

# 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 2 weeks commencing Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	18 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Betty Ohene-Djan, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48 Mass Book p.139	10 a.m. <i>Richard Heard, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	20 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving to St Anthony</i>
Tue	21 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	22 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs	23 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Fri	24 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Sat	25 <i>Saturday votive Mass to Our Lady</i>	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>
Sun	26 <b>8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34 Mass Book p.142	Vigil Mass 7 p.m. <i>Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, R.I.P.</i> 10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Fr Charles Walker, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	27 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	28 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	01 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY – The beginning of Lent</b> <b>*A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE*</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Constance Alice Grummitt, R.I.P.</i> <b>7.30 p.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Thurs	02 <i>Feria</i> [Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	7 p.m. <i>Iain Campbell, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	03 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10 a.m. <i>Mary &amp; Joseph O'Donnell, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	04 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>7 p.m.</b> 10 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Sun	05 <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Mass Book p.151	Vigil Mass 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Andrew Fernandes, R.I.P.</i> 10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Fr Michael Buckley, R.I.P.</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

We are still hearing our Lord's Sermon on the Mount. He is calling us to a new way of life, a way never heard of before. He is setting out our vocation as Christians. It is a life of holiness in imitation of him. By our own strength this is impossible, but with his grace it is not. St Paul spoke of this new life in this way: 'Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth' (Ephesians 4:23-24). God bless you, Fr Bruno

Last Sunday's Collection: £401.78,  
 St Patricks Missionary Fund £681.62

**Sanctuary Lamp** these weeks is burning for John & Linda Cullen, R.I.P. **Our Lady's Lamp** for Nan (Anna) to have a miracle happen as regards her health. If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

**LENT IS COMING UP** – This is an important season for us, one marked by our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a good time for setting ourselves some good spiritual and scriptural reading as well as some works of charity.

**Diary Date: Ash Wednesday – March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Ashes will be distributed at the **10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Masses.**

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesday	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 22 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>
Sat 04 March	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting (3)	Fr Bruno/John Stone
Mon 06 Mar	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion meeting	Janet Silva /Charles Wookey
Fri 10 Mar	All day	Everywhere	Cafod Lent Fast day	

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Joseph Gabriel Pearce Sullivan, who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday.

### **PARISH ACCOUNTS**

A copy of the parish accounts for the year ending December, 2016, are posted on the noticeboard for you to look at.

**'A DAY WITH MARY'** - Will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 25 February, 2017. This year is very significant as it marks the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima. The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome. See poster in porch for further details.

### **Preston Park Preschool – Active Kids Vouchers**

If you shop at Sainsbury's these vouchers really help in supplying equipment for our school and made a huge difference. Vouchers can be put in an envelope through the presbytery door or in the collection plate. Thank you in advance. Sally McLaughlin.

**S.V.P** – Our next quarterly collection is the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support.

### **MEDITATION** - *'The Loaves that Lead to Understanding'*

'Since the Eucharist is adherence to the person of Christ, then accepting Christ and clinging to him is fully expressed only when we partake in the Eucharist, which is the culmination of faith. During the Eucharist, Christ becomes the gift offered to the Father for our sake. Through the common royal priesthood, we also are called to give a complete offering of ourselves to God in union with Christ who offers himself to the Father. Our adherence to him means communion with his gift. It means giving our lives to God in order for them to be transformed and become a service to the Church and to our brothers. The purpose of the Eucharist is our conversion, our turning away from our own will so that it may gradually disappear in our service to others. We go to Holy Communion to be converted, to establish the reign of Christ in our hearts from then on, and for his will to become our supreme value. Every reception of the Eucharist should confirm our adherence to his will. Consequently, we should wish that Jesus would foil our plans. The Eucharist should prepare us for this; it should

### **A MOTORIST'S PRAYER**

Lord, grant me a steady hand and watchful eye,  
that no one shall be hurt when I pass by.  
You give life; I pray no act of mine  
may take away or mar this act of thine.  
Save those, dear Lord, who bear me company  
from shock and pain, and all calamity.  
Teach me to use the car for others' needs,  
nor miss through love of speed  
the beauty of the world; that so I may  
with joy and courtesy go on my way. Amen.

### **AN EVENING WITH THE LORD**

**A Deanery Lenten Vigil:** Friday 10 March, 6 pm - 12 Midnight. A Vigil of Adoration and devotions at The Sacred Heart Church, Norton Road, Hove, for all the parishes of Brighton & Hove. Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation through to Midnight. Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 9 pm and Night Prayer and Benediction at 11.30 pm. Please come along for any part of the evening and invite a friend! The evening will be Live Streamed through the internet on [www.sacredheartrove.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartrove.org.uk).

### **'WALK WITH ME' Lent Prayer Booklets**

These prayer booklets are available from today and cost £1 each. They are on sale in the Church porch. This popular prayer booklet can help guide you and your family on a Lenten journey of prayer.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer – 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

"Am I Being Unfair to You?" prepared by Christian women of the Philippines. At St John the Evangelist, Knoyle Road. Is there any Lady from St Mary's who would like to do a Reading at this event? Are there any Philippine families who'd like to attend or do a Reading? Please contact Marie-Anne Ganpatsingh on either 01273 566110 or [mariamhannah@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariamhannah@yahoo.co.uk)

### **FOODBANK**

Thank you for the donations received this week. We are a collection point for the local Hangleton Foodbank. Items can be left in the box in the church porch.

**And finally...** When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she said. "You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.

contribute to the gradual demise of our egoism, allowing Christ to grow within us' [Fr Tadeusz Dajczer, *extract taken from this Month's **Magnificat***].

*'The Catholic faith is like a lion in a cage. You don't need to defend it - you simply need to open the cage door'* [Archbishop Fulton Sheen]