

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 June, 2017

		<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat	24	CONFIRMATION MASS with Bishop Richard Vigil Mass	3 p.m. <i>For the Confirmandi</i> 7 p.m. <i>Gordon Macintosh, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	25	<u>12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8 Parish Mass Book p.91	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>
Mon	26	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Pearl Hogarth, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	27	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	28	<i>St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr</i>	10 a.m. <i>Martin Connett, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	29	<u>SS PETER AND PAUL – Holy Day of Obligation</u>	10 a.m. <i>Gerard Stone, R.I.P.</i> 7.30 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
Fri	30	<i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>	10 a.m. <i>Marie-Louise Dautencourt</i>
Sat	01	<i>The Dedication of the Cathedral, Feast</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Penny Gurowich, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>Fr Patrick McMahon, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	02	<u>13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42 Parish Mass Book p.96	10 a.m. <i>Mr & Mrs Eaton</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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning's 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 SUNDAY

St Matthew in today's gospel gives us Jesus' teaching for those of his followers who suffer persecution. Three times he tells them, 'Do not be afraid.' Added to this there are three reasons he gives why they should not be afraid: first the kingdom of God will shortly be revealed when everything will be uncovered and made clear; second whatever their persecutors do to their bodies they cannot touch the true life which is in the soul; third God watches as a father over the least of his creatures. These three truths remain so today as do his words 'Do not be afraid ... trust in God still, and trust in me.' God bless you, Fr Bruno.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Thank you to all those who helped prepare the children, the church and the Mass for last Sunday's First Holy Communion. It was a blessed and happy occasion in the parish. There will be a Mass with the presentation of Certificates before the end of term. Meanwhile I have some children's Missals - the book to help follow and understand the Mass - as gifts for the children who made their first Holy Communion. See me after Mass for this gift.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** this week is burning for the wellbeing of Sr Anne; **Our Lady's Lamp** for Frederick Mckay.

2nd Collection this weekend 24/25th June, is for the Papal charity Peter's Pence.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL – this Thursday

The feast of St Peter and Paul is this Thursday, 29 June. It is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Last weeks second collection 'Day for Life' raised £184.87

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations and blessings to our 11 young people from the parish who are to be confirmed this Saturday by Bishop Richard. Please keep them in your prayers: SORCHA CARLIN, KATIE FOLEY, OLIVIA GOODBODY, JAMES LUCAS, CONOR MASON, ANTHONY MCKAY, FREDERICK PITT, SARA SAADATZADEH, EVIE WALSH, MATTHEW WILLIAMSON & THOMAS WILLIAMSON. With thanks to Mr John Stone and the Wellspring Community for their help in preparing the candidates and those who prepared the church.

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
Wed 5 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Wed 19 July	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11 Last before hols	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

JUNE 100 CLUB WINNERS

1st prize, £50, Mrs N Bond; 2nd prize, £30, Mrs P Ingrams; 3rd prize, £20, Mr H Cross.

Garden party in aid of Mary's Meals and various other local charities. Hosted by Mr & Mrs Logan, 2nd July 11.30-5 p.m., 31 Sutton Avenue, Seaford. Cream teas, tombola, cakes, raffle, plants etc. Please see poster in porch for more details.

Worthing Churches Homeless Project: Art Exhibition: Silent Auction at Colonnade House, Worthing, BN11 3DH. Come and place your bids, all proceeds to WCHP. Open until Sunday 2nd July, Tues - Sunday from 10 - 5pm.

OFF THE FENCE'S - 20th Anniversary Celebration Prayer Gathering - Thur. 29th June 7 - 8.30pm. Resisting Poverty. Empowering People. Restoring Hope. At Bishop Hannington, Church Lounge, Nevill Avenue, BN3 7NH.

ST JOHN VIANNEY GROUP

A group for men, aged 18-45, who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place at 4pm on Sunday 9th July at The Priest's House, Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD. For more details contact Fr Con Foley on Tel: 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Couples for Christ are holding a European Mega Conference at the Brighton Centre, Brighton on 29th-30th July 2017. The theme for this year is 'Stand firm in the faith'. For more information please refer to their website www.couplesforchristuk.org/cfc-european-mega-conference

FOODBANK BOX - Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. The organisers again want to pass on their thanks to those of you who contribute in however large or small a way to this charity which makes such a difference to people who live on our doorstep. Special items needed at present are rice, pasta sauces, tinned food fish / meat / fruit / beans / ravioli etc., and toiletries.

THE SIMPLE WAY - St Teresa of Calcutta

The fruit of silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Spirit of God, grant me:
the gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes,
the gift of counsel to make difficult decisions,
the gifts of knowledge and understanding
to use my mind to know you and to love you,
the gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments,
the gift of piety to be able to express my special love and commitment to you, and the right kind of awesome fear that makes me pause to wonder and revere your love.
Amen.

CELEBRATE BRIGHTON - 15-16 JULY 2017

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)
'Seek First His Kingdom' *Matt. 6:33*. Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young & old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Wide range of workshops, drama, praise & worship, speakers, opportunities for Confession plus Mass celebrated on both days. There will also be youth streams with their own activities & workshops. For more information go to www.celebrateconference.org/brighton or email celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com

CENTENARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

On Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd July Arundel Cathedral will host a visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. The programme for Saturday is as follows: 10.30am Procession of the Statue and relics into the Cathedral. Enthronement & crowning of the statue. 11.00am Mass, presided by Provost Mgr. John Hull followed by opportunity for Confession and veneration of the relics. 1.45pm Talk/ Presentation in the Cathedral Centre. 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 4pm Benediction. On Sunday Bishop Richard will celebrate a closing Mass at 11.15am in the Cathedral after which the statue and relics will depart. All are welcome.

PRESTON PARK PRESCHOOL - based at St Mary's Church Hall. Spaces are available for Sept. 2017. If you are interested please contact Sally McLaughlin on 01273 557144 or prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk

A tale about our vision ... A tourist visiting Italy came upon a construction site. He went up to a stone mason and asked, 'What are you doing?' 'Can't you see, I'm cutting this wretched stone' he answered with a grunt. Going on the tourist asked another stone mason, 'What are you doing?' 'Can't you see, I'm working to feed my family' he answered wiping his brow. Going up to a third stone mason he asked, 'What are you doing?' 'Can't you see, we're building a Cathedral for the everlasting glory of God' he answered with a smile.

The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.