

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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**All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to our church and to the parish**

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### Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 26 October, 2014 - *Month of the Rosary*

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	25 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Special Intention (A. McCulloch)</i>
Sun	26 <b>30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 Parish Mass Book p. 146	10.00 a.m. <i>Milligan and Brace Family</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	27 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Billy Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	28 <i>Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Anna &amp; Jose</i>
Wed	29 <i>Feria</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	30 <i>Feria</i> [Traditional Low Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Sean Follan</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri	31 <i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Edward Haroun, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	01 <i>Feria</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Virgilia and Irene Valentini, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	02 <b>ALL SAINTS</b> ( <i>transferred from yesterday</i> ) Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 Parish Mass Book p. 184	10.00 a.m. <i>Mr and Mrs I. Morrison, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Holy Souls</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 - 9.50 a.m. before weekday morning Mass.**  
**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.**  
**Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall after Mass.**

Last week's collections - 1<sup>st</sup>: £584.91, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £185.50 (Missio)  
 Next week special collection for 'Retired Priest's Fund'

#### **THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK**

When asked what the most important thing God wants from us Jesus replies: 'Love' - for us to love God and then love our neighbour. This I suspect is what marks out a Christian, not anything we may boast about outwardly, but the deeper reality that we seek above all to be transformed into people who love. And ultimately it is only Christ who is able to work this in us. Last week (22 October) we had the first feast of St John Paul II. Here are some words from his very first homily as Pope, words which still apply to us today: 'Brothers and Sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. ... Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors to Christ. ... So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

#### **BLESSING OF GRAVES, SUN 02 NOVEMBER**

The priests of the deanery will be at all the cemeteries in Brighton & Hove at 3 pm next Sunday, 02 November. If you have any family members or loved ones buried there do go and show the priest which grave to bless. Meet at the car parks where the priests will be waiting.

#### **NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In November we traditionally pray and offer Mass for the dead. Between 08-16 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 during this Novena.

#### **NO WEEKDAY MASSES 03-07 NOVEMBER**

There will be no weekday Masses at St Mary's, 03-07 November as I shall be on retreat. St Mary's House (38 Preston Pk Ave.) have Mass daily at 8.15 am and St John the Baptist's & St Mary Magdalene's have Mass at 10am.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 01273 506845
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon - Fri			School half Term	
Sat 01 Nov	11.15 am	Church	Baptism of Christopher Rutter	
Sat 01 Nov	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Jack Wells	

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Ann Chandler, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Mary Connett, Paul Green, Claire Hill & Trudy Wood.

### **100 CLUB GRAND DRAW**

Congratulations to the winners of the 100 Club grand draw which took place last Sunday: £200.00 Mrs S. McCormick, £150.00 Mr S. Foley, £50.00 Mrs B. O'Shea. Remember your subs (£30 p/a). If you would like to join our 100 club please contact Mary Cornelius on 558812.

### **SVP MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

We have unfortunately had to cancel this Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. It is hoped though to re-arrange a date for this Mass with the sacrament of the anointing of the sick later in the year or in the New Year.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** With a view to recommissioning would you please pick up and fill in a form which you can find at the back of the church and return it to the presbytery.

### **SMILE QUIZ NIGHT - This Friday 31st Oct.**

7.30 pm 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 10 am Sunday Mass (or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642)

### **CATHOLAITY FAIR - Sat 08 November**

This year's Catholaity Fair is at Hove Town Hall on Saturday 8th November from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for "Uganda Hands for Hope." If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery social event. Many stalls and refreshments available all day. Thanks to all who have taken Grand Draw tickets, could you please return all counterfoils and money by Sunday 2nd Nov. Many thanks for your support. Chris Rodrigues

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 29 Nov., 11-3pm**

Only six weeks to go! A new fun idea for this year is the children's crafts corner - an area where the children can decorate simple Christmas themed crafts like cards and tree decorations. We need someone to oversee this area. No artistic skills required and all crafts supplied. Please keep your donations coming in. Thank you, Eve Morrison (01273 979204).

### **A SHORT PRAYER**

*'O Lord, forgive what I have been,  
bless what I am,  
and direct what I shall be. Amen.'*

**THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP - YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT (18-35), 31st Oct - 2nd Nov 2014 @ Worth Abbey** For more information contact Jo: admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk or call 07595761483

### **TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH - 11 November**

A coach will leave St Mary's at 10.30 on Armistice Day (11 Nov). Drop off at Gun Wharf Quay. Free time of 4-5 hrs to enjoy the many sights this historic city has to offer. Return St Mary's 1830. Seat confirmed with early payment of £23 to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038).

### **REJOICE EVENING**

An evening of prayer, praise and Adoration, led by Joe Wells and David Matthews. Saturday 8th November, 7.30pm (tea & coffee from 7.00pm), Sacred Heart Parish Rooms, Norton Road Hove, BN3 3BF. Donations only. All welcome.

### **PARISH RCIA COURSE STARTING SOON**

The parish RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be beginning Thursday 13 November, 8-9 pm, in the Cassidy Centre. The input, before discussion, will be based on the 'Catholicism' DVD series by Fr Robert Barron. All members of the parish are invited to join in viewing this well produced (10 part) series at this meeting.

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

The Annual Carol service for St Mary's and St Thomas More's Parishes will be held in the Church at 6pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Any member of either parish who would like to join the choir for this event (especially those who have not been brave enough before) would be very welcome. The first practice will be at 11am on Saturday 8 November. Please contact Charles Wookey (01273 554954) or Elizabeth Dunn (507254) for further details.

### **FROM THE SAINTS**

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures. We are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus" [St JPII].

### **NEW PARISHIONER'S FORMS**

If you are fairly new to the parish you are invited to take and fill in one of the 'New Parishioner's Forms' in the church porch. There is useful information for you and helps us to keep our parish records up to date. Thank you.