

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome in the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 23 February 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 22		7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Jeff Scott, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 23	<u>7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:38-48 Parish Mass Book p. 139</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Pierette Barbara Alallah, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 24	<i>Feria (from Latin: a day without a feast or fast)</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (Liz Davies)</i>
Tue 25	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Margaret Smart)</i>
Wed 26	<u>Mass at St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 27	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Dorothy Haydon, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 28	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 01	<i>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Annabel Cunningham, R.I.P. & family</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
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Sun 02	<u>8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 6:24-34 Parish Mass Book p. 142</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Jain Campbell, R.I.P.</i> Midday <i>Ann Tingley, R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday before Mass
Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.
Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

My younger sister's wedding is this week (Sat. 22nd) and with the preparations for this I hand over to one of my favourite 'saints' - blessed John Henry Newman. The readings call us to holiness and even to "be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Newman develops this truth in a profound way in one of his sermons: 'Nothing short of suffering, except in rare cases, makes us what we should be; gentle instead of harsh, meek instead of violent, conceding instead of arrogant, lowly instead of proud, pure-hearted instead of sensual, sensitive of sin instead of carnal. This is the especial object which is set before us, to become holy as He who has called us is holy, and to discipline and chasten ourselves in order that we may become so; and we may be quite sure, that unless we chasten ourselves, God will chasten us. ... If we do not set about changing ourselves by gentle measures, He will change us by severe remedies' [PPS, vii, p.109-110]. He also said "to obtain the gift of holiness is the work of a life." This is what the Lord is especially calling us to this week - holiness. Pray to desire it.
 God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£469.63
2nd (Catholic Education Services) £110.45

FR JEFF SCOTT'S FUNERAL

Bishop Kieran celebrated this Requiem with about 50 priests concelebrating. It was a moving occasion but also one of faith. Cardinal Cormac was there and remembered ordaining Fr Jeff 35 years ago. Mgr John Hull from up the road, who has known Fr Jeff for a long time - having shared the presbytery at St Mary's with Fr Jeff and his beloved dogs - preached very well. Fr Jeff has been buried in the grounds of St John's Seminary, Womersley. May he rest in peace.

LENT

This season begins soon (5th March). Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the traditional ways we mark this season.

NEW CARDINAL FOR ENGLAND & WALES

Please keep in your prayers Vincent Cardinal Nichols that he may be a courageous spiritual and moral leader for our country.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Wed 26 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club (Yrs 7-11)	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 01 March	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Class	
Sun 02 Mar	9.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 st Holy Communion Class	
Mon 03 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st HC meeting	Charles Wookey
Wed 05 Mar			Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent	
Mon 10 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation (1)	Fr Bruno

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsett, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bernard Regan and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 24 July – 01 August. Application forms are available in the porch and can be downloaded from the Lourdes website: ‘www.ablourdes.org.’ If you are a nurse some funding is available.

100 CLUB RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of our February draw. 1st (£50) was Teresa Larrat, 2nd (£30) was Mary Cornelius and 3rd (£20) was Mary Connett. Well done! If you would like to join this club (subs £30 p/a) with a monthly draw please email the parish or see Fr Bruno.

CHARITY MUSICAL EVENING

Charles and Hugo Wookey are doing a charity concert of violin and piano music by Mozart and Cesar Franck to raise money for the Children’s hospital respiratory unit. It is on Saturday 15th March at the Unitarian church, New Street. All welcome. Admission free.

PATRON SAINTS: FOR SUFFERERS OF ARTHRITIS

Born in 1696 Alphonsus Liguori grew up to work in the field of law. However he later received a call to be a priest and founded the Redemptorists. Alphonsus though struggled with illness throughout his life, receiving the Last Rites eight times. In 1769 he contracted sever rheumatic fever leaving him paralysed. His head was bent so low that his chin made a wound in his chest. Doctors were able to relieve his suffering only a bit through surgery. Alphonsus learned to say Mass supported on a chair with an altar server holding the chalice for him. He preached with directness, offered wise counsel in the confessional, advanced moral theology and promoted devotion to Mary and the life of prayer: “Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.” He died in 1787. He is invoked by sufferers of arthritis.

PRAYER ‘FOR AN HONEST CONFESSION’

‘Father God, I thank you for the teachings of your Son Jesus Christ who, in his ministry, taught right and wrong, taught confession of sins and taught confession to you. In his life he set an example of right living; help me to follow that example. When I fail, draw me to confess my failings, my omissions, my sins. I pray for help to look honestly at my life, to see the things in it that are wrong, and to bring those those things to my confession. I pray I will not seek to delude myself or deceive others. Draw me to confess all my sins with an open, honest and contrite heart. For it is only by confessing that I can receive absolution for my sins’ [Gina Hill].

FROM THE SAINTS

“Unless a person sums up the accounts of his past life and puts order into his future life through confession, the sermons he hears will be of little use to him” [St Alphonsus Liguori].

THE DIVINE LIFE REVEALED

A Day Conference exploring friendship, knowledge and life in Christ the Word of God. **Saturday 8th March, 10am-3.30pm @ The Friary, Haslett Ave West, Crawley, RH10 1HR** (note: change from previous venue). Speaker: Fr John Farrell, OP (Provincial of the Dominican Order, Theologian and National Speaker) Part of the Diocesan Jubilee. Day includes talks, Q&A, Mass, Adoration, reflection. Donation-only event. Please bring a packed lunch.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

‘Fear less, hope more; Eat less, chew more; Whine less, breathe more; Talk less, say more: Hate less, love more; and all good things will be yours’ [Swedish proverb].

AND FINALLY (Before Lent)

A woman – heavily pregnant with twins – was involved in a car crash and went into a coma. While unconscious her twins were delivered. When she came round the nurse told her that she had twins and that her brother was now looking after them until she was well enough to go home. “Not my brother!” the woman exclaimed. “He’s a complete imbecile.” “It’s all right,” said the nurse. “He seems to be doing a really good job. He’s even given them names.” “You’re kidding!” said the mother. “What’s he called them?” “Well, I think he’s called the girl Denise.” “Oh, that doesn’t sound so bad after all,” said the mother. “What’s he called the boy?” “De Nephew,” replied the nurse.