

# St Mary's Catholic Church

## Surrenden Road, Preston Park, Brighton

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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 June, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	25 [Vigil Mass]	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sun	26 <b><u>13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u></b> Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 Parish Mass Book p.102	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Blanka Tesarkova, R.I.P.</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	27 <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Fr Alan Robinson (Ordination Anniv.)</i>
Tue	28 [Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	29 <b><i>Sts Peter &amp; Paul, Solemnity - Holyday of Obligation</i></b>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Gerard Stone, R.I.P.</i> <b>7.30 p.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Thur	30 <i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>For peace in the world &amp; in our families</i>
Fri	01 <b><i>The Dedication of the [Arundel] Cathedral, Feast</i></b>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Mandy Marshall</i>
Sat	02 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i> Vigil Mass	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Michael McEvoy, R.I.P.</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	03 <b><u>14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u></b> Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 Parish Mass Book p.105	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Gordon &amp; Walter Rodrigues, R.I.P.</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>The fallen of WWI, Battle of the Somme</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Non-Catholics who desire instruction in the faith welcome at any time. See Fr Bruno**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday**  
**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

There is a short exchange in the gospel today which is important for us as Christians. Jesus has just been rejected by some people and two disciples, James and John, ask the Lord whether they can 'bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?' They have a zeal in which they want to destroy and kill their perceived enemies. They are strongly rebuked by the Lord - 'The Son of man came not to destroy men's lives but to save them.' Jesus corrects his disciples desire for revenge because it is out of keeping with God's intention which is for men to be saved, not destroyed. There is no place for violence and terrorism in divine law nor even in the natural law. St Ambrose (4<sup>th</sup> Century) writes this: "The Lord does everything in an admirable way [...]. He acts in this way to teach us that perfect virtue retains no desire for vengeance, and that where there is true charity there is no room for anger - in other words, that weakness should not be treated with harshness but should be helped. Indignation should be very far from holy souls, and desire for vengeance very far from great souls." God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Last Sunday's coll: £557.94.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> collection "Day for Life": £78.60  
 This weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for "Peter's Pence"  
**Sanctuary lamp this week burning for Elisabeth Newton, R.I.P.** [If you would like the Sanctuary lamp to burn night and day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a loved one or a special intention see Fr Bruno or contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5.]

**Peter's Pence - 26<sup>th</sup> June** - This weeks second collection is for the Papal charity Peter's Pence. It goes to the Pope who distributes it as he best sees fit.

**Feast Of Saints Peter & Paul, Holyday Of Obligation**  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June the universal Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. **Mass at 10am & 7.30pm.**

**What is a Holyday of Obligation?**  
 'On Sundays and holydays of obligation the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the due relaxation of mind and body [Code of Canon Law #1247].'

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in you' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears" Pope St John Paul II

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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
Tue 28 June	7.30-9 pm	St Joseph's	Confirmation session	Fr Bruno
Fri 8 July	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno
Sat 9 July	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard	

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Nala Mabel Torres who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday. Our prayers go out to her and her family.

### **GREETINGS FROM Sr MARGARET MARY**

Some parishioners recently visited St Margaret Mary whom many of you will remember from her time here at St Mary's. After the visit sister wrote a card to me speaking of her *'grateful memories of my time at St Mary's. ... I thank you one and all for all you gave me and Sr Teresa. In heart and soul in this year of 'Mercy' may we be the best in trying to follow Jesus in the Gospels. Alleluia! With fondest love, prayers and gratitude. Jesus still keeps me healthy and busy! Sister Margaret Mary.'*

### **100 CLUB WINNERS - JUNE**

Drawn by Mrs B.Morris this month. Congratulations to: 1<sup>st</sup> prize, £50, Mrs M Cornelius; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, £30, Mrs E Morrison; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, £20, Mrs A Chandler.

### **SVP PARISH FAMILY MORNING / B'BQUE -**

**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11am - 2pm.** Consisting of: Table-top sale of children's clothes, toys, books, etc. (Tables available £10 payable in advance to Luke Fernandes), children's games, face painting, children's cake decorating as well as Teas, Coffee, soft drinks & cakes. Plus family BBQ to include Bacon Butties. See poster in porch for details and also a sign up sheet so that we can have an indication of numbers.

**EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE** 29-31 July 2016 - for Young Catholics 18-35, at the Oratory School, Reading. See leaflets/booking forms in church porch.

### **EWTN** (Eternal Word Television Network)

I have just finished a book about Mother Angelica, the founder of EWTN. This Catholic Network is available on Television and via the internet with great shows and talks. It is a good way of learning and growing in love of our faith.

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

Please find in the porch and at the back of the church copies for you to read of a quote and recommendation for bringing up to standard our sound and loop system. One recommendation which I am not sure what to make of is this one: 'If it were possible to re-site the pulpit to a position further back, this would significantly improve the quality of sound in the church. If the new position were to be on the sanctuary, at the front, on the sacristy side, the sound delivery would be significantly better.' In the meanwhile all our readers please continue to speak more slowly, clearly and loudly. Fr Bruno.

### **IT BEGINS WITH SILENCE ...**

'The fruit of Silence is prayer.

The fruit of Prayer is faith.

The fruit of Faith is love.

The fruit of Love is service.

The fruit of Service is peace' [Mother Teresa of Calcutta].

### **Sent @ Worth Abbey: 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

Are you going into year 9-13 this September? If so, we would like to invite you to a week for teenagers at Worth Abbey from the 8-14<sup>th</sup> August. Over the week we will be exploring what it means to follow Jesus as young people in our world. There will be inspiring talks, lively discussions, creative workshops, sports & games and time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Worth Abbey. Prayer together and Mass throughout the week. This week is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and to relax after a busy term! For more information about the week contact [francarbhone.youthwork@outlook.com](mailto:francarbhone.youthwork@outlook.com) and/or to book contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net). Bursaries are available by request. Booking deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> July.

### **'TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST' - Summer retreat for young adults, 24-28 August, at Worth Abbey.**

Four days for young adults (18-35), discovering a deeper meaning for your life with inspiration from the monastic tradition. Cost: £120 (student/unwaged) and £159 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact: 'TOC@worthabbey.net'.

### **WISDOM OF THE SAINTS**

"I realized one day that those who continue to suffer may not be healed, because they are healers themselves. The greatest gift God has given me since my vocation is pain because I am a proud individual, and with the apostolate God has given me, I need to be totally reliant on him. ... I have spiritually healed precisely because I have not been physically healed. Suffering is healing. There are those who think the path to holiness is to be healed of bodily suffering, but oftentimes God uses that suffering to change us and heal our souls" [*Mother Angelica +, from EWTN*].

### *Some General House Keeping*

- Please help keep our Church tidy - pick up litter and return hymn books & Mass books to the stands in the church porch when you leave.
- Please always accompany children to the toilets.
- Please switch off all mobile phones.
- Please do not bring food/refreshments into the Church.

*Thank you for your co-operation*

**And finally ...** The unique satisfaction of washing up: If you do the washing-up you'll start with a mess and end with it sorted out. Nothing else in your day is quite like this!