

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 20 July, 2014

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	19	[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
Sun	20	<u>16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43</i> Parish Mass Book p.105 [Mass celebrated by Fr Charles Jeffries]	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving for their new daughter (D'Souza's)</i> 12 noon <i>Victor & Ida Bastiampillai, R.I.P.</i> 2.00 p.m. <i>John & Barbara Pierce (Marriage Golden Jubilee)</i>
Mon	21	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tue	22	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>George O'Neill, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	23	<i>St Bridget</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	24	<i>Feria</i> [Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Terence Walsh, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	25	<i>St James, Apostle and Martyr</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Sat	26	<i>Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of our Lady</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	27	<u>17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt. 13:44-52</i> Parish Mass Book p.108	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Elizabeth & Andrew Jurica, R.I.P.</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.
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. & at call.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

In the parable of the wheat and the darnel (a grass which grows as a weed amongst cereal crops) which Jesus gives us today he reveals to us something about the mystery of evil in the world. As the Master sowed good seed we learn that what God has made is good. However because of negligence and an enemy – the evil one – something has appeared which ought not to be there. We learn here that evil does not come from God. Now some plead the Master to get rid of the evil now – that is to get rid of the weeds in the field now – but the Master says, 'No. I know that it is there, and a separation will come, but not now. The separation will come at the harvest' – that is at the end of time. In this parable Jesus reveals to us that the task before us is to live as his disciples and do good in this world where good and evil are found together. In fact how could we do good if there were no needs to come to the aid of nor suffering to alleviate in this world of ours? (See Matthew Ch 25). This is an important parable for us. Let us pray that where we see another in need, especially close to home, we may go to their aid. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£530.09

2nd COLL. – Apostleship of the sea

£141.25

[Next Sun. – 2nd Collection for the 'Day for Life']

ALTAR SERVERS

Any of the young people who come regularly to Mass are always welcome to come and learn how to serve at Mass. This includes those who recently made their first Holy Communion. See Fr Bruno to register and then start.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

These will all start again in the new school year. After the holidays registration forms will be available in the Church porch. **First Holy Communions** are generally for children in year 3 up. If you are in year 10 or above we would like to invite you to consider joining our **Confirmation** group.

PARISH SVP (St Vincent de Paul) MEETING

The date for the meeting which I will mention at Mass this weekend is Thur 14 Aug., 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Tue 22 July	6.30 pm	St Mary Magdalene's	Mass for their parish feast day	

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, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Tony Gormley, Dick Morris & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

MARRIAGE GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations to John & Barbara Pierce (Nikki Braterman's parents) who will be celebrating a thanksgiving Mass for their 50 years of marriage this Sunday. May God bless them and all their family.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ivan Stewart who became a child of God in baptism this last Saturday.

GEORGE O'NEILL, RIP

Please keep in your prayers George O'Neill, Sr Anne's brother, whose funeral will be this Tuesday (22nd). Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

CHRISTMAS FAIR HOMEMADE STALL

Thank you very much for your generosity with donated jars and fruit. We now have plenty of jam jars so no more please. What we do need though is lots of sugar (to put in the box in the porch). Again, with thanks, Eve Morrison.

TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST

Summer Retreat for Young Adults @ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. 27th - 31st August 2014. Exploring monastic ways to discipleship, with talks from monks of Worth Abbey including Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, and members of The Wellspring Community. Cost: £120 (unwaged/student), £150 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A Christian Meditation week will be led by Fr Guibalderti Bordelini at St Cuthman's Retreat Centre, Tue 26 - Sat 30 Aug. Contact St Cuthman's for details.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'Our society ought to put the most vulnerable people at the centre, not as an act of generosity, but quite simply because we need them to help us be more human' [Jean Vanier].

FROM THE SAINTS

'We must take all that God gives, and give all that He takes, with a smile!' [Mother Teresa of Calcutta].

PARKING NOTICE - keep off the pavement!

The council now give fines for parking on the pavement. Keep to the spaces in front of the church or the road.

A PRAYER

'O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us; remember the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering - our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgment let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.'

[Prayer written by an unknown prisoner in Ravensbrook concentration camp and left by the body of a dead child]

QUESTIONS ABOUT EUTHANASIA

Taken from the 'Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church' (CCC).

466. Why must human life be respected?

Human life must be respected because it is *sacred*. From its beginning human life involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. It is not lawful for anyone directly to destroy an innocent human being. This is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator. "Do not slay the innocent and the righteous" (*Exodus* 23:7) [CCC, 2258-2262].

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470. What is forbidden by the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment forbids as gravely contrary to the moral law: [CCC, 2268-2288, 2321-2326]
direct and intentional murder and cooperation in it;
direct abortion, willed as an end or as means, as well as cooperation in it. Attached to this sin is the penalty of excommunication because, from the moment of his or her conception, the human being must be absolutely respected and protected in his integrity;
direct euthanasia which consists in putting an end to the life of the handicapped, the sick, or those near death by an act or by the omission of a required action;
suicide and voluntary cooperation in it, insofar as it is a grave offense against the just love of God, of self, and of neighbour. One's responsibility may be aggravated by the scandal given; one who is psychologically disturbed or is experiencing grave fear may have diminished responsibility.

471. What medical procedures are permitted when death is considered imminent?

When death is considered imminent the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. However, it is legitimate to use pain-killers which do not aim at in death and to refuse "over-zealous treatment", that is the utilization of disproportionate medical procedures without reasonable hope of a positive outcome. [CCC, 2278-79]