

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 22 January, 2017

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 21		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 22	3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23	Mass Book p.127	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Alma Green & Margaret Eden R.I.P.</i>
Mon 23	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Richard Smart, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 24		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 25	The Conversion of St Paul, Feast		10.00 a.m. <i>A Hawkins & G Savage, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 26		Mass in the Extraordinary Form	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Fri 27		REQUIEM MASS	10.00 a.m. <i>Norah Golden, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 28	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Noreen Irwin, R.I.P.</i>
		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Mrs Ann Ward (4th Anniv), R.I.P.</i>
Sun 29	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12	Mass Book p.130	10.00 a.m. <i>Norah Golden, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Friday Mass as it is a funeral Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

In today's gospel reading Jesus, after 30 quiet, hidden years begins his public preaching. We hear again the ancient prophecy from Isaiah of a great light coming to the people that lived in darkness. Jesus is this light of the world. Jesus begins his preaching with the message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Here is a commentary about this: "Repentance" means, not only to forsake our old sinful ways, since this would be a merely moral change: repentance means to put on a new attitude because we recognize the compelling royal presence of God before us. This entails a change of vision, a change of home, a change of lover. Our constant prayer to the Father must be: "Teach us to be hungry for this living and true Bread!" Such hunger is the prime fruit of repentance (*metanoia*). Our very heart must churn until all we know is Jesus, whom the Father loves above all things and in adoring whom the angels find their joy.' Trust in Jesus and God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

BAPTISM 2017 PREPARATION DATES FOR PARENTS – These one-off meetings are all on Friday evenings, 7 – 7.45 pm, in the Cassidy Centre. Fridays 03 February, 07 April, 02 June, 01 September & Friday 03 November, 2017

Last Sunday's Collection: £423.04
 Last week's 2nd coll. for Peace Day (Pax Christi) £101.52

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Frederick Mckay; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the repose of the souls of Peter and Susan. If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

Homeless Sunday Coffee Morning - Sun 22nd Jan

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass this Sunday: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee in aid of St Anne's Day Centre For The Homeless.

SVP Annual Report

Attached to this newsletter is our parish SVP (St Vincent de Paul) Society Annual Report. Please find time to read it and see the tremendous amount of work and good they have managed to do over the year. Thank you all!

FROM THE SAINTS

'To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement' *St Augustine*.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Maxwell Evan Alfred Dale who became a Christian and 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, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 25 Jan	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sun 29 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion Meeting	Mrs Janet Silva
Sat 04 Feb	2 pm	Church	Wedding: Alexis Healy & Jordan Gardner	
Sat 04 Feb	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation meeting (2)	Fr Bruno/John Stone

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, Paddy Cummiskey, JoseLuis Garcia, Paul Green, Judy Harrison, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

Norah Golden, R.I.P.

Please pray for Norah who died just after Christmas. She had been to Mass here on Christmas morning and died peacefully at home two days later. Her funeral Mass will be at St Mary's at 10 a.m., this Friday, 27th January.

Foundation Governors required for St Joseph's School, Brighton.

St Joseph's School are looking for Foundation Governors, particularly people with skills /expertise in Marketing, Finance, & HR. If you are interested please contact Lyndsey Gravenor, Chair of Governors (01273 587270). Training is available for all new governors. Thank you.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th July to 4th August 2017.

Online applications will be open soon - check Pilgrimage website for details www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance or those without access to the internet, should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct for a paper application form on 01403 740110. **The Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Collection will be the weekend of the 4/5th February**

Pilgrimage to Fatima

Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 10th November spend 4 nights in a 4* hotel on a half board basis. Flights included from London Gatwick. Early bird offer of £460 available until 01/04/2017. To find out more visit aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima or call 0800 689 4792

Do you want to inspire young people and consider training to be an RE teacher in a secondary school? Do you want to discuss possible routes into becoming an RE teacher?

If so then please contact either Sally Dudley,
Recruitment Lead at Sussex University
(s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk or 01273 877050) or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor for Sussex University
(claire.rooney123@btinternet.com or 07710550339).

We are keen to talk with any potential trainees for September 2017 and support you in training with the University of Sussex and would welcome an informal phone call or email.

SVP Project worker – 1 year contract

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has received funding to pilot a project working with older people in the Brighton deanery. We are now looking to recruit a Development Worker to work out of parish halls and SVP premises within the deanery (min 1 Year fixed term contract, possible extension subject to funding, Salary: £20k - £22k negotiable depending upon skills and experience.) The ideal candidate will have experience in working with older people, including those with dementia and a proven ability in establishing and maintaining projects for older people. Ideally he/she will also have experience of working closely with volunteers. For more information and an application pack please contact Veronab@svp.org.uk. Closing date 26th Jan. '17

Chilworth Day of Praise and Healing, Sat, 18th February 2017, around the theme I am the Lord, who heals you, given by Ros Powell.

The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. Two talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, the Divine Mercy Devotion, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with the Sacrament of Healing & departures at 4.20 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch, and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

100 CLUB JANUARY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize, £50 Mr M Ward (who won this year's subscription as a Christmas Grand Draw Prize); 2nd Prize, £30 Mrs C Alexandrou; 3rd Prize £20 Mrs C Wylie

St Thomas Fund

We have received a letter of thanks for the £310 which was raised from our Christmas Homeless appeal. Thank you.

Peter's Pence

The Diocese have been sent a letter of thanks for the 2016 Peter's Pence collection that is taken in all Catholic Parishes on Good Friday. A magnificent £17,075.76 was raised in our Diocese and the money is sent away for the upkeep of the Holy Places.



"Where are you from?"
"Ireland."
"Which part?"
"All of me."