

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. 25 October, 2015 - Month of the Rosary

		<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	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)		10.00 a.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
		Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52	Mass Book p149	12 noon	<i>Grace Reid, R.I.P</i>
Mon	26	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Donald Morrison, R.I.P</i>
Tue	27		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	28	<i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Mary & Joseph O'Donnell, R.I.P</i>
Thurs	29	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (C. Needham)</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m.	<i>The McCulloch Family, R.I.P</i>
Fri	30	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sat	31	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Tommy Bamin</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	1	ALL SAINTS (B)		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P</i>
		Gospel: Mark 5: 1-12	Mass Book p.186	12 noon	<i>Virgilia & Irene Valentini, R.I.P</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 - 11 a.m., 6.15 - 6.45 p.m. & at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on hold while work going on in the church

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

In the gospel story we hear today - of the blind beggar Bartimaeus - we encounter in a vivid way the merciful love of Jesus. We could say that mercy is a quality of love which reaches down to us when we at our lowest point, either materially or spiritually. We may feel ourselves unworthy of love in that moment. We may feel that but God doesn't. The essence of the Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners. Jesus heard Bartimaeus' cry 'Lord, have mercy on me!' and healed him. In our brokenness we too ought never doubt that even if others reject us the Lord doesn't. He is the only one who can heal, restore and make us new. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

SANCTUARY WORKS

The workmen came in and started the work on the Sanctuary last Wednesday. A hardboard protection has been laid down to protect the floor of the church. The scaffolding has also begun to be put in place. This week work will continue with the scaffolding. The large Crucifix has also been taken down while this is going on and you can see it up close by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Only another 7 weeks to go (hopefull). Pray for no hitches!

Last Sundays Collection : £515.25
 2nd Coll: £204.94 'World Mission Sunday' (Missio)
 Next Sun 2nd Collection for 'The Retired Priests Fund'

WEEKDAY MASS IN THE CASSIDY CENTRE

Whilst the workmen are in the church our weekday Masses will be at the usual times but in the Cassidy Centre.

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 period.

BLESSING OF GRAVES - Next Sunday, 1st Nov., at 3pm, the priests of the deanery will be in the various cemeteries of Brighton & Hove for the blessing of graves. If you have any family or loved ones buried there do come so that we can bless their graves. Meet at the car parks.

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

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
Fri 30 Oct	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Smile Quiz Night	Liz Woodhead, 556899
Sat 31 Oct	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Fabienne Mackendrick	
Wed 4 Nov	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'

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, Resi Michel, Dick Morris & Terry Rodrigues.

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to our Bumper October Draw winners!
1st prize (£200) C. Gurowich, 2nd prize (£150) Mr & Mrs D'Sousa, 3rd prize (£50) Mrs G. Milligan.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE - Thank you to all our volunteers who share a monthly rota. It is always good to see parishioners coming down to the hall after Mass. We are however still in need of some volunteers willing to offer their time and services to prepare, serve and tidy up for this. If you are able to do this please contact Liz Woodhead on 07740 177556 or 01273 556899.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT! - This week - Fri 30 Oct., 7.30pm in the Cassidy Centre. £4 Ticket includes glass of wine or juice & light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to St Anne's Day Centre. Tickets on sale after Sunday Masses (or call Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899).

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who supported our recent event. We raised £650 on the night. The Government is doubling all donations raised for Mary's Meals between now and the end of December. This means we raised enough money to provide a daily meal at school for a year for 130 children in Malawi. If you would like to support Mary's Meals there are collection boxes and direct debit forms in the porch. If you would like more information or to help with future fundraisers please contact Chris on 01273 551577.

DON'T PANIC BUT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Is less than 5 weeks now! - Sat 28 November

The stall holder's board is up! Several stalls are already spoken for so to avoid disappointment sign up today! Please could we have extra helpers for the Pre-Loved stall? always very popular

CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN

It's time to fill a jar with Christmas goodies!

The Jars with instructions are in the Porch

(Thanks for the jars everyone - no more needed now)

THIS WEEKS BIG PUSH REQUEST -

NEARLY NEW JEWELLERY!

But you can bring anything else in too! Thank you

GRAND DRAW TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

A great way to support us especially if you can't be there
on the day

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY: St John Paul II

'Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

Father you are love and life.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman and through the Holy Spirit, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials, through which our families sometimes pass.

Heavenly Father, we ask this through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that our families may be places of peace and prayer. Amen.'

GRANDPARENTS GROUP - On Tuesday 3rd November at Sacred Heart, Hove, there will be a special 10am Mass celebrated for grandparents, recognising all that they are and bring to the lives of our families. There will be a short follow-on meeting afterwards led by Mrs Katherine Bergin who will be exploring the possibility of establishing grandparents support groups within parishes across the deanery.

DEEP WATERS - This is a prayer group (including testimonies, talks, a meal and socialising) for 18-35 year olds who meet weekly at St Joseph's, Elm Grove. The meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm. New faces are always welcome.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Please let Fr Bruno or David know by Saturday 31 October if you would like to join the Parish Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 15 December at the Royal Albion Hotel. £13 payment to either Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038). Thank you.

A & B NEWS - Please pick up your free copy of the A & B News in the porch. Our CTS rack has also been recently restocked with some interesting new titles. We also stock a selection of weekly Catholic Papers in the porch which deal with happenings in the wider church. Payment goes in the repository box.

And finally - The three stages of a man's life: 1. He believes in Santa Claus; 2. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus; 3. He is Santa Claus.

'When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better'- St Anthony Mary Claret