

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 w/c Sunday 18 January, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	17 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	18 <u>2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: John 1:35-42 Parish Mass Book p. 127	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Wellbeing of Sr Teresa</i>
Mon	19 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Bessie Gertrude Moller, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	20 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	21 [REQUIEM MASS]	10.00 a.m. <i>Nicholas Organ, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	22 <i>Feria</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Justina Dorothea Eckert, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Mrs Irene Jee, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	23 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Evelyn Bullock, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	24 <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Anne Hawkins & Gertrude Savage, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	25 <u>3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Parish Mass Book p. 129	10.00 a.m. <i>John Walsh, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Anne Hawkins & Gertrude Savage, 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 for 1 hour before 10 a.m. weekday Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

With 'Christmas-tide' finishing last Sunday we return today to the three 'public' years of our Lord. Today we hear the very first words Jesus speaks in the gospel of John and it is a question which he asks Andrew and John: "What do you want?" Maybe we can stop and imagine Jesus turning to us and asking the same thing: "What do you want?" St Thomas Aquinas was once asked this by Jesus and his answer was "Only you, Lord." An answer by us may be the same plus "and nothing else, Lord, unless it is good and pleasing to you." God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 January is the week of prayer for Christian unity. Here is a prayer we can say asking God for this great gift: 'Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.'

Last Sunday's Collection: £548.22, 2nd: £104.51

This Sunday's 2nd collection is for Pax Christi.

Homelessness Sunday Coffee Morning

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass this Sunday: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of St Anne's Day Centre. Many thanks from The Social Concerns Group.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

There have been a few deaths in the Parish since Christmas: Ada Niemiec, Nicholas Organ, Trudy Wood and Gladys Dillon. Please keep their families in your prayers. Nicholas' funeral is this Wednesday, 10 am.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY RESOURCES

Some new booklets have arrived from the Catholic Truth Society. They are in the display rack in the porch. Please have a look. A recent saint of the Church, St Jose-Maria Escriva, said that for the times in which we now live one hour of study of the faith was like one hour of prayer.

'God alone satisfies' [St Thomas Aquinas].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Sun 18 Jan	5.30 pm	Brighton Pavilion	Youth club Ice Skating	Peter McDermott, 550187
Wed 21 Jan	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thurs 22 Jan	8pm		RCIA meeting	Fr Bruno
Fri 23 Jan	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation class for Parents	Fr Bruno
Sun 25 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class	

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, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Dennis Palmer.

SENIORS CLUB

Every Thursday, 2-4 pm, in the Cassidy Centre behind the Church, we have our 'Seniors Club.' It is generally for retired people and is an opportunity to come together, to enjoy the company of others, share a cup of tea and play games such as Bingo. New members are always welcome. Simply come along and you will be made most welcome.

APPLIANCES ON OFFER

One of our parishioners has a new under the counter fridge and a gas cooker she is looking to give away for free. If you need these things call Judy on 01273 945192.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next preparation evening for those who would like for their child to be baptized is Friday, 23rd Jan., 7 pm in the Cassidy Centre.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2015

If you are thinking of getting married next year then book your place for a marriage preparation course which will take place in at Cassidy Centre here at St. Mary's.

Course 1: Saturday 18th April 9.45 to 4.30pm
 Course 2: Saturday 6th June 9.45 to 4.30pm
 Course 3: Saturday 21st November 9.45 to 4.30pm
 Please **Contact Angela Fishenden** on either 01273 386593 or 01273 859703 (8.30 to 4pm) to book.

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING - This Week

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is hosting a Taize Prayer Evening on Friday 23rd January. All are welcome: 6-8.30pm for young people (under 30) and 7-8.30 for adults (30+). It will be in the school Chapel, Upper Drive, Hove

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING

Rather than throw your Christmas cards in the recycling bin, could you perhaps leave them in a bag in the Church porch? A parishioner likes to recycle & make new ones from them. Thank you.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SAINTS

Someone, seeing the amount of work Pope John Paul II had to deal with said to him: "Holy Father, what about your free time?" He replied, "All my time is free time."

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

'God of mercy, you know the secrets of all human hearts, for you know who is just and you forgive the repentant sinner. Hear my prayer in the midst of destruction; give me patience and hope, so that under your protection and with you as my guide, I may one day see you with my own eyes, be given a place in your kingdom and there be reunited with all the saints in peace, tranquility and love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Due to the promotion to Headteacher of our Deputy the Governors are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic as Deputy Headteacher. The person appointed will be an outstanding teacher and a motivated, dynamic & inspirational leader. For an application pack or to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Helen Costello 01273 553813 or email mail@stberns.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Chaplain at Card. Newman Catholic School

We are seeking to recruit a Chaplain who will work with students, staff, local clergy and governors to promote and maintain the Catholic ethos and spiritual values of our school. Details are available on our website which can be found at www.cncs.co.uk. The closing date for applications is Monday 9th February. The start date will be agreed at interview.

'FREE TO FOLLOW' Gospel day

A day for Young Adults exploring the Gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ. Sat. 7th Feb., 10am - 5pm - The Dominican Sisters Convent, Gossops Green, Crawley. More info call Jo on 07595761483 or contact A&B Vocations via admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

'INTRODUCTION TO SILENCE' Retreat

Ever wonder what it would be like to experience making a silent retreat? A short 'taster' 24 hr introductory session is being held Sat 7th (11am) - Sun 8th Feb. (2pm), at St Cuthman's. [St Cuthman's Retreat & Meeting Centre, Cowfold Road, Coolham, RH13 8QL]. See details in Church porch for more details.

WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

'A moment's quietness with God can make a whole day holy. A little time of prayer can set an angel over our minds, changing the words we utter and the thoughts we think and the deeds we do into holy things. For heaven is ever ready to drop her still dews of quietness if we will but spend a few moments in a quiet receptive mood' [Derek Neville].