

# 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 September, 2015

<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 <b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 Mass Book p.135	10.00 a.m. <i>Annette Winifrede Sheppe, R.I.P</i> 12 noon <i>Edward Haroun, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	21 <i>St Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tue	22 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	23 <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Thomas O'Gorman, R.I.P</i>
Thurs	24 <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10.00 a.m. <i>John Nash, R.I.P</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>of Andrea &amp; Claudia Banfi</i>
Fri	25 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Sat	26 <i>Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday'</i> Vigil Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Thomas Savage, R.I.P</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Mary Ardiff, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	27 <b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Mass Book p.138	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention (C Needham)</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this.**

### THE READINGS THIS WEEK

'[Jesus] called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them put his arms around him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

### REFUGEE CRISIS

Please find in the porch a Pastoral Letter about this from Bishop Richard as well as a Statement from the Bishop's Conference. Our bishop has also asked us to support 'Brighton Voices in Exile' which helps refugees locally and works out of the parish of St Mary Magdalene. They are in need of donations (financial and food/toiletries etc.) and you can go and visit them in St Mary Magdalene's Parish Centre (Tuesdays 11-4pm). The diocese has also prepared a form 'Refugee Crisis - Ways you can help' which is in the church porch. Do take one and send it on if you can offer help.

Last Sundays Collection : £508.28,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £67.93 'Racial Justice Sunday'  
 This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is 'Home Mission Sunday'

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY-** 20th September 2015. Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the Bishops' invite every member of the Catholic community to pray for, celebrate & support the work of evangelisation in England & Wales. This year's theme is PROCLAIM God's Mercy.

### REQUIEM MASS FOR LINDA CULLEN, R.I.P

This will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. Please keep Linda, her family & her friends in your prayers.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES, 2015/16

In the church porch are application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation & RCIA.

### RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

If you are not a Catholic and would like to find out more about the Catholic faith this course may be for you. See Fr Bruno or the forms in the church porch.

*'Our task is to make the truth visible and lovable in ourselves, offering ourselves as an attractive and, if possible, an heroic example' [St Gianna Molla].*

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 youth club	

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU** from St Mary's SVP for your very generous support last Sunday. The net amount raised from renting 4 tables for the Table Top sale, Raffle, Teas, Coffees, Cakes and BBQ was approximately £388. Encouraged by this success we are responding to Fr Bruno's recent appeal by setting up a parish 'Food Bank' to alleviate food poverty for needy people in our parish.

**REJOICE EVENING - This week** - You are warmly invited to ... Rejoice! On Saturday 26th September, Sacred Heart parish room, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BF. 7.00pm refreshments / 7.30pm start. This is a donation only event. There will be praise & worship and a short talk on "How to Forgive" from David Matthews and an opportunity for prayer ministry. All welcome.

### **MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER - Curry, Talk & Film**

*Saturday 10th October, Cassidy Centre, 8-10.30pm*  
 Tickets £8 which includes a homemade curry, a short talk by Fr Alexander, a Benedictine Monk from Worth Abbey on "Silence in the City" followed by a screening of the latest film from Mary's Meals. Your entrance fee of £8 will provide a daily meal for a hungry child in a place of education for 8 months in a developing country such as Malawi. Please contact Henry and Eve Morrison (01273 979204) or Chris Rooke (01273 551577) to reserve your ticket and/or find out more about Mary's Meals.

### **CATHOLAITY FAIR Sat. 14th November 10.30-3.30**

This year's Fair is in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the "Uganda Hands for Hope" charity. If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery event. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets are available now & usually around 90% of the tickets we sell go to "Uganda Hands for Hope." Thank you for your support. Chris Rodrigues.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR - less than 10 weeks now!**

The stall holder's board will be coming soon! Do you have an idea for the fair? Don't be shy come and talk to us ... we don't bite. Several stalls are already spoken for so to avoid disappointment please contact Eve on 979204 or Tess at the 10am Mass! **Please** keep the dried fruit & jars coming in. Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMBOLA**

How about picking up an extra bottle from the

### **PRAYER FOR THE HEART OF A CHILD**

'Holy Mary, Mother of God, preserve in me the heart of a child, pure and transparent as a spring. Obtain for me a simple heart that does not brood over sorrows; a heart generous in giving itself, quick to feel compassion; a faithful, generous heart that forgets no favour and holds no grudge. Give me a humble, gentle heart loving without asking any return; a great indomitable heart that no ingratitude can close, no indifference can weary; a heart tortured by its desire for the glory of Jesus Christ: pierced by His love with a wound that will heal only in Heaven.' [Fr Leonce de Grandmaison, SJ]

**THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at the Royal Albion Hotel will this year be on Tuesday 15 Dec. from 12 noon. Sherry, Turkey, with all the trimmings for £13, including tip (Vegetarian option available). Early payment to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

**ENCOUNTER Crawley - For those aged 15-30** Fri 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley, RH11 8PG. Live music, Adoration, praise, worship, food & the chance to meet some rally nice people. Entry is free.

### **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS**

Couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary this year are invited to book for this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 12 noon at the Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel, BN18 9AY. Booking Essential: Please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152 or email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

### **CALLED BY NAME - 23rd to 25th October 2015**

Young Adults Retreat (18-35) @ Worth Abbey offering an opportunity for you to discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, to hear Christ's call, & to be formed as disciples. Talks from excellent speakers. Prayer, Reflection, The Divine Office, Mass, Spiritual Direction. Cost: £60 for students/the unwaged, & £100 for the waged (subsidies available). More info at [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net) or call 01342 710318

### **ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 - Starting at Westminster Cathedral, 1.45pm. See porch for further details.

**SMILE QUIZ NIGHT!** - Fri 30 Oct., 7.30pm in the 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 Masses from 4 Oct. (or call Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead on 01273

Supermarket for our Tombola stall? Wine, Spirits, Beer...any special offer on soft drinks!! ... and bring them along next week? Thank you. Beryl Cheeseman.

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**CALIX** (AA for Catholics - seeking holiness not just sobriety) meets 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month St Mary Magdalene's Presbytery, Upper North Street.

*'Love is the movement out of narcissism'*