

# 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 24 January, 2016

	<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat 23	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 24	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 Mass Book p.129	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Angela Mathias, R.I.P (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)</i>
Mon 25	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Feast</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Richard Smart, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 26	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 27	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's intention</i>
Thurs 28	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Mrs Ann Ward, R.I.P (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)</i>
Fri 29	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's intention</i>
Sat 30	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i> Vigil Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>In Gratitude (JM)</i>
Sun 31	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 Mass Book p.132	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)</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**

**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 Mass we hear the first words from the Gospel which St Luke wrote. He tells us that he has carefully gathered everything that eyewitnesses saw and heard of Jesus, put it in order and now written it down so that we too might know everything that our Lord said and did. The four Gospels are precious gifts to each one of us. St Augustine said that 'we should hear the Gospel as if Our Lord were present and speaking to us. ... The very words that came from Our Lord's lips were written down and kept and preserved for us.' We cannot love someone we do not know but thanks to the scriptures we can grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus. Time spent reading and praying over the Gospels is never time wasted. As we begin this new year why not join those many Christians who dedicate some minutes each day to reading and meditating on the Gospels. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### St Faustina's Healing Prayer

"Jesus, may your pure and healthy blood circulate in my poor ailing organism, and may your pure and healthy body transform my weak unhealthy body, and may a healthy and vigorous life flow once again within me, if it is truly your holy will" [From her spiritual diary *Divine Mercy in my Soul*].

Last Sundays Collection: £446.82,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Pax Christi: £125.10  
 This Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ).

### ST MARY'S SVP ANNUAL REPORT

Attached to this newsletter is a report of all the good work our parish SVP group has done this year. Well done!

### A Thank you from CAFOD.

Thank you St Mary's for donating £548.71 to our Syria Emergency Crisis Appeal. You have helped provide much needed essentials such as food, healthcare and temporary shelter to those most in need in Syria, as well as refugees in Lebanon, Turkey & Jordan. On behalf of CAFOD thank you for the compassion you have shown.

### ST MARY'S 100 CLUB

Have you considered joining our parish 100 Club? It's a great way to raise funds for the parish & there's 3 cash prizes to be won every month! We have 11 monthly draws with prizes of £50, £30 & £20 and don't forget we have a GRAND DRAW in October (just in time for Christmas) where the prizes are £200, £150 & £50. And all this from one annual subscription of just £30 (which can be paid bi-annually £15x2). Get in touch with Mary Cornelius on 01273 558812 for more information.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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 27 Jan	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club (Yrs 7-11)	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 30 Jan	11.30am	Church	Baptism of Phoebe Teresa Price	Fr Bruno
Sun 31 Jan	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. Session	Janet Silva
Tue 2 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting	Fr Bruno
Sat 6 Feb	7 pm	St George's Church Kemptown	'My Spirit Sang All Day' In memory of Nikki Braterman	<a href="http://www.billetto.co.uk">www.billetto.co.uk</a> or email <a href="mailto:contact@voxangeli.co.uk">contact@voxangeli.co.uk</a>
Sun 7 Feb	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. 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, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Resi Michel, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB

As is an ancient custom in the Church our cribs beautiful set of figures will stay on display until the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 40 days after Christmas, and the feast of the purification of our Lady (Candlemas). Make the most of these last days the crib is with us to see it and make a prayer there.

### 'MY SPIRIT SANG ALL DAY'

There will be a concert on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February in memory of Nikki Braterman. It will be at 7.00 pm at St George's Church, Kemptown. The performance will be by the Vox Angeli Choir. There will be a varied program, including pieces by Finzi, Monteverdi, Parry, Mendelssohn and Elgar, along with some lighter popular pieces. All proceeds will be donated to Delete Blood Cancer, which supported Nikki throughout her illness. For tickets (£10, concessions £5) and more information please go to: [www.billetto.co.uk/nikkibraterman](http://www.billetto.co.uk/nikkibraterman) or email: [contact@voxangeli.co.uk](mailto:contact@voxangeli.co.uk). Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2016

If you are thinking of getting married next year (or have date arranged for this year) then book your place for a marriage preparation course which will take place in the Cassidy Centre here at St. Mary's.

Course 1: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9.30 to 4.30pm

Course 2: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 to 4.30pm

Course 3: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 to 4.30pm

Contact Angela Fishenden on 01273 386593 to book.

### YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) LENT RETREAT -

**Dying and Rising in Christ Fri 12th - Sun 14th February**

@ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, Sussex. Talks - Space - Mass - Prayer - Friendship. For more info or for booking contact: [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net)

### Jumble Sale Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm Knoyle Hall

Sam Webber & 9 others are raising funds to help with an expedition to Peru to help out the community, experience the culture & become better people themselves. He is hosting a cake/tea/jumble sale with some of the others in Knoyle Hall (Knoyle Road, BN1 6RB) and has sent an open invitation to our Parish.

### A Prayer - To St Rita - Patron of Hopeless Causes

*O powerful St Rita, you are called Saint of hopeless causes. I come to you with confidence in time of need. During your life on earth you found happiness by following the will of our Heavenly Father. Help me to trust God's designs for me without fear and without counting the cost. Come to help me and intercede on my behalf before the Lord. Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the graces I ask in this Novena. ... I promise to use this favour when granted, to better my life, to proclaim God's mercy, and make you widely known and loved for the glory of God our Father. Amen. Full of confidence we pray to Our Heavenly Father in the words Christ taught us: Our Father... Saint Rita patron of hopeless cases, pray for us.*

### 100 CLUB WINNERS - JANUARY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the January Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> prize £50 R.Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £30 Mrs C Needham & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £20 Miss C Hammond.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR 2016 - Yes you read that right!

Thousands of unwanted Christmas presents will be thrown away in the coming weeks, but what is the best way to get rid of gifts? To Us! All of us have received a gift at some point which isn't our cup of tea ... but it may be someone else's. We have a box in the Church porch and would be really grateful to receive any items, especially toiletries, which have long expiry dates.

### Illuminate @ Worth Abbey: 19-21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

A weekend retreat for young people in years 9-13. Over the weekend we will be exploring Psalm 26 and unpacking what it means for us today. The weekend will include inspiring talks, time for discussion, participation in the Monk's prayer, time for space and prayer, praise and worship, games and time to chill out and get to know each other. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith through making friends and having a whole lot of fun in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey. Please email [francescacarbone@btinternet.com](mailto:francescacarbone@btinternet.com) for further information and to book email [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net). Booking deadline 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### Church bulletin mistypes - as found in newsletters and

**announcements:** 'The sermon this morning: *Jesus walks on the water*. The sermon tonight: *Searching for Jesus*.' 'For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.' 'Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5 pm. Prayer and medication to follow.'