

# St Mary's Catholic Church

## Surrenden Road, Preston Park, Brighton

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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 Sun. 16 October, 2016 – Month of the Rosary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	15 Vigil Mass	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	16 <b><u>29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u></b> Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 Mass Book p.152	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Eric Robinson</i>
Mon	17 <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Intentions of the Milligan Family</i>
Tue	18 [Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	19 <i>St Philip Howard, Martyr &amp; Co-Patron of the diocese</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Allan McCulloch, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	20 <i>St John Cantius</i> [1962 Missal]	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Intentions of Claudia Pizzorno (Banfi)</i>
Fri	21 <i>Feria</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Jeff Thomson, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	22 <i>St John Paul II, Pope</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Frank Woollett, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	23 <b><u>30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u></b> Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14 Parish Mass Book p.155	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <b>10 a.m.</b> <i>In Thanksgiving (Mr &amp; Mrs Brown)</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Thomson Family</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Friday**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

#### THE READINGS THIS WEEK

The readings this Sunday draw our attention to the power of prayer and especially on the need to persevere in prayer. The first reading tells of the first battle the Israelites had to fight after their deliverance from Egypt. Their victory we see resulted not from their own efforts alone but from the power of God coming through the intercession of Moses. When Moses stopped praying the enemy had the better of them, when Moses prayed they received the power to overcome their enemy. In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples 'a parable about the need to pray continually and never loose heart.' In it an unjust judge judge ends up giving justice to a poor widow who keeps on pleading her case. How much more then will God, who is infinitely just, who is our Father, listen and answer the persevering prayer of his children. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sat 26 November

The sign up sheet for the various stalls for the Christmas Fair is in the porch for you to sign up. The Big Push this week for Bottles, Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola & unused toiletries. Items can be left in the church porch. Thank you.

*"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*

Last Sunday's Collection: £706.66  
 Next weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. is for World Mission Sunday-Missio

**The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the Intentions of The Robinson Family, Our Lady's Lamp in memory of Christopher.** If you would like one of these lamps to burn for a week for a special intention contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

#### FR FRANCIS ANYANZU, SJ

This past week Fr Francis finally finished and with relief submitted his bound thesis to the university. This is good for him but sad for us as it means this Friday he will be returning to his Jesuit community in Wimbledon. It has been a joy for me personally to have his discrete and prayerful presence around in the presbytery and the parish and we wish him every blessing for his future work ahead.

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to those who have offered to give some of their time to this. We still though need a few more volunteers. Could you spare an hour or so once a month to help keep God's house clean? The cleaning is usually done Saturday morning. There is a sign up sheet in the porch.

## PARISH DIARY

<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, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 19 Oct	1pm	Cassidy Centre	S.V.P.	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Sat 22 Oct	11.15am	Church	Baptism - Socie St Clair Frimpong	Fr Bruno
Sat 22 Oct	12noon	Church	Baptism - Michael John Ponting	Fr Bruno

### **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, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

**Smile Quiz Night!** - This Friday 21 October , 7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. For ticket enquiries phone Claire Shelton-Jones on (01273 505642) or email her at [claire.sheltonjones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.sheltonjones@virgin.net) or call Liz Woodhead on (01273 556899). Ticket can also be bought on the door.

### **CATHOLAITY FAIR**

Is on Saturday 12th November in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to support the parishes and organisations involved in this Deanery social and fund raising event. Grand Draw tickets will be available over the next couple of weeks and this year's Fair has a Christmas theme. Our Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for Hands for Hope. Many thanks from Chris Rodrigues

**UCM - Union of Catholic Mothers** - UCM -will be holding their Autumn Meeting at St Peters Hall, Tamworth Road, Hove on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016, 10:30am for 11am start and following the parish 10am Mass. Please bring a packed lunch, but Tea & Coffee will be provided. They would be delighted to make contact with interested ladies, explore how we can maintain links with them and to even open more foundations in the area once again. Contact Mrs Terri Coombs for more information: [terri23ann@aol.co.uk](mailto:terri23ann@aol.co.uk)

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL ALBION**

If you would like to come the Parish Christmas Lunch at 12 noon on Tuesday 20 December at the Royal Albion Hotel please let Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038) know (with £14 cost) by the first week in November.

Meditation of the Day : The Poem

#### **On Those Words 'Dilectus Meus Mihi'**

*'Myself surrendered and given, the exchange is this:  
My Beloved is for me, and I am for my Beloved.*

*When the Gentle hunter wounded and subdued me, in  
love's arms, my soul fallen; New life receiving, thus did I  
exchange, my Beloved is for me, and I am for my  
Beloved.*

*The arrow he drew full of love, my soul was oned with  
her Creator. Other love I want not, surrendered now to  
my God, that my Beloved is for me, and I am for my  
Beloved.'* [St Teresa of Avila]

### **Prayer to St John Paul II**

*St John Paul, from your place in heaven,  
grant us your blessing!*

*Bless the church that you loved and served and guided,  
courageously leading it along the paths of the world in  
order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus.*

*Bless the young, who were your great passion.*

*Help them dream again, help them look up high again to  
find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on  
earth.*

*St John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family  
and every life that blossoms from the family.*

*Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions,  
wars and injustice.*

*You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the  
seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless  
sowers of peace.*

*From heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary,  
send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.*

### **A BIG THANK YOU FROM MARY'S MEALS**

Our Curry and live music night was a huge success and we managed to raise over £1200. Thank you to everyone who made this evening possible. Many children will be helped.

### **In Their Shoes - A teenage retreat for the Year of Mercy**

: October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. If you are in school years 10-13, you are invited to come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey. The weekend will be made up of inspirational talks around the theme of mercy, small group discussions, games, food, friendship and the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside around Worth Abbey. For more information contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net)

**Deep Waters** - All young adults are invited to share in an evening of food, prayer and fellowship every Thursday at Deep Waters. We especially welcome all newcomers! 7pm, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Milton Road, Brighton.

### **St Mary Magdalen's Nursery School**

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Nursery School will have spaces for 3 yr old pupils from September. For more information call 01273 327533 or see poster in porch.

**Hospital Visits** - 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.

**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 into a pillar of salt." His son looked up at his father and asked, "What happened to the flea?"

*"For Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of Friendship with God" St Teresa*