

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 Sun. 23 October, 2016 - Month of the Rosary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	22 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	23 <u>30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Mass Book p.155	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs Brown)</i> 12 noon <i>Thomson Family</i>
Mon	24 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>
Tue	25 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	26 <u>REQUIEM MASS</u>	10 a.m. <i>Edith Bennett, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	27 [1962 Missal]	7 p.m. <i>Margaret Read, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	28 <i>Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	10 a.m. <i>Mary & Joseph O'Donnell, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	29 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Roisin O'Sullivan.</i> 7 p.m. <i>Cynthia Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	30 <u>31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10 Parish Mass Book p.157	10 a.m. <i>Mrs Brigid Ward, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Friday
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

A man once told of something he saw which he never forgot: He was once on a train journey from Scotland to England. As he was passing through the Yorkshire moors he spotted a little whitewashed cottage. Its radiant whiteness shone out against the drab moors. A few days later he passed that way again. Meanwhile snow had fallen and covered the ground. He came again to the little whitewashed cottage. But now its whiteness actually seemed drab against the virgin whiteness of the snow. Noticing this he thought of today's parable about prayer. Prayer is not about comparing ourselves with others but rather about looking to God and seeing ourselves in the light of Christ. When we lay our imperfect lives beside his sinless life and the life he calls us to and tells us we are capable of, all we ought to say is: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." And to the humble he never tires in saying you will receive mercy. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 26 November

The sign up sheet for the various stalls for the Christmas Fair is in the porch for you to sign up. The Big Push this week is for Christmas Decorations & Christmas items, Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola & unused toiletries. Items can be left in the church porch. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £516.00; 2nd coll: £111.41
 This weeks 2nd coll. is for World Mission Sunday

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Alannah & Kieron; Our Lady's Lamp for The wellbeing of Mary Cosham. If you would like one of these lamps to burn for a week for a special intention contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

EDITH BENNETT, R.I.P.

The Requiem Mass for Edith will be here at St Mary's on Wednesday 26th October. Fr Oliver will be the celebrant for this Mass. Please keep her in your prayers.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - There will be no children's liturgy these next two Sunday's due to half term.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we traditionally pray and offer Mass for the dead. Between 02-10 November we will be offering a novena (nine consecutive days) of Masses for the Holy Souls. If you have any deceased loved ones you would like to be included in this novena please put their names into the little brown envelopes in the church and return it to the presbytery or to Fr Bruno. Those names will be placed at the foot of the altar and prayed for during this Novena.

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
Sat 29 Oct	12 noon	Church	Baptism - Sophia Thomas	Fr Bruno
Sun 06 Nov	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion Session	Janet Silva

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, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to our Bumper October Draw winners! 1st prize (£200) Mrs E. MacRorie, 2nd prize (£150) Mr P. Ferns, 3rd prize (£50) Miss J. Witts.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michael Ponting & Socie St Clair-Frimpong who became Christians and children of God this Saturday. Our prayers go out to them, their parents and families.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL ALBION

Please let Fr Bruno or David know by the first week in November if you would like to come to the Parish Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be at 12 noon, Tuesday 20 Dec. at the Royal Albion Hotel. £14 payment to either Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038). Thank you.

HOW TO PRAY - Mother Teresa of Calcutta

'I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus - one to one - you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel, but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how he looks at you with love? Do you really know the loving Jesus, not from books but from being with him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words he speaks to you? Ask for the grace: He is longing to give it.

Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear him saying "I thirst" in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person - not just the idea. How can we last even one day without hearing Jesus say "I love you"? Impossible. Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead - only thinking. Jesus wants you each to hear him speaking in the silence of your heart.

Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The devil may try to use the hurts of life - and sometimes our own mistakes - to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely the opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that he loves you, but even more - he longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes, he is the one who always accepts you. Only believe - you are precious to him. Bring all you are suffering to his feet - open your heart to be loved by him as you are. He will do the rest.'

'We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become an image of His Son Jesus' - St John Paul II

God's Promise

*God didn't promise days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow or sun without rain.*

*But God did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the tears and a light for the way.*

*And for all who believe in His kingdom of love,
He answers their faith with peace from above.*

Mary's Meals Fundraiser

Thank you for your support for the recent Mary's Meals fundraiser. We enjoyed some delicious home made curries and beautiful live chamber music. The evening raised £1200 for Mary's Meals, enough to provide a daily meal at school for 100 children in Malawi. Please contact Chris Rooke, 07795 573111 if you would like to find out more about Mary's Meals or join our local fundraising group.

CATHOLAITY FAIR

Is on Saturday 12th November in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to support the parishes and organisations involved in this Deanery social and fund raising event. Our Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for Hands for Hope. Many thanks, from Chris Rodrigues.

CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOOR

The Holy Father has asked that Holy Doors, other than that of St Peter's Basilica in Rome, be closed on Sunday 13th November. Accordingly Bishop Richard will be celebrating Mass at Arundel Cathedral at 5.00pm on that day. As there was a great number of people gathered for the opening of the Holy Door, Bishop Richard would like to extend an invitation to all; to join him once again to mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

St Mary Magdalen's Nursery School

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Nursery School will have spaces for 3 yr old pupils from September. For more information call 01273 327533 or see poster in porch.

Hospital Visits

Please let Fr Bruno or the Parish Office know if there is someone you know who is in hospital and may need to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites). We no longer get a list of the Catholics in hospital and we rely on you the parishioners informing us.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday Nov. 6th at 3pm the deanery priests will be in the various cemeteries of Brighton & Hove for this blessing.

And finally ... A sign outside a church in Dorset:
"God answers knee mails"