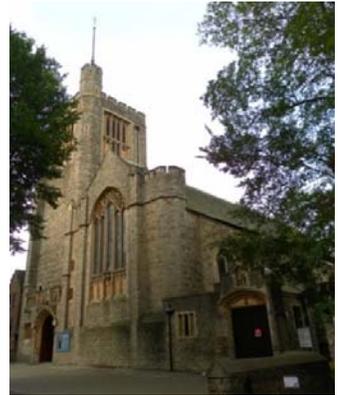


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 27 July, 2014

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	26		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	27	<b><u>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52</i>	Parish Mass Book p.108	12 noon <i>Elizabeth &amp; Andrew Jurica, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	28	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Catherine Myatt, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	29	<i>St Martha, Friend of Jesus</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Victor &amp; Ida Bastiampillai, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	30	<i>Feria</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	31	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
			[Traditional (Low) Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Rev. David O'Regan, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	01	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For persecuted Christians in Iraq</i>
Sat	02	<i>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fleet family</i>
Sun	03	<b><u>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the People of the Parish</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matt. 14:13-21</i>	Parish Mass Book p.111	12 noon <i>Gordon Macintosh, R.I.P.</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Friday.**  
**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. & at call.**

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

In our first reading today we have a pivotal moment in the life of King Solomon. Early on in his reign he feels overwhelmed by the task before him. The Lord then comes to him in a dream and invites him to ask for anything he wants, for whatever he feels he most needs as king. Solomon, rather than asking for riches, power or length of life, asks for 'a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil.' We then see how this pleases God and this gift of wisdom and judgment is given to Solomon who becomes known as 'Solomon the wise.' We too ought often to pray for the gift of wisdom. It is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given us at our confirmation and it helps us to see life and understand things from God's point of view. It helps us see what is right and wrong. In the gospel Jesus gives us the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price, treasures which when found are worth more than everything else. Christ himself and the new life of grace he gives us is this treasure. God bless your holidays, Fr Bruno.

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

**£404.34**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

**£125.20**

[This Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the 'Day for Life']

### DAY FOR LIFE

[www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)

This Sunday is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. This year, the Pope calls upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection at all Masses to support the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

### ASSISTING PEOPLE TO LIVE NOT TO DIE

"Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. There may be legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not... with regard to abortion and euthanasia" [Pope Benedict XVI].

*"All that we call human history ... [is] the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."* [C.S.Lewis]

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Tue 29 July	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thur 14 Aug	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parish SVP presentation meeting	
Fri 15 Aug		Church	Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	Holiday of Obligation

### 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, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Tony Gormley, Dick Morris & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### 100 CLUB JULY DRAW

Congratulations to our July winners: 1<sup>st</sup> (£50) Dick Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> (£30) Harry Cross and 3<sup>rd</sup> (£20) Mr C Georgiou.

### THANKS FROM CAFOD

We received a letter of thanks from CAFOD to our Social Concerns Group for their recent fundraising efforts. They added how these efforts all make a real difference for the vital work they do around the world. Thank you to our Social Concerns Group and to all who helped.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2014/2015

These will all start again in the new school year. After the holidays registration forms will be available in the Church porch. **First Holy Communion**s are generally for children in year 3 up. If you are in year 10 or above we would like to invite you to consider joining our **Confirmation** group. We are also planning to arrange an **RCLA (Rite of Christian Initiation)** programme for non-baptized Adults or those baptized but not part of the Catholic Church who would like to become a part of the Church, the body of Christ.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Any of the young people who come regularly to Mass are always welcome to come and learn how to serve at Mass. This includes those who recently made their first Holy Communion. See Fr Bruno to register and then start.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR HOMEMADE STALL

Thank you very much for your generosity with donated jars and fruit. We now have plenty of jam jars so no more please. What we do need though is lots of sugar (to put in the box in the porch). Again, with thanks, Eve Morrison.

### CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Please note that each weekend we have a selection of Catholic Newspapers in the porch. The A & B News is free and other publications have a cover price which should be paid into the 'Repository box' in the wall.

### AUGUST HOLIDAYS

Things are quieter in the parish this month. The Tuesday prayer group takes a break and newsletters will be fortnightly. There will also be no children's liturgy or tea and coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass. Happy and restful holidays to all.

### DAY FOR LIFE PRAYER

*'Holy Mary, Mother of love,  
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,  
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it  
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes  
to the preciousness of human life,  
from the moment of conception to natural death.  
Through the example of your tenderness  
teach us the ways of compassion and love  
that we may build up the civilization of love among us  
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.  
Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death,  
and to work with others of goodwill  
in promoting the culture of life.  
Bring us ever closer to your Son,  
so that we may know the fullness of life he offers us  
and come to know that life more perfectly,  
with you, and all the angels and saints,  
in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen.*

### TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST

Summer Retreat for Young Adults @ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. 27<sup>th</sup> - 31st August 2014. Exploring monastic ways to discipleship, with talks from monks of Worth Abbey including Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, and members of The Wellspring Community. Cost: £120 (unwaged/student), £150 (waged). For more info and/or to book, contact [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net).

### EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE

This gathering aimed at young Catholics (18-35) is taking place at the Oratory School, near Reading, 1-3 August. There will be many good talks and friendships to make. For more information visit: [www.evangelium.co.uk](http://www.evangelium.co.uk)

### PRAYING WITH JESUS BEFORE MASS

Before most of our weekday Masses the Eucharist is exposed for prayer. Here are some words on the gift of the Eucharist and of our prayer of Adoration of Jesus present before us in the consecrated Host: 'Receiving the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with Him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself. ... In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.'

### SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'Holiness is an adventure, even the only adventure worth living' [Georges Bernanos].