

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for two weeks commencing Sunday 26 January 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 25		7.00 p.m. <i>Mrs Ann Ward, R.I.P. (1st Anniversary)</i>
Sun 26	<u>3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 4:12-23</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Special Intention (Bernard Regan)</i> Midday <i>For the people of the parish</i> 6.00 p.m. <u>Christian Unity week Evening prayer</u>
Mon 27	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John Cullen</i>
Tue 28	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Noreen Irwin, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 29	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 30	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Fri 31	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u> <i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>	8.15 a.m. -
Sat 01		10.00 a.m. <i>Margaret McGoldrick, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 02	<u>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</u> <i>Gospel: Luke 2:22-40</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Harry Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 03	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u> <i>St Blaise, Bp & M</i>	8.15 a.m. -
Tue 04	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u>	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 05	<u>Mass in St Mary's House</u> <i>St Agatha, V & M</i>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 06	<i>St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 07	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat 08	<i>Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>St Cuthman's Retreat Centre</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 09	<u>5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:13-16</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Nicola Bezuidenhout (Nee Colburn), R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration before Mass Monday 27th and Thursday 6th February
Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.
Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.

THE READINGS AT MASS

When we hear the readings from the holy Bible at Mass, and especially the gospels, we must remember that we are not merely listening to words from the past but words which are as true today as the day they were first spoken. The good news first proclaimed by Christ 2,000 years ago is the same gospel of salvation he wants us to hear and believe. The readings this week present Christ as the long promised light of the world. With him the darkness surrounding us is scattered away by the new light he brings: 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' And his message is good: his mercy and the life he offers means sin and death are defeated. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

2nd - ST BARNABAS SOCIETY

£593.75

£306.77

MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE THIS WEEK

I shall be away visiting my older sister later this week. Daily Mass will be down the road at St Mary's House (38 Preston Park Avenue). Fr Michael Jackson will be supplying the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of February.

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michealangelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well"" [M L King].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Tue 28 Jan	7 pm	St Mary Mags.	Talk on Mother Riccarda	See poster in the porch
Mon 3 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (2)	Denis O'Sullivan
Sat 08 Feb	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation meeting	John Stone
Sun 09 Feb	Masses	Church	2 nd Collection for Lourdes fund	
Mon 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (2)	Denis O'Sullivan
Mon 10 Feb	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st HC meeting	Charles Wookey

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsetts, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Pat Sawyer, Fr Jeff Scott and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

EVELYN BULLOCK, RIP

Please keep in your prayers Evelyn who died last week, as well as Len, her husband who mourns her loss. They had been married 63 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 10th Feb. at 10 am.

FR JEFF SCOTT

Fr Jeff has been recently told that nothing more can be done to treat his cancer. He would be grateful for your prayers and if you would like to send him a card this is the address: Fr Jeff Scott, St Augustine's Care Home, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 1QR. Into your hands, Lord, we commend his spirit.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

On the 24th Jan we celebrated the memorial of St Francis de Sales. He wrote the spiritual classic 'Introduction to the Devout Life.' One thing he said is, "We are more troublesome to ourselves than anyone else is to us." He also said that Christian joy is founded on three things: the possession of a clear conscience, the proper use of the creatures of this world and lastly on the joyful freedom of knowing oneself to be a child of God.

CATHOLIC TEACHING

The Ten Commandments of God

'The Ten Commandments are a privileged expression of the natural law. This law is made known to us by divine revelation and by human reason' (CCC, 2070).

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

PRAYER 'I ASKED GOD'

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve, I was made weak to humbly obey.

I asked for health that I might do great things. I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing I asked for but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all men most richly blessed.

100 CLUB JANUARY RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners in the January Draw: 1st prize of £50 to J Hammond, 2nd prize of £30 to M Fleet and 3rd prize of £20 to C Alexandrou. Contact the parish office if you would like to join and remember your subs.

FUNDRAISER FOR MARYS MEALS

There will be a Curry and Quiz night in support of Mary's Meals on Saturday 1st Feb, 7-10 pm, at St Joseph's Church Hall, Milton Road, Elm Grove, Brighton. Entrance £7, £3,50 children. This includes the curry meal and the quiz. Tickets in advance from Brian Young, 555787.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them! But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?' [Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn].

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER REQUIRED

After the promotion of the Deputy Headteacher, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Haywards Heath are seeking to appoint a creative, dynamic, motivated and inspirational successor. For an information pack please visit www.st-josephs.w-sussex.sch.uk. Visits to the school are warmly welcome, please contact Nicki Covey on 01444 452584. Closing date: Tuesday, 4th February. Interviews: Tuesday, 11th February. See advert in Church porch.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charlie van Ryssen and Amelia Rowan who were baptised this Saturday the 25th. May you bring to fulfilment your baptismal vocation: that is holiness!