

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 26 July, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>			<u>Intention</u>
Sat	25		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Sun	26	<u>17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		Gospel: John 6:1-15	Mass Book p.112	12 noon	<i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Mon	27	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tue	28		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	29	<i>St Martha</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
Thurs	30	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Catherine Myatt, R.I.P</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m.	<i>For Alan & Helen's Wedding</i>
Fri	31	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>James Mulcahy, R.I.P</i>
Sat	1	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Sun	2	<u>18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		Gospel: John 6:24-35	Mass Book p.114	12 noon	<i>Priest's Intention</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday Mass
There will be no Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass during the Summer. Resumes September

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

For this and the next 4 Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel. John has no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper but he does have this chapter often called the 'Bread of Life' chapter. The chapter begins with what we hear today, the miracle of the loaves and the feeding of the 5,000. Like Elisha in the first reading Jesus feeds the hungry people and does so astonishingly. Paying close attention though we see clear Eucharistic overtones in the way the miracle is related. Jesus 'took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them to the people.' In this miracle the people are nourished with bread, but at Mass it is Jesus himself, the true 'Bread of Life' who gives himself for us. God bless you this week and for those of you starting your holidays may they be happy and restful. Fr Bruno.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Aoife Arabella Miller who became a child of God this Saturday.

Last Sunday's Collection: £454.67; £52.49

The second collection this week will be 'A Day for Life'

DAY FOR LIFE

'How great a lie ...to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!' (Pope Francis)

This year "DAY FOR LIFE" focuses on cherishing life & accepting death. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the mysteries of life & death, as well as the Church's teaching on appropriate treatment at the end of life. The theme is most appropriate due to the assisted dying bill in Parliament. (see Bishop's message overleaf)

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].

"It is the duty of every man to uphold the dignity of every woman" (Saint John Paul II)

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tue 28 July	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Harry Cross, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Monica McLauchlan & Terry Rodrigues.

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to the Winners of our July Draw: 1st prize (£50) C. Yates, 2nd prize (£30) L. Holmes, 3rd prize (£20) Mrs P. Ingram. Next 100 club draw is due 3rd weekend of August. **100 CLUB - TO WIN IT, YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT! NOT A MEMBER??** Time to Join! See the poster in the porch. **ALREADY A MEMBER??** Are your subscriptions due or overdue? Please make cheques payable to 'St Mary's Church.' Thank you.

Summer Retreat for Young Adults

Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, 26-30 Aug 2015, for young adults (18-35). The theme this year will be *Friendship with Christ, in Christ, and for Christ*: the call to a deep communion with God – exploring ways to delve deeper into prayer and the spiritual life – and the call to a deep communion with each other and for others. Talks, Prayer & Reflection Space, Mass and Divine Office, Friendship & enjoying the summer! £120 (Student/unwaged) and £150 (waged). For more info and/or book, contact: TOC@worthabbey.net

SVP – Advance Notices

Next SVP Meeting – Wed 16th September

Mass for the sick & housebound – Sat 3rd October 2pm – If you, or you know someone, who would like to come please contact either Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or the Parish Office to arrange transport if needed. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Catholic Certificate In Religious Studies –

CCRS – If you are an active member of the parish, catechist, teacher or someone interested in increasing your knowledge of your faith, the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies maybe for you. A Course is running at the University Chaplaincy in Falmer, to find out more information see leaflet on noticeboard or contact Kate Williamson on k.williamson@brighton.ac.uk tel: 07810 596575 or visit the website: ccrs@brighton.

Message From our Bishop, Richard Moth

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found in the porch and on the Church notice board.

FROM THE SAINTS - St Teresa of Avila

'Christ has no other hands but your hands to do his work today.

No other feet but your feet to guide folk on his way.

No other lips but your lips to tell them why he died.

No other love but your love to win them to his side.'

DEANERY SPONSORED WALK - 16th Aug.

The Deanery, alongside "Brighton Voices in Exile" enabling, advocating & supporting those seeking asylum, are having a sponsored walk on **Sunday 16th August at 2pm**. A leisurely 4 mile stroll across the Downs from the Jack & Jill Windmills at Clayton to St. Thomas More's Church Hall, Patcham, followed by a cream tea! For more details call Jo or Peter on 01273 501114.

TOWERS CONVENT – 20th September

A Parish visit to the Towers Convent leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm on Sunday 20th September, returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Benediction. Call David Alfred for further details on 01273 540038.

TRIP TO WINDSOR – 13th October

A Coach to Windsor leaves St Mary's on Tues. 13 Oct at 10 am, Returning 6 pm. £28, incl. drivers tip, secures seat. Call David Alfred for further details on 540038.

A & B NEWS

Please pick up a free copy of the A & B News which you may find in the porch. It has many reports on the recent Jubilee celebration at the AMEX.

MARRIAGE CARE Marriage Preparation Providers.

Do you value marriage? Do you see Marriage Preparation courses for couples as worthwhile? In Marriage care we are looking for volunteers to be trained in the delivery of our Marriage Preparation Courses in the Brighton Deanery & surrounding parishes. Helping to deliver this important service at the outset of people's marriage journey together. If you are interested in volunteering have a look at our organisation online at www.marriagecare.org.uk and then please get in touch with us. You can email us at brighton.admin@marriagecare.org.

'GAUDIUM (Joy)'

'*Gaudium*' is a 13 minute film (on Youtube) with 10 priests of the diocese sharing their deep sense of joy in living out the Priesthood. Google 'Gaudium priesthood ukvocation' or go to the blog 'I will give you shepherds' to view it. You may recognise some of the priests.

DAY FOR LIFE PRAYER

O Blessed Joseph, who breathed your last in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace: that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul". Amen.

"Christian joy is a gift of God flowing from a good conscience" St Philip Neri (1515-1595)