

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 September, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	17	Vigil Mass
Sun	18	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
		Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13 Mass Book p.140
Mon	19	<i>Feria</i>
Tue	20	[Mass at St Mary's House]
Wed	21	<i>St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>
Thur	22	<i>St Thomas of Villanova</i> 1962 Missal
Fri	23	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>
Sat	24	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
		Vigil Mass
Sun	25	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
		Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31 Parish Mass Book p.143

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 morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday
No Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. As our regular volunteers are away.....

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

We hear from Jesus today the parable of the dishonest steward. This is a difficult parable to understand. Here though is a commentary from one of the great saints in the Church which might help us understand it. 'Why did the Lord propose this parable? Not because that servant was a model for us to imitate. Nonetheless, the worldly-wise steward had an eye to the future. So too should the Christian have this determination to secure his eternal reward' [St Augustine]. The Church teaches that 'A Christian is a steward of the Lord's goods. ... Everything the true Christian has is to be regarded as a good possessed in common with everyone else. All Christians should be ready and eager to come to the help of the needy ... and of their neighbours in want.' [Catechism #952]. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE – This Sunday it is cancelled as our volunteers are all away. We need more volunteers! Could you give 30mins of your time, once a month, to set up and serve tea & coffee after our Sunday 10am Mass? Please ring Liz Woodhead the (volunteer) co-ordinator on 07740 177556 if you can help. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £470.22,
 2nd coll. for the Catholic Education Service £112.38
 This weeks 2nd coll. is for Home Mission Sunday
 Next wk 2nd coll. for the National Shrine at Walsingham

Sanctuary lamp this week is burning 'in Thanksgiving' (Harry & Verity Cross). If you would like the Sanctuary lamp to burn night and day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a special intention contact Fr Bruno or the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY – 18th September 2016
 Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England & Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the Bishops' national work of evangelisation. It is possible to donate online at www.catholicnews.org.uk/home/donate.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWSLETTER

There is a separate Parish Christmas Fair newsletter / flyer in the church porch. Please pick one up and see how you can help in this important annual parish family event.

"Whosoever seeks my help here will not go away empty-handed" Our Lady of Walsingham

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
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 Sept	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parish SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Anthony Larratt, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

COFFEE MORNING – Next Sunday, 25th September

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of Uganda Hands For Hope. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc to the hall before Mass. Thank you.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies 2016/7

The CCRS starts again on **Thursday September 22nd at 6.45pm at the Chaplaincy, Falmer.** All details are given on the website - google ccrs@brighton or call Kate Williamson on 01273 776491 or 07810 596575. Everybody is welcome. Come along and learn more about our faith.

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

This public Marian witness with a procession of roughly 2,000 Christians is on Saturday 8th October beginning at 1.45 p.m. at Westminster Cathedral and finishing at the Brompton Oratory. See leaflets in porch for more details.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of Sacramental programmes for this next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date September 30th. Details about first meetings will follow in the newsletter.

NAME:.....

SCHOOL YEAR:.....

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE No.:

EMAIL:

I wish to enrol for the preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [Year 3+]

CONFIRMATION [Year 10+]

ADULT BAPTISM / RECEPTION

Signed _____

PRAYER FOR ENGLAND

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen. [Cardinal Wiseman]

SVP Foodbank Harvest Appeal

Please continue your generous support for members of our local community in crisis or urgent need. We require the following items, which will be given to the collection centre at St George's Church, Hangleton: UHT Milk, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Fruit Juice (longlife), Pasta/Cooking Sauces, Tinned Tomatoes/Meat/Fish, Rice Pudding, Custard, Rice, Jam/Marmalade, Peanut Butter, Biscuits, Shaving Foam, Deodorant, Nappies, Shower Gel, Washing Powder, Washing up Liquid, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes. Your support really does make a difference. Please leave items in the box in the church porch. Thank You! Luke Fernandes.

Mary's Meals Fundraiser – Live Chamber Music

(Vivaldi, Mozart and Chopin), Curry and Film

Saturday 8th October, Cassidy Centre, 7.45-10.30pm

Tickets £10 which includes a homemade curry, live Chamber music, followed by a screening of the latest short film from Mary's Meals. Your entrance fee of £10 will provide a daily meal for a hungry child in a place of education for 10 months in a developing country such as Malawi. Advance tickets only - which are available after Mass. Please contact Henry and Eve Morrison (01273 979204) or Chris Rooke (01273 551577) to reserve your ticket and/or find out more about Mary's Meals.

Open Evenings at Cardinal Newman Catholic

School - For parents & students considering applying for a place in Year 7 at C. Newman Catholic School, is on **October 4th 2016 from 4pm.** All are welcome, particularly the parents of pupils and students in Year 5 and Year 6. On Thursday October 13th there is an Open Evening for the Sixth Form, Newman College. All students currently in Year 11 (at any school) are welcome to apply providing they support the Catholic, Christian, ethos of the College.

And finally ... On the first day of school, the teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

"Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle" [Philo of Alexandria]