

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 week commencing Sunday 21 September, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	20 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention (Mrs F. Bamin)</i>
Sun	21 <u>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16</i> Parish Mass Book p.131	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>John Green, R.I.P & Barbara Stewart, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	22 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Personal Intention</i>
Tue	23 <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Nikki Braterman & family</i>
Wed	24 <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	25 <i>Feria</i> [Low Mass in the Extraordinary form]	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Nancy & Jill Phipps, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	26 <i>Sts Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Margaret Cairns, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	27 <i>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Mary Ardiff, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	28 <u>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32</i> Parish Mass Book p.134	10.00 a.m. <i>Nikki Braterman & family</i> 12 noon <i>John Burke, R.I.P.</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.

Last week's collections: 1st: £648.59, 2nd: £ 111.16
 This week 2nd collection for 'Home Mission Sunday'

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Here are words from Blessed John Henry Newman from a sermon he preached on this Sunday's gospel: 'The last shall be first and the first last, for many are called, but few are chosen. Such are the words with which the Gospel of this day ends, which is the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. In that parable, you know well, my brethren, the Master of the Vineyard calls into his Vineyard all the labourers he can get together. He calls them in at different times, some in the morning, some at noon, some shortly before the evening. When the evening is come, he bids his paymaster call them together and give them their wages for the day past. It is very plain what this means. The Master of the Vineyard is our Lord and Saviour. We are the labourers. The evening is the hour of death, when we shall each receive the reward of our labour, if we have laboured well.' May the good God help each of us to be humble and simple workers in his Vineyard. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

PRAYERS FOR NIKKI BRATERMAN

Please keep in your prayers one of our parishioners, Nikki, her family and her young children. Last December she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is now in sore need of a bone marrow donor. Please see the article at the back of the church and visit her webpage 'www.perfecttenmatch.co.uk' to see how you could help. For prayer we will be saying a rosary novena starting this Tuesday in the church at 6pm ending on the feast of St Therese, a powerful intercessor, the 1st October. We will pray for a donor to be found and for Nikki. All welcome any or all of the days. The rosary takes about 20 minutes.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Today is 'Home Mission Sunday' when we are asked to pray for the lapsed in our communities and our families. Much can be achieved through charity and prayer. One Mum recently told me her daughter said: "I don't believe in God." She answered, "He believes in you, dear." This had a good effect on her daughter. Pray for your loved ones and do not be afraid of inviting them to Mass.

"Each person matters. No human life is ever redundant" [Cardinal Basil Hume, 1923-1999].

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 22 Sept	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Session	Fr Bruno
23 Sept – 01 Oct	6 pm	Church	Novena for Nikki Braterman	
Wed 24 Sept	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Sat 29 Nov		Church Hall	Parish Christmas Fair	

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, Tony Gormley & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

THE VATICAN CRICKET TEAM

A grand day was had last Sunday and the team wanted to thank you all for the kind welcome they received. A thank you also to the local team for hosting this event so well.

CAFOD FAST DAY

Please pick up your harvest fast day envelopes this week for the Cafod Harvest fast day on Friday and return your envelopes next Sunday.

PRESTON PARK PRESCHOOL

Preston Park Preschool currently has vacancies for preschools children, 2.5 - 5 yr olds. Our preschool is a popular long established group situated in the spacious premises at St Mary's Church hall. The experienced staff are friendly and well qualified. "Staff are highly confident practitioners and provide excellent support" (Ofsted). We have good links with the local schools. Opening times are 9:15 - 12:15 during the LEA academic year. Funding is available from 3 and for eligible 2 years old. Ofsted registered 130762. If you would like more details or arrange a visit please contact Sally McLaughlin 01273 557144 or email prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk

100 CLUB SEPTEMBER RESULTS

Congratulations to our September winners: 1st - (£50), Harry Cross; 2nd - (£30), Simone Depauw; 3rd - (£20), Lyn Holmes. Check when subs due & why not join for grand Oct Draw?

BIBLE ALIVE

A limited number of 'Bible Alive' daily reflections for October are available in the porch (£2.25). For those wanting to deepen their faith this is a good resource.

LIVING FAITH COURSE

This course will be taking place down at St Joseph's, Elm Grove, starting with a talk and a prayer evening on Tuesday 30 Sept. at 7.30pm. It will continue for the 4 Tuesdays of October with good speakers. All welcome. See poster in porch for details.

SICK PARISHIONERS

If you are going into hospital or know someone who needs the Sacraments, let the priest know.

A PRAYER

*'O Lord,
forgive what I have been,
bless what I am;
and direct what I shall be.'*

ST CUTHMAN'S RETREAT CENTRE

A day with Cardinal Cormac, Thur. 25 Sept., 10am-4pm: 'Memories of 36 years of episcopal ministry.' Cost £35 to include lunch. Bishop Kieran will lead a day on the Vatican Council documents, Wed. 08 Oct., 10am-4pm. Cost £25 to include lunch. Call 01403 741220 to book.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are looking for your child to be baptised pick up a form in the porch. The next Baptism preparation session for parents is Mon 22 Sept. at 8pm in the Cassidy Centre.

GARDENING HELP

Would there be someone in the parish willing to offer regular time helping me keep the parish and preschool garden from becoming too wild? I have tools and a greenhouse would be available for their use. Fr Bruno.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of the programs preparing for the sacraments next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date 28 September.

NAME:

AGE/SCHOOL YEAR:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE NO:

I wish to enrol for preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

ADULT BAPTISM/RECEPTION

Signed: