

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 19 October, 2014 - *Month of the Rosary*

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	18 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	19 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21 Parish Mass Book p. 145	10.00 a.m. <i>Mrs Brigid Ward, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Alan McCulloch, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	20 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Diana Merton</i>
Tue	21 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierrindo Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	22 <i>Bl. John Paul II, Pope</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	23 <i>Feria</i> [Traditional Low Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr David Buckley, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	24 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Frank Woolet, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	25 <i>Saturday Morning Mass in honour of our Lady</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Grace Reid, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Special Intention (A. McCulloch)</i>
Sun	26 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 Parish Mass Book p. 148	10.00 a.m. <i>Milligan and Brace Family</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday morning Mass.
Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.
Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass.

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Often the world presents arguments to us as 'either - or': you are either for or against something. The wisdom of God, however (and this is faithfully reflected in Catholic teaching), is rather a 'both - and' position: we believe in both faith and reason, in the reality of the natural and the supernatural, in nature and in grace. Always though it is the higher that perfects the lower: faith perfects reason, grace perfects nature, only with God can we be truly human. Today in the words of our Blessed Lord about giving to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's we again see this clearly. He does not deny the natural world - we must give to Caesar what is Caesar's, that is we have a duty to contribute to the society in which we live - but he reminds us that this always is subordinate to our duty to serve God first. The state is not our god. The one revealed in Jesus Christ is. May he have our first service. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"...suffering has been stronger than all other teaching ... I have been bent and broken, but - I hope - into a better shape" [Estella, on last page of Dickens' *Great Expectations*].

Last week's collections - 1st: £573.78, 2nd: £77.54

This week's 2nd collection for 'World Mission Sunday'

DIOCESAN LAUNCH OF CAFOD'S CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN HERE AT ST MARY'S

This Tuesday, 21st October at 7.30 pm, in St Mary's Cassidy Centre the diocese will launch CAFOD's new climate change campaign. The campaign, 'One Climate, One World', will focus on climate change which is threatening countless people in poverty throughout the world. There will be special guests to enlighten and inspire and they hope to have the local MP, **Caroline Lucas** in the line-up along with Jesy and Adan from CAFOD's Peruvian Partners, CEAS.

Contact the diocesan office for more information or let them know you will join them on Tel. 01483 898 866 or visit: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

FROM THE SAINTS

'One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations' [St John of Avila, Doctor of the Church].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 506845
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 20 Oct	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation eve. for parents	Fr Bruno
Tue 21 Oct	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	CAFOD Event	See posters in porch
Wed 22 Oct	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth club, Years 7-11	'smyclub.co.uk'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Ann Chandler, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill & Trudy Wood.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to two couples who were married here in the church this week: Laurens Vlaar & Karina Rodriguez Echavarria and Phil Bailey & Lydia Lacy-Scott. Blessings!

LIVING FAITH COURSE – on this week

Tuesday, 7.30pm, down at St Joseph's, Elm Grove. Good speakers. See poster in porch for details.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 31st October

7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £4 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to St Anne's Day Centre. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Mass (or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642)

SVP MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Saturday 01 November, at 2.30 pm, we will be having a Mass, with the anointing of the sick, for the housebound of the parish. The parish SVP group will arrange transport. Please let Fr Bruno know if you or anyone you know would like a lift. [Addendum: I have had almost zero response to this initiative. If there is none this week this opportunity for grace will be postponed until another time.]

CATHOLAITY FAIR – Sat 08 November

This year's Catholaitiy Fair is at Hove Town Hall on Saturday 8th November from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for "Uganda Hands for Hope." If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery social event. Many stalls and refreshments available all day. Thanks to all who have taken Grand Draw tickets, could you please return all counterfoils and money by Sunday 2nd Nov. Many thanks for your support. Chris Rodrigues

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sat 29 Nov., 11-3pm

The stall holders' board is now up in the church porch. If you have a business or provide a service perhaps you might consider donating a prize to one of our many raffles. Please contact Eve on 01273 979204. Can anyone loan us a large 7ft+ Christmas Tree for the hall? It will be returned after the fair. Please continue bringing in your donations. Thank you. Eve Morrison.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION FOR CONFESSION

'Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins; the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded thy tender heart. O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. Amen. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.'

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP - YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT (18-35), 31st Oct - 2nd Nov 2014

@ Worth Abbey Offering an opportunity for you to discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, to hear Christ's call, and to be formed as disciples. With talks from excellent speakers. Talks - Prayer/Reflection - The Divine Office & Mass - Spiritual Direction Cost: £65 for students/the unwaged, and £95 for the waged (subsidies available). For more information and to book, contact Jo: admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk or call 07595761483

TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH – Tue 11 November

A coach will leave St Mary's at 10.30 on Armistice Day (11 Nov). Drop off at Gun Wharf Quay. Free time of 4-5 hrs to enjoy the many sights this historic city has to offer. Return St Mary's 1830. Seat confirmed with early payment of £23 to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

REJOICE EVENING – Saturday 08 November

An evening of prayer, praise and Adoration, led by Joe Wells and David Matthews. Saturday 8th November, 7.30pm (tea & coffee from 7.00pm), Sacred Heart Parish Rooms, Norton Road Hove, BN3 3BF. Donations only. All welcome.

PARISH RCIA COURSE STARTING SOON

The parish RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be beginning **Thursday 13 November, 8-9 pm**, in the Cassidy Centre. The input, before discussion, will be based on the 'Catholicism' DVD series by Fr Robert Barron. All members of the parish are invited to join in viewing this well produced (10 part) series at this meeting.

A POEM – on Evening graces and Morning Miracles

'Here dies another day
During which I have had eyes, ears, hands
And the great world round me;
And with tomorrow begins another.
Why am I allowed two?' [GK Chesterton]