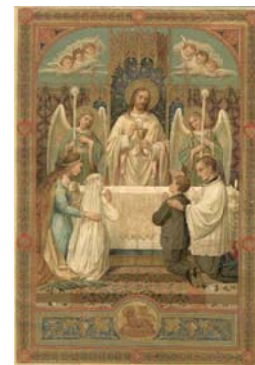


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 18 June, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	17	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	18	<u>CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY (A)</u> Gospel: John 6:51-58 Parish Mass Book p.83	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon Parish First Holy Communion Mass 10 a.m. <i>Joseph Camillin, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	19	<i>Feria</i>	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	20	Mass at St Mary's House	10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Wed	21	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	7 p.m. <i>Lily Ette Donnelly, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	22	<i>St Alban, Martyr</i> [Mass in the Extraordinary form]	2 p.m. <i>Penny Gurowich, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	23	REQUIEM MASS	10 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the priesthood</i>
Sat	24	The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity CONFIRMATION MASS with Bishop Richard Vigil Mass	3 p.m. <i>For the Confirmandi</i> 7 p.m. <i>Gordon Macintosh, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	25	<u>12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33 Parish Mass Book p.93	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>

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

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

In a special way this Sunday we give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist, the Mass, which he left to the Church. The object of this feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) is solemnly to express our thanks to God for the eucharistic Bread, for Jesus himself, who sums up all God's goodness to us. The Blessed Sacrament is the continuing real presence of the risen Lord on this earth and he calls us to receive him in Holy Communion. As human beings we are creatures who are not self-sufficient but in need of outside help to live. Physically we need food or we would die. Spiritually too we need sustenance. We cannot live as we would like or correctly by ourselves because of the wounds of sin we all carry. However with the Eucharist, when Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion, then he gives us strength and grace. Week by week this is the real nourishment and sustenance of the Christian - the Lord - he the one who saves us and gives us strength. May we all, with our 1st Holy Communion children, grow in our love and desire for Jesus truly and substantially present in the consecrated host. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

2nd Collection this weekend 17/18th June, is for Day for Life. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. More information at

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Lesley Tidey, R.I.P ; Our Lady's Lamp for Frederick Mckay

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please keep in your prayers the 25 children in our parish who will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday: Petra Alonso-McGee, Maisie Andlaw, Jessie Appiah, Billy Bryant, Emanuela Cicerale, Abigail D'Souza, Xavier de Menezes, Tiana Donegal, Kipp Eade, Rose Elford, Miguel Giron, Alex Grey, Francesca Hanlon, Samuel Hill, Raphael Kelly, Tomas Lesko, Alannah Mason, Leonardo Masserini, Alice O'Sullivan, Toby Pitt, Chloe Redfern, Max Rowe, Ivy Terry, Sylvie Vonderscher & Daisy Wells. This is one of the happiest days of the year in the parish. Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make it possible.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

The Brighton deanery confirmations will take place here at St Mary's next Saturday afternoon. 41 young people in all will be confirmed. Please keep in your prayers the 11 young people from the parish who will be confirmed that day: Sorcha Carlin, Katie Foley, Olivia Goodbody, James Lucas, Conor Mason, Anthony Mckay, Frederick Pitt, Sara Saadatzaheh, Evie Walsh, Matthew Williamson & Thomas Williamson. May God give them all the graces they need.

'If angels could be jealous of men, they would be for one reason: Holy Communion' St Maximilian Kolbe

PARISH DIARY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
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 21 June	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 21 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 24 June	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, 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.

PENNY GUROWICH, R.I.P.

Please keep Penny and her family in your prayers. Her Requiem Mass will be this Friday at 2 pm. There will be no 10 am Mass in the parish that day. Friday is also the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Mass of the day is at St Mary's House at 8.15 am and at 7 pm at the Sacred Heart in Norton Road, Hove. It is their parish feast day.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We give thanks to God for the baptism of Miguel Giron Salazar this Saturday. He is also due to make his First Holy Communion on Sunday. We wish him every blessing.

VOLUNTEERS - For new SVP Tower House Community Centre, Preston Park.

We are looking for people who may be interested in helping, for whatever time they can, at the Centre when it opens later this summer. It will cater for isolated & older people. Planned activities include lunches, Coffee & Community shops; library, hairdressing, social activities; advice and counselling e.g. bereavement, debt and housing issues; good health e.g. diet and nutrition, chiropody, fitness, etc. These potential services will grow according to demand and resources. At this stage, we are simply seeking an expression of interest in establishing a "Volunteer Bank" of those willing to help; even flexible volunteering is welcome, with no pressure whatsoever! Contact Luke Fernandes 01273 556927 for further information.

Garden party in aid of Mary's Meals and various other local charities. Hosted by Mr & Mrs Logan, 2nd July, 11.30-5 pm. 31 Sutton Avenue, Seaford. Cream teas, tombola, cakes, raffle, plants etc. Please see poster in porch for more details.

Fatima Centenary Statue & Relics Visit to Arundel Cathedral **Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd July** : The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima & the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco will be welcomed. The program starts Saturday at 10.30am with a procession of the Statue and relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco into the Cathedral. 11.00am Mass, opportunity for Confession and veneration of the relics. 1.45pm Talk/ Presentation in the Cathedral Centre. 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 4pm Benediction. See poster in porch for more details.

Religion is taking due notice of God and behaving accordingly with the help of the Sacraments

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Life Within

O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,
all life we entrust to you;
The life of every expectant mother
and the child within her womb:
The life of every human body,
the life of every human soul;
The life of every newborn child
and the life of all grown old.
You held the Lord to your own heart
and drew Him so close in.
So draw us now in all our needs,
O Mother of the Life Within. Amen.

A Father's Prayer

O Lord, Create in me the heart your servant David longed for. Place within me a desire for nothing but to do your will and to sing your praise. Grant me courage to be strong in times of trial, patience to listen to your voice, gentleness to care for the people you have given me to love, and humility to seek forgiveness when I am weakened by selfishness. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

St Bernadette's School Summer Fair

Next Saturday, 24 June, 11 - 4 pm at St Bernadette's. Please support this wonderful occasion and pray for fine weather.

Sung Mass, 12 pm, Next Sunday, 25th June

Some friends will be coming again to sing parts of the Mass next Sunday at our midday Mass. If you would like to join them, to which all are welcome, please arrive from 11.20 when they will be rehearsing. Thank you.

The Diocesan Refugee Crisis Newsletter for Summer 2017 is available in the church porch detailing how, as a diocese, under the guidance of Bishop Richard, we are responding to the ever growing challenge of the global refugee crisis. The newsletter includes the latest information available to us and highlights some work that is ongoing by the partners we're choosing to work with. Please take a copy and share it with family and friends. Anyone who wants to learn more about how to get involved should contact our Coordinator (details on page 11).

FOODBANK BOX - Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Our donations make a difference to many people less fortunate than ourselves. Special items needed at present are rice, pasta sauces, tinned food / fish / fruit / beans / ravioli etc., sugar and toiletries.

And finally ... A preacher was disturbed by the snoring of a grandfather in the front pew. He stopped and asked his little grandson to wake him. The boy promptly answered, 'You wake him up, you put him to sleep.'