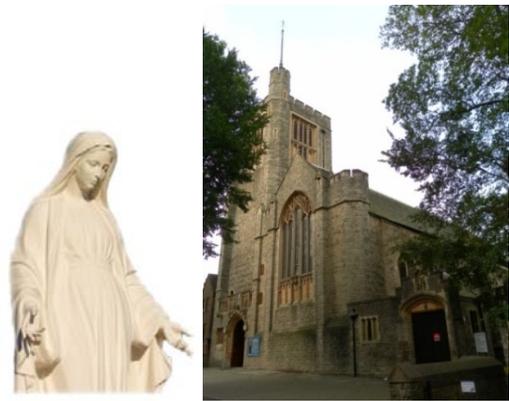


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for 2 weeks commencing Sunday 24 July, 2016

	<u>Mass Proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat 23	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life</i>
Sun 24	<u>17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 Mass Book p.114	10 a.m. <i>Teresa Brown, R.I.P. (Anniversary)</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon 25	<i>St James, Apostle</i>	-
Tue 26	<i>SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM</i>	-
Wed 27	<i>Feria</i>	-
Thur 28	<i>Feria</i>	-
Fri 29	<i>St Martha</i>	-
Sat 30	<i>Saturday Morning Mass to our Lady</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Maria Joao, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>Catherine Myatt, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 31	<u>18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 Mass Book p.117	10 a.m. <i>Martin Connett, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon 01	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor</i>	-
Tue 02	<i>Feria</i>	-
Wed 03	<i>Feria</i>	-
Thur 04	<i>St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	-
Fri 05	<i>Feria</i>	-
Sat 06	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Mr & Mrs Cooper & Geoffrey & Mary Toti</i> 7 p.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sun 07	<u>19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 Mass Book p.121	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Gwen Marshall, R.I.P.</i>

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

No Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 a.m. Mass in August. Resumes September.

A Thought for your Holidays

'This is the first age in which there's been very little silence unless it's sought for. Now nearly everybody can live their whole life being entertained, and that's very dangerous, because it means you're never in contact, except at night, with what you are. So although I think the longings and the needs are the same in all ages, and the greeds and the selfishnesses, this age has got this great obstacle to prayer – constant entertainment – and I think people really have to say I'm going to have a period in which I can just be silent' [Sr Wendy Beckett]. I pray all of you may find time for silence and 'un-agitation' in the weeks ahead and in prayer and spiritual reading come to know again the deep joy and peace Jesus brings. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

What is good has been explained to you, O man; this is what the Lord asks of you:

Only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God' Micah 6:8

Last Sunday's Coll: £459.84, 2nd coll: £83.40

Sanctuary lamp this week burning for the young people attending World Youth Day in Krakow.

If you would like the Sanctuary lamp to burn night and day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a loved one or a special intention contact Fr Bruno or the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Francis and I are away these next 2 weeks and it has not been possible to find priests to cover for our weekday Masses. Weekend Masses are as usual though. The closest place for weekday Mass is St Mary's House, 37/38 Preston Park Avenue, where Mass is offered daily at 8.15 a.m. For other times check the local parishes.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Sat 30 July	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Martin Soltero Rafferty	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

AUGUST HOLIDAYS

Things are quieter in the parish now that the school holidays are upon us. The prayer group takes a break and newsletters will be fortnightly. There will be no children's liturgy or tea and coffee after our Sunday 10am Mass.

CELIA BASTIAMPILLAI, R.I.P

Celia Bastiampillai, passed away on June 27th in Leicester. Celia was a former parishioner here at St Mary's, attending the Saturday Vigil Mass, when she lived and worked as a Theatre Nurse at the R.S.C.H. Celia moved up to Leicester to be near family following a fall causing a spinal injury which left her semi-paralysed. Please remember Celia and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

It may seem too early for this but not completely because now is jam making season. Can you make an extra jar or 2? There will be a box in the porch. Also if you're driving abroad & bring wine back, could you bring an extra bottle for the fair? Thank you, the Christmas Fair Team.

Volunteers Needed – Can you help?

Many people find themselves in hospital each year whose family and friends can't visit them very often. Could you be a ward volunteer, freeing up staff to focus on more clinical tasks? Our local hospital is looking for people who can volunteer from 9am to 1pm, one day a week. Training and support is provided, For more information see the poster in the Church porch or go to the work and learn tab at www.bsuh.nhs.uk and look for "Volunteer with us". Thank you.

Please remember and pray for the young people at World Youth Day this week in Krakow, Poland: "It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." Pope Saint John Paul II, World Youth Day, Rome, August 19, 2000.

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek
rather to comfort than to be comforted,
to understand rather than to be understood,
to love than to be loved.

For it is by giving that one receives,
by forgiving that one is forgiven,
and by dying that one awakens to eternal life.'

SINCERE THANKS from St Mary's SVP for your generous support for the Family Fun Day on Sunday 10th July, despite the inclement weather! We raised £352.90, (BBQ, Refreshments, Raffle and Table Top sales), money that will be used for local families in need.

100 CLUB WINNERS - JULY

Congratulations to: 1st prize, £50, Mrs C Wylie; 2nd prize, £30, Mrs G Milligan; 3rd prize, £20, Miss M Cosham.

FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this initiative this last year. We have been able to donate a significant amount of food and other helpful items to our local foodbank and they are very grateful. This is then redistributed to needy people here in Brighton, of which there is not an insignificant number. Charity always begins at home. The box in which you can drop things off is in the church porch and as well as the usual these are the items which often run out the quickest: UHT milk, Fruit Juice, Rice, rice pudding, tinned fruit, custard, size 3-6 nappies, baby formula and feminine hygiene products. More details on poster in the porch.

Going on Holiday and can't find or get to the local Church? Or housebound & missing Mass? If you have access to the internet you may be able to watch a live streaming of Masses at the Sacred Heart, Hove via: churchservices.tv or the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Worthing, via: mcnmedia.tv. Both are free to view, as are other churches on the website and also EWTN.

And finally ... A burglar had entered a poor minister's house at midnight, but was disturbed by the awakening of the occupant of the room he was in. Drawing his weapon, he said, 'If you move you are a dead man. I'm hunting for your money.' 'If you let me get up and turn on the light,' said the minister, 'I'll come and hunt with you.'

'As often as I have been among men, I have returned home a lesser man' [Seneca, *Epist. vii*]