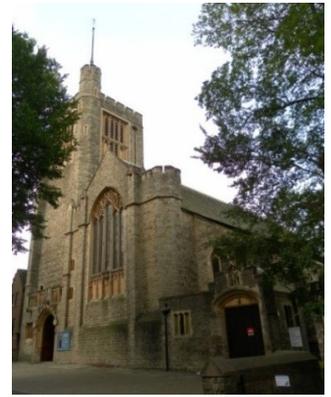


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 19 June, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	18 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	19 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 9:18-24 Parish Mass Book p.99	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Maureen Allan</i>
Mon	20 <i>St Alban, The First English Martyr</i>	10 a.m. <i>Joan Cook, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	21 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	22 <i>St John Fisher & St Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	10 a.m. <i>Margaret, Stan & Peter Hollingsworth, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	23 <i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. <i>James Mulcahy, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>For vocations to the priesthood</i>
Fri	24 <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity</i>	10 a.m. <i>Sue Stringer</i>
Sat	25 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MMS)</i> 7 p.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sun	26 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 Parish Mass Book p.102	10 a.m. <i>Blanka Tesarkova, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Non-Catholics who desire instruction in the faith welcome at any time. See Fr Bruno
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday
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

In the gospel today Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do the crowds say I am?" We find out the crowds do not know who Jesus is. Then he asks them, his own disciples, "Who do you say I am?" They too do not know. It is Peter who answers, "The Christ of God." We find out though that Peter has not discovered this because he is smarter than the others, but because the Heavenly Father has revealed it to him. Here we learn a key aspect about our faith: it is a revelation, a gift from God. It is thus only through the Scriptures and the Church that we come to truly know who God is. As Bishop Richard recently taught us - spend time reading the gospels. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 29th June the universal Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. Mass at 10am & 7.30pm.

What is a Holyday of Obligation?

'On Sundays and holydays of obligation the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the due relaxation of mind and body [Code of Canon Law #1247].'

Last Sunday's collection: £779.17. 2nd coll.: £122.83
 Next weeks 2nd collection will be for "Peter's Pence"

DAY FOR LIFE - This week's 2nd Collection

This years 'Day for Life' focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections & relationships between people and the earth we inhabit. For more information visit: www.dayforlife.org.

PETER'S PENCE - 26th June - Next weeks second collection will be for the Papal charity Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

St Bernadette's Summer Fair - This coming Saturday, 25 June, 11-4pm, at St Bernadette's. Please come along & support our local parish school at this fund raising event. All are Welcome. Entrance 50p for adults. The Cottesmore summer fair is Saturday 9 July 12-3pm.

"Be who you are, be that well and all for the glory of God"- St Francis de Sales

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 22 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club - school years 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 25 June	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Nala Torres	

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, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

First Communion Catechesis - There is an Information/Training Session on Parent led Catechesis **this Wednesday, 22 June at 8pm at Sacred Heart Hove**. Open to catechists and parents. For further info see poster in Church Porch or contact David Wills who works for the diocese on 01293 651157 or email david.wills@dabnet.org.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND IN BRIGHTON

Sat 25th - Sun 26th June (**next weekend**) at Cardinal Newman School. Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for people of all ages, with separate streams for children, teens & young adults. There will be Mass, talks, times of praise and worship, Reconciliation, workshops, etc. See poster in porch for details or visit the website 'www.celebrateconference.org/brighton'.

SVP PARISH FAMILY MORNING - Sun. 10th July, 11am. Consisting of: Table-top sale of children's clothes, toys, books, etc. (Tables available £10 payable in advance to Luke Fernandes), children's games, face painting, children's cake decorating as well as Teas, Coffee, soft drinks & cakes. Plus family BBQ to include Bacon Butties.

Doing the Will of the Father

Q: You love people whom others consider the rejects of humanity. What is the secret that allows you to do this?

A: My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realise that praying to him is loving him. That means that I am fulfilling his commandment. Let's not forget what he tells us: *I was hungry and you fed me not.* The poor who live in the slums of the world are suffering Christ. The Son of God lives and dies through them, and through them God shows me his true face. For me, prayer means being united to the will of God twenty-four hours a day, to live for him, through him, and with him.

Q: If Jesus is head of the Church, shouldn't the Church show a different face and be more exemplary?

A: But, who is the Church? You and I. Jesus doesn't need palaces. Only men need them. The Church are those who follow him. Following him is something that I try to do every day. We live surrounded by people who are hungry for love. That is what we need to give them. If everyone was capable of discovering the image of God in their neighbours, do you think that we would still need tanks and generals? [*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*, from a meditation in this month's *Magnificat* pocket missal]

FATHERS DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen!
Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers in the Parish today

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKS

Many thanks to all those involved in the Mass last Sunday when 23 of our children made their First Holy Communion. Thanks to those who cleaned the church (before and after), the flower ladies, the musicians, choir and servers, our catechists, the parents of last year's FHC children who arranged, prepared, served and tidied up the 'breakfast' in the hall after the Mass and to the parents and children themselves.

'TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST' - Summer retreat for young adults, 24-28 August, at Worth Abbey. Four days for young adults (18-35), discovering a deeper meaning for your life with inspiration from the monastic tradition. Talks will be given by the monks of Worth and members of the Wellspring Community. Cost: £120 (student/unwaged) and £159 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact: 'TOC@worthabbey.net'. This retreat is offered by the Wellspring Community in collaboration with Worth Abbey's Open Cloister.

St Bernadette's Job Vacancies - After School Club Assistant. 1 permanent & 1 temp. (maternity cover) starting Sept 2016. Closing date for applications: Midday - Tues 28 June, 2016. Interviews: Tues 5th July 2016. Application forms & further details are available from the School Office. See poster in Church Porch for more details.

And finally ...

'St Peter, the gatekeeper of heaven, one day has a visit from the Eternal Father. "Well, Peter, all well?" "Yes, Father. I'm careful about letting in all those who deserve it. Look, here is the book of names!" The Father opens Peter's book, examines it, frowns and looks at Peter. "This is not on. You've let people into heaven who don't deserve it!" Peter looks at the names the Father is pointing to, doesn't recognize them and is all confused. The week following he doubles his vigilance, but to no use. More souls arrive that he knows he has not let in. A troubled Peter then feels a hand on his shoulder. It's Jesus, who smiles and whispers, "Peter, have you not yet understood? Come, follow me. I want to show you something!" After a short walk they come to the outer wall of heaven. There they see our Lady. She is sat on the wall with her rosary hanging over the other side. There souls which grab hold of it are being drawn up by her into the garden of paradise. Thus Peter learns how it is many souls get into heaven.'

"We must have confidence in God, who is what He always has been, and we must not be disheartened because things turn out contrary to us" - Saint Philip Neri