

St Mary's Catholic Church

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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to our church and to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 23 November, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	22 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	23 CHRIST THE KING (A) Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 Parish Mass Book p. 155	10.00 a.m. <i>Mario Monteiro, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Delia Foley, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	24 <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Malachy McGoldrick, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	25 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Wed	26 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	27 <i>Feria</i> [Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	10.00 a.m. <i>Mary O'Donnell, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>For all the victims of Abortion</i>
Fri	28 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Deceased of Thomson Family</i>
Sat	29 <i>Saturday Morning Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Patrick Bernard & Anne Agnes Loakman, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Jessie Macleod, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	30 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 Parish Mass Book p.	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Colburn Family</i>

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before 10 a.m. weekday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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: £534.07, 2nd: £94.54

CHRIST THE KING

Today's feast of Christ the King brings the Church's liturgical year to a close. In celebrating our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe we recognize the dignity that is his and also the final goal of the mystery of Salvation - Christ wanting to bring us, his flock, into his kingdom, 'a kingdom of truth and life, ... of holiness and grace, ... of justice, love and peace.' We hear today how those who belong to the kingdom of God are not the powerful and successful of this world but rather those who have followed Christ through a life of faith, love and of service. Just as he did not come to be served but to serve this is what we try to do. He tells us today in the gospel that he sees and remembers all that we do, 'Whatever good deed, whatever act of love that you did to another, even if you thought it very small, you did it to me.' But he also warns us of the danger of the sins of omission, that is, not doing the good that we could do. May Jesus and Mary make our fragile and wounded hearts into pure hearts able to truly love. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

'The world is thy ship and not thy home' [St Therese of Lisieux].

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

We are looking to employ someone to help in the administrative work of the parish. It is a part time post (6 hours a week). Application forms from the parish office. Closing date for applications 8th December.

CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS SATURDAY, 29TH

11-3pm. This is a fantastic and joyous community / family event in the parish hall. Lots of work has gone into it. Do come along and invite your neighbors too. There will be stalls to suit everyone: tombolas, toys, cakes, books, jewelry, bric-a-brac, face painting, children's games, kid's bar, Santa's grotto, mulled wine, various raffles and the Grand Draw to name but a few.

SHOWING OF CATHOLICISM DVD (part 2)

As part of our parish RCIA program we are showing the 'Catholicism' DVD series. This is a well produced series open to all. This week is part 2 'Happy are we: The teachings of Jesus.' Thur 27th, 8pm in the Cassidy Centre.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
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 24 Nov	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 st meeting for Parents of 1 st Holy Communion children	Janet, 01273 552900
Thur 27 Nov	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Showing of Catholicism DVD (2)	
Sat 29 Nov	11-3 pm	Church Hall	Parish Christmas Fair	
Mon 01 Dec	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Prep. Meeting for parents	Fr Bruno

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Ann Chandler, Gladys Dillon, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill & Trudy Wood.

BAPTISM JOY

Congratulations to Niamh McInerney who was baptised and became a child of God this last Saturday.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP - Meeting this week

Next meeting Wed. 26th Nov. 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome.

WANTED: A NURSE TO GO TO LOURDES

"Wanted - Group Nurse to accompany Sussex based HCPT group on trip to Lourdes from 6-12 April 2015, to oversee medical needs of 8 children with disabilities, in partnership with Group Doctor. Cost £600 (some financial assistance is available if required). Please contact Claire Howell Group Leader for more information on Group154@hcpt.org.uk"

FROM THE SAINTS

"... in spite of this universal world which we see, there is another world, quite as far spreading, quite as close to us, and more wonderful; ... the world of spirits, then, though unseen, is present; present, not future, not distant. It is not above the sky, it is not beyond the grave; it is now and here: the kingdom of God is among us" [Bl. JH Newman].

Parish Christmas Fair Grand Draw:

The Parish Grand Draw tickets are now available. Tickets are £1 a book - 1st prize £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 plus various other prizes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 29 Nov., 11-3pm

Thank you to all of you who have been dropping off items for the fair and for those who have offered to volunteer. We are particularly looking this week for people to sign up to bring in food (especially fillings for the sandwiches) and to volunteer in the kitchen on the day. For the main fair we are also still a little short on cakes and red wine. Those who have filled the 'children's jars' need to return them before Friday. Again a great big thank you, Eve, Henry, Tess, Nick & Vicky.

PS. When the fair ends at 3pm there are often only a few people left to tidy up. If you can offer your time in this department you would be doing a fine thing ;)

A 'LIFE-PATH PRAYER' for 'Youth Sunday'

'Lord Jesus, you are my Redeemer and friend.

In love and trust I give you my heart.

Show me the path in life you wish me to follow.

May I live each day for your greater honour and glory.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. Amen.'

THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH

There is a Young Adults Advent Retreat at Worth Abbey, 28-30 November. We only have one life and retreats are important for all of us to make sure we live it well. If you are still young (18-35) do consider this retreat. See poster in porch for details and for more info or to book call 01342 710318 or e-mail 'TOC@worthabbey.net'. See Fr Bruno if you would like to go but need financial help.

AN ADVENT RETREAT FOR TEENAGERS

For School years 7-9. Consider a weekend at Worth Abbey. Make new friends, play games and most importantly ask some of those big questions about life. It costs £78 but subsidies are available. For more info and booking forms please contact Mary Hunt on 0748 433640 or at 'mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk

MARIAN PROCESSION IN BRIGHTON

Procession of Reparation in honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sat. 6th Dec. 6:00pm, starting at St Mary Magdalen Church, Upper North Street, Brighton. Rosary Procession with a statue of Our Lady will go from the Church to the Clocktower.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Annual Carol Service for St Mary's and St Thomas More's Parishes will be held here at St Mary's at 6pm, Sunday 21 December. Anyone who would like to join the choir for this event would be very welcome. Please contact Charles Wookey (01273 554954) or Elizabeth Dunn (01273 507254) for further details. Rehearsals in Church 11am Sat 6th, 11am Sat 13th, 8pm Thur 18th, 11am Sat 20th.

CHILDRENS CHOIR

Preparing for Christmas and for singing at Mass we invite children to join our choir. First practice 5pm, Sat 29 Nov., 17 Edburton Ave, at the Wookey House. Contact Charles (554954) or Elizabeth Dunn (01273 507254) for details.

FROM THE POPE THIS WEEK

"Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity" [Pope Francis, 17.xi.2014].