

St Mary's Catholic Church

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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to our church and to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 16 November, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	15 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	16 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 Parish Mass Book p. 155	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (Novena – 9)</i> 12 noon <i>Mr & Mrs Whitehead, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	17 [REQUIEM MASS]	10.00 a.m. John Cullen, R.I.P.
Tue	18 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	19 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	20 <i>Feria</i> [Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	10.00 a.m. <i>Stephen Deasey, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i>
Fri	21 <i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Desmond O'Riordan</i>
Sat	22 <i>St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Deceased of the Bamin family</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	23 CHRIST THE KING (A) Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Parish Mass Book p. 158	10.00 a.m. <i>Mario Monteiro, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Delia Foley, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tue, Thur & Fri for 1 hour before 10 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass.

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

During these final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church calls us to consider the eternal truths - death, judgment, heaven and hell. These truths will touch us all. As we hear in the 2nd reading of today's Mass, our encounter with the Lord will arrive without warning, 'like a thief in the night'. No matter how prepared we think we are for its arrival, death always takes us by surprise. In today's gospel parable of the talents our Lord is explaining something important to us: we are the servants, the talents are the unique qualities God has given us, the journey of the master signifies the duration of our life, his unexpected return signifies our death, the settling of accounts is our judgment, the joy of the Lord is heaven and the outer darkness is hell. As in other similar parables the Lord Jesus is reminding us that we are stewards entrusted with God's gifts. A day will come when we shall have to give an account of how we have used these talents. We can ask ourselves in the light of today's reading, how am I using the gifts and life God has given me? May he give each of us the grace to use our talents to his greater glory and our eternal salvation. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

'The Church is the traveller's inn where the wounded are healed'- St. Augustine

Last week coll: 1st: £493.06, 2nd: £93.34

This week 2nd coll. for 'Arundel Cathedral Maintenance'

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

We are looking to employ someone to help in the administrative work of the parish. It is a part time post (6 hrs/week). Application forms from the parish office.

FROM THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

'We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. ...'He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.' Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell' [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1033].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 01273 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
Sat 22 Nov	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Niamh McInerney	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Ann Chandler, Gladys Dillon, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill & Trudy Wood.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The first meeting for parents of the First Holy Communion children will be Mon. 24 Nov., 8pm in the Cassidy Centre. Confirmations are set for 23rd May, 2015.

CATHOLAITY FAIR - 'A Thank You'

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Catholaity Fair either by buying Grand Draw tickets or coming along to Hove Town Hall last Saturday. It was a very successful day and a list of prize winners is in the porch, 3 winners were from our parish. Chris Rodrigues. (Addendum: Fr Francis, a visiting Jesuit Priest from Uganda at the Sacred Heart, was particularly amused by his (8th) prize - a cut and blow dry at a ladies salon in Hove.)

WANTED: A NURSE TO GO TO LOURDES

"Wanted - Group Nurse to accompany Sussex based HCPT group on trip to Lourdes from 6-12 April 2015, to oversee medical needs of 8 children with disabilities, in partnership with Group Doctor. Cost £600 (some financial assistance is available if required). Please contact Claire Howell Group Leader for more information on Group154@hcpt.org.uk"

QUOTE

'Alas for those who never sing, but die with all their music in them' [Oliver Wendell Holmes].

FROM THE SAINTS

'As for myself, prayer is a lifting up of the heart. It is a simple glance towards heaven, a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trials as well as joys' [St Therese of Lisieux].

Parish Christmas Fair Grand Draw:

The Parish Grand Draw tickets are now available. Tickets are £1 a book - 1st prize £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 plus various other prizes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 29 Nov., 11-3pm

Thank you to everyone who came forward to run or help on a stall after last week's appeal. Also thank you for supporting our 'fill a jar' idea to get the children involved in preparing for the fair. If you missed it the idea is to fill a jar with goodies to sell at the fair. Instructions on leaflets in the porch. Please continue to bring in your donations and your jars!

Thank you, Eve, Henry, Tess, Nick & Vicky.

A PRAYER

May he support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last' [Cardinal Newman].

NEW ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Parish of the Sacred Heart, Hove, are seeking to appoint a new organist and director of music, for the 11.30 am Sunday Mass and festivals, to start January 2015. The Parish has a long tradition of congregational plainsong, and choral music of a wide variety led by an adult choir, which at present rehearses on Sunday mornings. As well as necessary musical skill the successful applicant should have a good understanding of Roman Catholic liturgical practice. Applications by end of November to Parish Priest, 39 Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BF or email to sacredheartrove@gmail.com

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a result of a combination of external funding and staff vacancies, the following employment opportunities currently exist within the diocese: Diocesan Inclusion Adviser (part time); Project Officer (part time, fixed term 2 year); Christian Education Centre Coordinator (full time). For further details please see our website www.dabnet.org

SERVING THE HOMELESS IN BRIGHTON

At the end of this month the parish of the Sacred Heart in Hove will be opening its church hall on Tuesday nights to offer supper and a bed to the homeless. They are however looking for volunteers, 7pm - 8am (3 shifts), men and women, to help run this. If you are willing to offer up some of your winter nights for this needed service please contact the Sacred Heart on 01273 732843 or email 'sacredheartrove@dabnet.org'. Thank you.

SENIORS CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St Mary's Seniors Club invite you to join them at their Christmas lunch, **Tuesday 16 December**, 12 noon, in the Russell Room at the Royal Albion Hotel. Sherry, Turkey, Tinsel with all the trimmings (veg. option available), Coffee. £12 **by Sunday 16 Nov.** to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Annual Carol service for St Mary's and St Thomas More's Parishes will be held in the Church at 6pm on Sunday 21st December. Any member of either parish who would like to join the choir for this event would be very welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Dunn (507254) for further details. Next practice Sat 22 Nov., 11am in church.