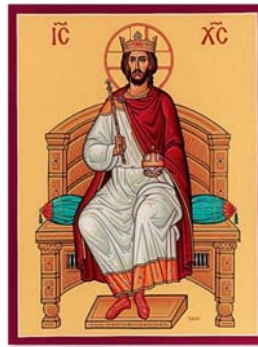


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 20 November, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	19	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	20	<u>CHRIST THE KING (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 Parish Mass Book p.167	10 a.m. <i>Mr V.R. Morrison & Mrs I. Morrison, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Cesano Esguerra, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	21	No Mass	-
Tues	22	No Mass	-
Wed	23	No Mass	-
Thur	24	No Mass	-
Fri	25	No Mass	-
Sat	26	<i>Saturday Morning Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Andre Lucciani, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>The Barnes Family</i>
Sun	27	<u>1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 Parish Mass Book p.82	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Martine Annette Olson, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass - All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

CHRIST OUR KING

Here is the meditation found in the *Magnificat* pocket missal for today. They are words St Augustine of Hippo (+430) wrote on Christ our King: 'See if you have anything you may offer, and you will find you have nothing. ... All things are his, whether you offer them or not. Offer him therefore a clean oblation. But you are a sinner, you are impious, your conscience is defiled. Made clean, you may perhaps offer something clean; but to make you clean, something has to be offered for you. What therefore will you offer for yourself, so as to be made clean? ... let the Unstained Priest offer himself, and let him make you clean. This Christ did. He found nothing that was clean in man, that he could offer for men; and so he offered himself, an Immaculate Victim. O Blessed Victim, True Victim, Immaculate Host! He did not therefore offer what we gave him; rather he offered what he took from us, and offered it *immaculate*. For he took flesh from us; and this he offered. Where did he take it from? From the womb of the Virgin Mary - that he might offer what was without stain for those who were unclean. He is our King; he is our Priest. Let us rejoice in him.' God bless you, Fr Bruno.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The helpful 'Walk with Me' booklets are available in the porch. Booklets are £1 each and are filled with prayers and thoughts to help guide you through this holy season.

Last Sunday's Collection: £519.03; 2nd coll.: £63.22
 This weeks 2nd coll. for the Cathedral Maintenance fund.

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Syria; Our Lady's Lamp for a married couple dearly hoping and praying to conceive and be blessed with a child.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – This Saturday

See separate newsletter in porch for more information. But in particular : Mr Tom Bola has lost his bottle. Please help! The bottle tombola needs donations of bottles of alcohol or non-alcohol. Lots of Raffle tickets available with great prizes ! and to all you Mary Berry's out there ... get baking ! Remember to invite friends and neighbours. Many thanks – the Christmas fair team.

MASSES THIS WEEK

I am grateful to Fr Oliver who will be back with us this Saturday and Sunday saying our Masses. There will be no Masses in the parish Monday to Friday this week as I shall be away in Walsingham on Retreat. This means the church will have to remain closed during the week. If you have things to drop off for the Christmas fair please ring the doorbell of the presbytery 9 am – Noon in the week and hopefully someone will be there to open the door.

MARY COSHAM, R.I.P – Please pray for Mary who died peacefully on Friday morning. May she rest in peace.

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
Sat 26 Nov	11am-3pm	Church Hall	CHRISTMAS FAIR	
Sun 27 Nov	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Childrens 1 st Holy Communion Meeting	Janet Silva
Wed 30 Nov	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	
Fri 02 Dec	7 pm	Cassidy centre	Baptism Preparation Class for parents	
Sun 11 Dec	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Childrens 1 st Holy Communion Meeting	Janet Silva
Fri 23 Dec	7.30 pm	Church	Advent Carol Concert	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

CATHOLAITY FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Catholaity Fair. It was a good day despite the dreadful weather. There is a list of Grand Draw prizewinners in the porch. We had some winners from the parish and also St Bernadette's School. From Chris Rodrigues.

FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP

Many thanks to all who supported the Catholaity Fair last Saturday and who sold Raffle Tickets. We raised £90 on the stall which, with our draw ticket takings of £208.50, gives us a total of £298.50 for Uganda Hands for Hope.

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL FORMS

For parents wanting to apply to send their children to St Bernadette's Primary School (or Cottesmore) next September Fr Bruno will be in the presbytery to sign forms on the following dates: **Wed 14 Dec., 11am-12pm; Fri 16 Dec., 6-7pm; Sat 17 Dec., 11am-12pm.** There will be another date in the new year before the deadline for handing in applications.

'THE ART OF DYING WELL'

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It can be found at 'www.artofdyingwell.org'. Prayer cards are in the porch.

MASS – Looking towards the Lord

'A shepherd of the flock of Jesus Christ is never orientated only to the circle of his own faithful. The community of the Church is universal, also in the sense that it includes all of reality. This is evident, for example, in the liturgy, which does not indicate only the commemoration and fulfillment of the saving acts of Jesus Christ. It is a journeying towards the redemption of all of creation. In orienting the liturgy towards the [Liturgical] East (the Orient), we see that Christians, together with the Lord, desire to proceed towards the salvation of creation in its entirety. Christ, the Crucified and Risen Lord, is at the same time also the 'sun' which enlightens the world.' *From a book extract by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, October, 2016*

A Prayer to be said at anytime

I adore you, O God; I love you with all my heart. Thank you for having created me, for making me a Christian.

WORSHIP NIGHT – Sat 26 November

The Chemin Neuf Community are organising an evening of worship, teaching and celebration on Saturday 26 November to mark the end of the Year of Mercy. It will be at St Patrick's Church, Cambridge Rd., Hove, BN3 1DE. Worship will be led by One Hope Project, an exciting collective of young people passionate about connecting people with the heart of God through music and praise. It is open to all. See posters / flyers in the church Porch.

THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH Advent Retreat

This retreat for young Adults (18-35) is on 25-27 Nov. at Worth Abbey. This retreat is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the themes of Advent, to build relationships and encounter Christ. Talks from the monks and members of the Wellspring Community, space for reflection, prayer and friendship. Cost: £62 (students / unwaged) and £102 (waged). For more information and to book contact: toc@worthabbey.net

CURRY EVENING FUNDRAISER

Cassidy Centre - Sat 3rd December 4.30pm

Come & Support us raising money in aid of the homeless people of Brighton & Hove. Enjoy good food with entertainment thrown in as well. Chicken or Veggie curry will be available. Tickets : Adults £7 children £4 or a Family ticket (2 adults + 2 Children) £20. For more information or tickets contact Ethil on 01273 506845 or 07710 982652

The Journey: A Teenage Retreat for Advent

Join us at Worth Abbey this Advent to explore what Christmas is really all about! Like the wise men journeyed to meet Jesus after his birth, this advent each of us can make our own journey to meet Him. This is an invitation to put aside the Christmas lists and to go back to basics. It will be a weekend of fun and games, prayer, arts and crafts and much more! **This retreat is for all those in years 7-9 and will be running at Worth Abbey from 2-4th December.** The weekend costs £84 but bursaries are available. Email toc@worthabbey.net for more info. Booking closes on 18th November.

And finally... A grandmother took a Bible to the post office to send to her grandson. The Postal worker asked, "Is there anything breakable inside?" "Yes" she said. "What?" he said. "The Ten Commandments" she replied.