the diocese for £3,302.91 which was sent to Rome. See [www.peterspence.va](http://www.peterspence.va)


**Going on Holiday and can't find or get to the local Church? Or housebound & missing Mass?** If you have access to the internet you may be able to watch a live streaming of Masses at the Sacred Heart, Hove via: [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv) or the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Worthing, via: [mcnmedia.tv](http://mcnmedia.tv). Both are free to view, as are other churches on the website and also EWTN.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 24-28 AUG., 2017**  
'Inheritance' is the theme of this Summer's Catholic festival and camping event for young adults (16-35) and families and is being hosted by the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. For more information please go to [www.YOUTH2000.org](http://www.YOUTH2000.org)

**SAGE by Mike**

You're not wise; you're stupid

I know. But I try to use my stupidity wisely



Are you frustrated by all the changes for change's sake? The Bible says, "It came to pass." Nowhere does it say, "It came to stay."

Speak to your Parish Priest by end of August. Many thanks.

*'Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing' St. Peter Julian Eymard*