

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 25 January, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	24 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	25 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Parish Mass Book p. 129	10.00 a.m. <i>John Walsh, R.I.P</i> 12 noon <i>John Brendon D'Arcy, R.I.P</i>
Mon	26 <i>Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Richard Smart, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	27 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	28 <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Mrs Ann Ward, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	29 [REQUIEM MASS] [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Ada Niemiec, R.I.P</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Intention of Armando Aguirre</i>
Fri	30 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Noreen Irwin, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	31 <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Harry Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	1 [Vigil Mass] 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Parish Mass Book p. 132	7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving, Angela McCulloch</i> 10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Sarah Rooke & Sally Bedrick, R.I.P.</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 Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

We hear Jesus today beginning his public teaching by calling us to repentance. Repentance means a turning away from one thing and a turning towards something else, a change of direction if you like. In this way Jesus is calling us to leave the old behind and follow him in something new. In a way he is calling us to leave those things which will never satisfy us and follow him to find true life and joy. As Christians we ought never feel that we are defined and condemned by past sins and failings but with Jesus and the forgiveness of our sins (Confession) we are set free and given new life. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR TEA & COFFEE?

Offering Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass is something important for us. This cannot be done without the help of volunteers. We have some at the moment but need a few more to help set this up on the 3rd and occasional 5th Sundays of the month. Can you help? Please contact Fr Bruno or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899) with contact details. Thank you if you can help with this.

“It is the duty of every man to uphold the dignity of every woman” [St John Paul II].

Last Sunday's Collection: £415.83, 2nd: £89.25 (Pax Christi)
 Next Sunday's 2nd collection will be for 'Education Sunday'

CHRISTMAS CRIB

We have a beautiful set of figures in the parish for our crib and you may have noticed they are still with us. It is the ancient tradition of the Church that they stay displayed until the 2nd February, 40 days after Christmas, and the feast of the purification of our Lady (Candlemass). Make the most of these last days the crib is with us.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Here is a prayer we have been given as we wait for our new bishop to be chosen: 'Heavenly Father, look with mercy on your people, and grant us a new shepherd. Help those who choose our bishop to listen to the voice and guidance of your Holy Spirit and to act for the good of your Holy Church. Father we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven, pray for us. St Philip Howard. Pray for us.'

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Sat 31 Jan	11 am	Church	Choir practice	Charles Wookey (see below)
Sat 31 Jan	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Robyn Fulker	
Thurs 5 Feb	8pm	Cassidy Centre	RCIA meeting: DVD 'Catholicism'	Fr Bruno
Sat 7Feb	5.30pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation class	John Stone

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, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Dennis Palmer.

A 'thank you' from Marys Meals

On behalf of everyone at Mary's Meals, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your recent donation of £128.99. We are so grateful for your support. Fiona Kirsop

COFFEE MORNING – last Sunday

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who came, contributed & supported us last Sunday. We raised £110 for St. Anne's Day Centre. Claire Shelton-Jones

'FREE TO FOLLOW' Gospel day

A day for Young Adults exploring the Gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ. Sat. 7th Feb., 10am - 5pm - The Dominican Sisters Convent, Gossops Green, Crawley. More info call Jo on 07595761483 or contact A&B Vocations via admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

CALLING ALL SINGERS

St Mary's and St Thomas More choir practices - come and learn Mozart's Requiem. The choirs will be singing from Mozart's requiem in a special liturgical service of music and readings on Good Friday evening at St Thomas More's church. Between now and Easter there will be a choir practice every week at St Marys at 11am on Saturday mornings. The first practice will be on 31st January at 11am. All singers welcome. For further information please contact Charles Wookey on c.wookey@btopenworld.com

WORD STUDY - 'REPENTANCE' Mk 1:15

Metanoia (Gk.): literally a "change of mind". The word is used 22 times in the NT for a conversion of one's entire life to the Lord. Based on similar OT concepts, it involves a twofold movement of the heart: one who repents turns *away* from sin and *toward* God. This entails genuine contrition for past failings and a firm resolve to avoid them in the future, and it may be accompanied by bodily disciplines like fasting. Because repentance is a gradual process of transformation, God is patient with sinners struggling to make amends and redirect their lives towards holiness. Repentance is inspired by the eternal life offered in Christ, and its genuineness becomes evident when lives are changed in accord with the gospel.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY [by St Thomas Aquinas]

'Virgin full of goodness, Mother of mercy, I entrust to you my body and my soul, my thoughts and my actions, my life and my death. O my Queen, come to my aid and deliver me from the snares of the Devil. Obtain for me the grace of loving my Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, with a true and perfect love, and after Him, O Mary, of loving you with all my heart and above all things. Amen.'

St Mary's Youth Club (for 11-16 year olds)

An evening of creativity awaits you with a vast selection of origami possibilities including decorations and moving models this Wed., 28th Jan., 7.30-9 pm in our Church Hall. New members always welcome. Please see our website for more information: 'smyclub.co.uk' or call Peter McDermott on 01273 550187

Chaplain at Card. Newman Catholic School

'We are seeking to recruit a Chaplain who will work with students, staff, local clergy and governors to promote and maintain the Catholic ethos and spiritual values of our school. Details are available on our website which can be found at www.cnscs.co.uk. The closing date for applications is Mon. 9th Feb. The start date will be agreed at interview.

100 CLUB JANUARY RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners in the January Draw: 1st prize (£50) Mr & Mrs Ashing, 2nd prize (£30) Mrs J Stone and 3rd prize (£20) Mrs C Gurowich.

'INTRODUCTION TO SILENCE' Retreat

Ever wonder what it would be like to experience making a silent retreat? A short 'taster' 24 hr introductory session is being held Sat 7 (11am) - Sun 8 Feb. (2pm) at St Cuthman's. [St Cuthman's Retreat & Meeting Centre, Cowfold Road, Coolham, RH13 8QL]. See details in Church porch for more details.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 30 July - 7 Aug 2015. Application forms available in the Church porch.

LIFE – 'Loving life, Offering Hope'

We have been asked by the charity "Life" offer you a petition objecting to new laws permitting genetically modified babies. See in the porch for details.

A&B JUBILEE MASS REHEARSAL

Tue. 10 Feb., 7 pm, there will be a rehearsal with Catherine Inwood at St Peter's, Portland Road for the new Mass setting for the diocesan Golden Jubilee.