

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c 19 January 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 18		7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 19	<u>2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: John 1:29-34</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the parish</i> Midday <i>John Brendan D'Arcy, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 20	<i>St Sebastian, Martyr</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Justina Dorothy Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 21	<i>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Bessie Gertrude Muller, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 22	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 23	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Anne Hawkins & Gertrude Savage, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 24	<i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Richard Smart, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 25	<i>Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, Feast</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Gerry & Maureen Fleet (Golden Jubilee)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Mrs Ann Ward, R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)</i>
Sun 26	<u>3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 4:12-23</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Special Intention (Bernard Regan)</i> Midday <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 6.00 p.m. <u>Christian Unity week Evening prayer</u>

There is Adoration before Mass (9-9.50 am) on Monday and Thursday
Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.
Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.

A NEW SEASON

After the Christmas Season we enter into what we call 'Ordinary Time.' St Paul when writing to the first Christians (Eph. 5:16) uses the phrase 'Redeeming the time'. Paul urges them to make prudent use of their time by seizing every opportunity to do good. It is the same for us too, although we cannot lengthen time or add to our span of life, we can discipline ourselves to use our time more wisely and to fill it more fully.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

Today John the Baptist refers to Jesus as "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." This is truly who he is, he came not for the virtuous who may think they have no need of a Saviour but to call and save sinners. In him we find forgiveness and true life. One old Carmelite sister was once asked what she said in prayer. She said, "I mostly use two words, Thank you, Lord, and have mercy." We can say the same, "Thank you Lord for everything, and have mercy on us." God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£476.69

2nd COLLECTION

£90.75

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION £450.00

Thank you for this collection. This has been equally divided between 'Mary's Meals' and the Bishop's request of a collection for children in the Holy Land.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This important week in the Church's calendar starts on Saturday 18th Jan. At the close of this week there will be an ecumenical service and Vespers hosted by St Mary's next Sunday evening at 6 pm. Please come if you can.

ST BARNABAS APPEAL

After our Sunday Masses this weekend there will be an appeal from the St Barnabas Society which provides very real support for Anglican clergy and their families who leave the Anglican communion and enter into 'the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.'

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540033
Sun 19 Jan	Masses	Church	St Barnabas Society Appeal	
Thur 23 Jan	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	CTP Ecumenical Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Sat 25 Jan	11.30 am	Church	Baptism of Charlie Van Ryssen	
Sat 25 Jan	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Amelia Rowan	
Sat 25 Jan	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation group meeting	John Stone or Fr Bruno
Sun 26 Jan	11 am	Church Hall	Coffee Morning for St Anne's	Claire Shelton-Jones
Sun 26 Jan	6 pm	Church	Christian Unity Week Service	
Mon 3 & 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1 & 2)	Fr Bruno

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsetts, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, Evelyn Bullock, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Pat Sawyer, Fr Jeff Scott and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

FR JEFF SCOTT

Fr Jeff, a former parish priest at St Mary's and fondly remembered by many, has been recently told that nothing more can be done to treat his cancer. He would be grateful for your prayers and if you would like to send him a card this is the address: Fr Jeff Scott, St Augustine's Care Home, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 1QR. Into your hands, Lord, we commend his spirit.

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE

Next Saturday Gerry and Maureen Fleet are giving thanks to God for 50 years of marriage. It was here in St Mary's that they were married in 1964. You are all invited to the 10 am Mass which will be offered for them and their family. May God bless them, two of his beloved children.

FIRE WARDEN

The parish is looking for a volunteer to take over the role of Fire Warden from Luke Fernandes. This includes knowledge of the present arrangements for the safety of parishioners during Mass, especially at Christmas and Easter. If you feel you can help please contact Fr Bruno or Luke on 556927. Thank You.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

'The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility' [Blessed John Paul II, 28. vii.02].

A DAY WITH MARY

There will be a 'Day with Mary' up at Westminster Cathedral this Saturday 25th January. See the poster in the porch for details.

CATHOLIC TEACHING

The seven deadly sins and their opposite virtues

Pride - Humility, Avarice - Liberality, Lust - Chastity, Anger - Meekness, Gluttony - Temperance, Envy - Brotherly love, Sloth - Diligence.

PRAYER 'THE WEAVER'

*My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colours he worketh steadily.
Oftentimes he weaveth sorrow and I in foolish pride
Forget he sees the upper and I, the underside.
Not until the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern he has planned.*

HOMELESSNESS COFFEE MORNING

This is **Next Sunday**. There will be a bring and buy sale in the hall after the 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle. It is in aid of the St Anne's Day Centre for Homeless and Lonely People. Please bring you **cakes and unwanted Christmas gifts** etc. to the hall before Mass. Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'There is a hard law ... When an injury is done to us we never recover until we forgive' [Alan Paton].

BRIGHTON SAINT

Joanna Bogle, author, writer, columnist and blogger will be giving a talk on the life of Venerable Mother Riccarda, the heroic Brigittine nun received into the Church at St Mary Magdalene, Brighton, who saved many Jewish lives in Rome during the Second World War. It will be at 7pm, Tue. 28 Jan., St Mary Magdalene Community Centre, Upper North St., Brighton. See poster in the porch.

MAGNIFICAT

This recommended pocket Missal and Prayer aid which helps in bringing the Word of God to life for us has a special introductory offer of three issues for £9. See the notice board in the porch for details.

THANK YOU

'Missio' (the red box charity) have written to thank the parish for the £150 donation given from a recent collection on World Mission Sunday. If you would like to know more visit their website at 'www.missio.org.uk.'

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Casper Hills who was baptised this Saturday. Another person has become a child of God!