

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 01 November, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>			<u>Intention</u>
Sat	31		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	01	<u>ALL SAINTS</u>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P</i>
		Gospel: Mark 5: 1-12	Mass Book p186	12 noon	<i>Virgilia & Irene Valentini, R.I.P</i>
Mon	02	<u>ALL SOULS' DAY</u>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (Novena 1)</i>
Tue	03		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	04	<i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (Novena 3)</i>
Thurs	05	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Fr John Naughton, R.I.P.</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls (Novena 4)</i>
Fri	06	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (Novena 5)</i>
			WEDDING SERVICE	3.00 p.m.	<i>Karl Filmer-Sankey & Maritza Wada Riveros</i>
Sat	07	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday'</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (Novena 6)</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	08	<u>32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Deceased of World Wars</i>
		Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44	Mass Book p.154	12 noon	<i>Holy Souls (Novena 7)</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on hold while work going on in the church

Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

ALL SAINTS DAY THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, 1st November, we celebrate All Saints day. Here is part of a homily that Pope Benedict xvi gave on this day: 'The Solemnity of All Saints, which we celebrate today, invites us to raise our gaze to Heaven and to meditate on the fullness of the divine life which awaits us. "We are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be" (2nd Reading): with these words the Apostle John assures us of the reality of our profound relation to God, as too, of the certainty of our destiny. Like beloved children, therefore, we also receive the grace to support the trials of this earthly existence – the hunger and the thirst for justice, the misunderstandings, the persecutions – and, at the same time, we inherit what is promised in the Gospel Beatitudes. The holiness, imprinted in us by Christ himself, is the goal of Christian life. And we have a foretaste of the gift and the beauty of sanctity every time that we participate in the Eucharistic liturgy, the communion with the 'great multitude' of holy souls, which in Heaven eternally acclaim the salvation of God and of the Lamb (1st Reading).' Monday is All Souls day. Remember to keep those who have died in you prayers. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Last Sundays Collection : £563.12
 2nd Coll: £101.40 'World Mission Sunday' (Missio)
 Next Sun 2nd Collection for 'The Retired Priests Fund'

WEEKDAY MASS IN THE CASSIDY CENTRE

Whilst the workmen are in the church our weekday Masses will be at the usual times but in the Cassidy Centre.

PARKING OUTSIDE CHURCH

We have received complaints again about pavements being blocked and a wheelchair being unable to get through. Please park with courtesy to others, as the pavement is a public right of way.

SANCTUARY WORKS: Work on the Sanctuary continues on schedule. With the scaffolding complete the next stage will be putting in the studs to which the plasterboard will be attached. This will be happening this week. 6 weeks to go, hopefully. While this work is going on the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the safe in the Sacristy.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fabienne Marie MacKendrick who became a child of God this Saturday.



PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Sat 31 Oct	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Fabienne Mackendrick	
Wed 4 Nov	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Wed 4 Nov	8.30 pm		Social Concerns Group	Liz Woodhead
Fri 6 Nov	3 pm	Church	Marriage of Karl & Maritza	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Resi Michel, Dick Morris & Terry Rodrigues.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we traditionally pray and offer Mass for the dead. Between 02-10 November we will be offering a Novena (nine consecutive days) of Masses for the Holy Souls. If you have any deceased loved ones you would like to be included in this novena please put their names into the little brown envelopes in the church and return it to the presbytery or to Fr Bruno. Those names will be placed at the foot of the altar and prayed for during this period.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND POPPIES

We have poppies for sale at the back of the church for Remembrance Sunday next Sunday. Put the money in the official tin which will then be collected. Thank you.

CATHOLAITY FAIR 14th NOVEMBER 10.30-3.30

Thank you to everyone for selling tickets. Please return any further counterfoils and monies by the 8th November. Don't forget to come and join us in The Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse, your support is appreciated.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE - Thank you to all our volunteers who share a monthly rota. It is always good to see parishioners coming down to the hall after Mass. We are however still in need of some volunteers willing to offer their time and services to prepare, serve and tidy up for this. If you are able to do this please contact Liz Woodhead on 07740 177556 or 01273 556899.

DON'T PANIC BUT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Is less than 4 weeks now! - Sat 28 November

The stall holder's board is up! Several stalls are already spoken for so to avoid disappointment sign up today! Please could we have extra helpers for the Pre-Loved stall? always very popular

CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN

It's time to fill a jar with Christmas goodies!

The Jars with instructions are in the Porch
(Thanks for the jars everyone - no more needed now)

THIS WEEKS BIG PUSH REQUEST - CHOCOLATE !

But you can bring anything else in too! Thank you
GRAND DRAW TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!
A great way to support us especially if you can't be there
on the day

PRAYER FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

'Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen' [St Gertrude the Great, 13th C.].

November blessing of graves: Priests will meet at 3 pm on Sunday 01 November at the following cemeteries:

Fr's Kevin Dring & Jerry O'Brien at Hove Cemetery, Daithi Foley at Woodingdean Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Kieron O'Brien & Bruno Witchalls at Bear Road Cemetery and Woodvale, Kevin O'Donnell at St Margaret's, Rottingdean, Ian Byrnes at Newhaven Cemetery and John Hull at the chapel of the Brighton & Preston Cemetery (Hartington Road). Meet the priests there who will bless the graves you ask them to.

COMING SOON: TEENAGE RETREAT @ WORTH ABBEY, 4-6th Dec., for all in years 7-9.

Join us at Worth Abbey this Advent to explore what Christmas is really all about! Over the weekend we will be thinking about what Christmas really means for us as Christians and how we can use this time to get ready for Christmas in a way we might not have done before! It will be a weekend of fun and games, prayer, yummy food, time for discussions, arts and crafts and much more! Email toc@worthabbey.net for more information. Bursaries are available. Booking closes on 28th November.

DEEP WATERS - This is a prayer group (including testimonies, talks, a meal and socialising) for 18-35 year olds which meets weekly at St Joseph's, Elm Grove. The meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm. New faces are always welcome.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Please let Fr Bruno or David Alfred know by this week if you would like to join the Parish Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 15 Dec at the Royal Albion Hotel.

A & B NEWS - Please pick up your free copy of the A & B News in the porch. Our CTS rack has also been recently restocked with some interesting new titles. We also stock a selection of weekly Catholic Papers in the porch which deal with happenings in the wider church.

And finally - Did you hear about the collision between a red ship and a blue ship? The survivors were marooned.

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." [Alexander Graham Bell]