

# 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 two weeks commencing Sunday 17 August, 2014

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	16		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	17	<b><u>20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28</i>	Parish Mass Book p.117	12 noon <i>For the Intention of Niamh Storey</i>
Mon	18	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Suzy &amp; Family</i>
Tue	19	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Stephen Collins, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	20	<i>St Bernard, Abbot</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	21	<i>St Pius X, Pope</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Francis Ignatius Jukes, R.I.P.</i>
			[Traditional (Low) Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Anthony Bussutil, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	22	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Bernadette Walsh, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	23	<i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (Liz Davies)</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Billy Bamin Senior, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	24	<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Lindsey Furney, R.I.P.</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matt. 16:13-20</i>	Parish Mass Book p.120	12 noon <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Mon	25	<i>St Louis, King</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Tue	26	<i>Bl. Dominic Barberi</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Mrs Carole Pirie, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	27	<i>St Monica, Mother</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	28	<i>St Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Joanne Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
		[Anniv. Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mary's House]		11.00 a.m. -
			[Traditional (Low) Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i>
Fri	29	<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Liz Davies)</i>
Sat	30	<i>St Margaret Clitheroe, Martyr</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For the persecuted Christians in Iraq</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Zbigniew Swirkowski, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	31	<b><u>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matt. 16:21-27</i>	Parish Mass Book p.122	12 noon <i>Pierre Bamin Senior, R.I.P.</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am before weekday morning Mass.**  
**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.**

### AUGUST HOLIDAYS

Our weekly rest and annual holidays are an important and necessary part of life. Jesus often called the Apostles to come away with him to a place apart for rest. The word 'recreation' is apt for this time of rest if we see it as meaning a restoring of harmony and order in our lives, a returning to what God created us for (Jeremiah 6:16). I hope each of you finds time for rest in these days and above all of finding the deep peace and joy which only comes from being right with God. God bless you this month, Fr Bruno.

*"All that we call human history ... [is] the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."* [C.S.Lewis]

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLL.** [Catholic Communications]

**£422.68**

**£71.27**

### WORDS ON THE HOLY MASS

'Today, even though we are far away from that little hill in Israel, we are there with Jesus whenever we go to Mass' [Scott Hahn].

**NB:** The Vatican Cricket team will be at our 10 am Mass Sun. 14 Sept. before an afternoon match in Preston Park.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 28 Aug	11 am	St Mary's House	Mass of Thanksgiving	01273 502129

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Tony Gormley & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Could it be for you?

We are all on a 'journey of faith' which is unique and personal and which is greatly enriched when we come together and learn with others. Maybe you are a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to Church and feel drawn to become Catholic and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Maybe your roots are in another religion or none. Maybe you were baptised but never confirmed. In October we will begin an RCIA programme where we will be able to learn more about our faith. If you are interested in being part of this application forms will be appearing in the porch before the end of the month.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2014/2015

These will all start again in the new school year. After the holidays registration forms will be available in the Church porch. **First Holy Communions** are generally for children in year 3 up. If you are in year 10 or above we would like to invite you to consider joining our **Confirmation** group. We are also planning to arrange an **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)** programme for non-baptized Adults or those baptized but not part of the Catholic Church who would like to become a part of the Church, the body of Christ. **Baptism** preparation sessions will also start again in September.

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

The Sisters of Grace and Compassion Benedictines are having a Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate 60 years of their work for the elderly at St Mary's House, 38/39 Preston Park Avenue. It will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 11 am. Cardinal Cormac and Bishop Kieran will be there and it would be lovely if some of the parishioners could come too. See the poster in the porch for details. R.S.V.P to the sisters on 01273 502129.

### CATECHIST'S FORMATION DAY

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 9.45am - 1.15pm at Sacred Heart, Hove. With David Wills, Adult Formation Adviser for the Diocese. Suitable for all catechists: new & seasoned. A chance to renew and refresh your catechesis for the coming year. The morning will explore how evangelisation is a foundation for catechesis, the guidance of Pope Francis to catechists and a look at some fresh methods for catechesis. Arrive at 9.45am for coffee & croissants, 10am start, Mass at noon, ending with lunch at 1.15. Please contact Lara 'lmsacredheart@gmail.com' to book your place. Please bring a packed lunch.

### A PRISONER'S PRAYER TO ST MAX. KOLBE

*'O prisoner-saint of Auschwitz saint Maximilian Kolbe, help me in my plight. Introduce me to Mary, the Immaculata, Mother of God. She prayed for Jesus in a Jerusalem jail. She prayed for you in a Nazi prison camp. Ask her to comfort me in my confinement. May she teach me always to be good. If I am lonely, may she say: "God is here." If I feel hate, may she say: "God is love." If I am tempted, may she say: "God is pure." If I sin, may she say: "God is mercy." If I am in darkness, may she say: "God is light." If I am unjustly condemned, may she say: "God is truth." If I have pain in soul or body, may she say: "God is peace." If I lose hope, may she say: "God is with you all days, and so am I." Amen.'*

### TRIP TO THE TOWERS CONVENT

A coach will leave St Mary's for the Convent in Upper Beeding 1430 on Sunday 14 September. After a drive through the countryside there will be Tea followed by Benediction. Return to St Mary's 1830. Let Fr Bruno or David Alfred know if you would like to come.

### TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST

Summer Retreat for Young Adults @ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. 27<sup>th</sup> - 31st August 2014. Exploring monastic ways to discipleship, with talks from monks of Worth Abbey including Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, and members of The Wellspring Community. Cost: £120 (unwaged/student), £150 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net.

### MARY'S MEALS

Through the generosity of some parishioners St Mary's currently sponsors school meals for 393 children in Beh Sao Public School, Liberia. This is a wonderful initiative but for the next year we need to find £12.20 for each child (£4795) total. Please consider sponsoring one, or more children. There is a 'Mary's Meals' charity box at the back of the church. You can read a report from the school we are involved with in a report in the porch. You can find out more about Mary's meals at 'www.marysmeals.org'

### FROM THE SAINTS

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become"[St Clare of Assisi].

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the twins Sebastian and Adia O'Connell and to Amelie D'Souza who were baptised on the 9<sup>th</sup> August and also to Michael Hickey and Katherine Dantanus who were married here yesterday, 16<sup>th</sup> August.

### AND FINALLY...

'What did the zero say to the number eight?'  
'I don't know, what did the zero say to the number eight?'  
'I like your belt.'