

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 November, 2015 - Christ the King

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	21		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Robin Mountford, R.I.P</i>
Sun	22	<u>CHRIST THE KING (B)</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: John 18: 33-37	Mass Book p160	12 noon <i>Delia Foley, R.I.P</i>
Mon	23	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tue	24		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	25		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs	26	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Fri	27	<i>Feria</i>		8.15 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sat	28	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	29	<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Patrick & Anne Agnes Loakman, R.I.P</i>
		Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36	Mass Book p.82	12 noon <i>Roger Chandler, R.I.P</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 - 11 a.m., 6.15 - 6.45 p.m. & at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on hold while work going on in the church

No Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass - As the decorations are going up for our Christmas Fair

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

We come today to the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year. Every year at Mass we follow the life of our Lord from the Annunciation of his coming up to his Resurrection and Ascension into heaven. Today we learn that Christ's Kingdom is not only in heaven but is already mysteriously present here on earth. It is a realm of truth and grace. Those who live in the truth and act in the truth are part of his kingdom. May the Lord give us all the grace to live and love in the truth wherever we are. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

SANCTUARY WORKS: This week the plastering has been completed and is now drying. The coving has also gone up. Hopefully the painting will start this week and then it won't be too long before the scaffolding comes down. After that there is the lighting and the plinth for the Tabernacle to go on. While this work is going on the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the safe in the Sacristy and weekday Masses are at the usual time in the Cassidy Centre.

WEEKDAY MASS NOTICE

I shall be away at a Priest's Funeral Wednesday morning and on Friday Mass will be at the earlier time of 8.15 am in the Cassidy Centre.

Last Sundays Collection: £596.88

2nd Collection for Wellspring Community': £320.77

Next Week's collection will be for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS SATURDAY, 28th

Our Wonderful Parish Fair is this week, Saturday 28th. Eve & her team of helpers have been hard at work behind the scenes....so we just need you to make the day perfect! Invite your friends, your family & enjoy the festive spirit.

CATHOLAITY FAIR: Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Catholaity Fair by buying/selling Grand Draw tickets. There is a list of winners on the porch noticeboard, a couple of which were from the parish. An extra thank you to all those parishioners who braved the dreadful weather on Saturday to come up to the Fair. Chris Rodrigues. [PS. And thank you Chris, again, for all the time you put in to organise this important event for all of us in the deanery of Brighton & Hove!]

A Thank You from St Anne's Trust

We have received a letter from St Anne's Day Centre thanking us for our recent donation of £200.80 and our continued support of them. If you are looking for a way of giving this year, perhaps you could think of St Anne's.

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Mon 23 Nov	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1st Holy Comm. meeting	Charles Wookey, Janet Silva
Tue 24 Nov	7.30-9pm	St Joseph's Hall	Confirmation meeting	Fr Bruno
Wed 2 Dec	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Sun 6 Dec	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1st Holy Comm. class	Janet Silva, 07732917705

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

100 CLUB Draw Congratulation to our November winners: 1st prize £50 T. Jeeves, 2nd prize £30 Mrs V Cross, 3rd prize £20 Mrs B. Cheeseman.

Advent is just a week away! The helpful "Walk with Me" booklets are being sold in the porch today, along with calendars, for you and your children to enjoy together in the run up to the birth of our Lord.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Our First Holy Communion program begins with a parents meeting in the Cassidy Centre, 8-9 pm, Mon. 23 November. The 2nd Confirmation preparation meeting will be Tues. 24 November, 7.30-9 pm, in St Joseph's Hall, Milton Rd, BN2 9TQ.

TAIZE Prayer Evenings in Advent

St Barnabas Church, Hove - Sunday 29th Nov., 6.15 pm.
Cardinal Newman CS, Hove - Friday 4th Dec., from 6 pm.
See Posters in Church porch for further details

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Is this Week! - Sat 28 Nov., 11-3pm



"The Great St Mary's Bake Off"

Get your aprons on & your cook books out we need Cakes & lots of them for our **Cake Stall**....start cooking!!

CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN a reminder to bring back your filled jars of Christmas goodies!

THIS WEEKS BIG PUSH REQUEST - CHILDRENS TOYS & CHILDRENS BOOKS!

Don't forget to pick up a poster to advertise the fair - we even have small ones (A5) for cars as well

ALL PLEDGED FOOD FOR CATERING

Could this be brought to the Hall Friday Afternoon (2pm) or early Saturday Morning

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

KEEP SELLING & BUYING!

A great way to support us especially if you can't be there on the day - please return stub & monies to presbytery

LASTLY BUT VERY IMPORTANTLY WE NEED HELPERS TO SET UP ON FRIDAY FROM 2PM.

We will also need willing hands on Saturday to clear up and to take home things which are left over!

A Reflection - 'Crumb from the Table'

'In October 2010, my husband found himself out of work. In November, our eighth child, Genevieve, was born three months premature. When the doctors discovered that she had Downs Syndrome, they seemed to lose the will to treat her other problems. I went to the hospital every day to be with her and to make sure they did. After three months, Genevieve's kidneys stopped working and she died. We buried her, and then Mark left the state to find work. Grief, anger, and fear gripped me. When Mark would call on the phone to talk, all of that would come pouring out. We always ended up arguing. Our marriage was being overwhelmed by my sorrow.

After one of these fights, I jumped into the car and drove, not knowing where I was going. Only two miles up the road, I was overtaken by a sudden thunderstorm. I pulled into a parking lot. And then, as the rain lashed my windshield, I began to cry out to God. I wanted to be let out of my life, I told him. I wanted to be done with it.

The storm passed just as swiftly as it had come. By then I had tired myself out from crying. I sat in silence. And then something happened. I heard no voice, saw no vision. All I know is that, whereas only moments earlier I had felt that I could not go on, suddenly I felt that I could. It was a whisper of a feeling, a crumb that had dropped from the table. I seized it. I turned the key started the car and drove home' [By Lisa Lickona]. *The above is taken from the very good monthly published 'Magnificat' prayer book. For each day it contains readings, prayers, meditations etc. It is available by subscription from www.magnificat.co.uk*

REJOICE EVENING! Saturday 5th December, Sacred Heart parish room, Norton Road, Hove BN3 3BF. 7.30pm start (7pm refreshments). This is a donation only event...but donations are very welcome! There will be praise & worship and a short talk: plus an opportunity for prayer ministry. All welcome.

Pontification Sung Vespers - 6th December Arundel Cathedral, 6.30pm - The Friends of Arundel Cathedral invite everyone to join them for this celebration. Presided by Bishop Richard.

YEAR OF MERCY PROCESSION - 8th Dec

You are invited to a Procession followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to start the Year of Mercy. The Procession will begin at St Mary Magdalene Church on Tuesday 8th December at 7 pm. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place upon our return to the Church from the Clocktower.

And finally: Things you never hear in Church - It's my turn to sit in the front pew; Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

'Kindness has converted more people than zeal, science or eloquence' [Blessed Teresa of Calcutta].