

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 September, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	26	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Mary Ardiff, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	27	<u>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 Mass Book p138	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention (C Needham)</i>
Mon	28	REQUIEM MASS	10.00 a.m. <i>Linda Cullen, R.I.P</i>
Tue	29	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	30	<i>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierrindo Bamin, R.I.P</i>
Thurs	1	<i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Ashley Singer</i>
Fri	2	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pauline Williams, R.I.P</i>
Sat	3	<i>Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday'</i> Vigil Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	4	<u>27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u> Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 Mass Book p.140	10.00 a.m. <i>Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P</i> 12 noon <i>Ann Elizabeth Gilligan, R.I.P</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Mass this week
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

A FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

This Thursday we have the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux. She has been called 'the greatest saint in modern time' by the Popes. Her autobiography 'Story of a Soul' is a spiritual classic and she is known for her 'little way.' She also wrote many poems and letters and is known to be a powerful intercessor. She said that she will spend her heaven doing good on earth. The saints are our older brothers and sisters in the faith and above all they show us just what God's grace can achieve in a person like you or me if they are willing to let him in. If you do not know much about St Therese she is a saint that it is well worth finding out about and getting to know. Saints truly become our friends along the way. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

This Friday 2nd October. Please pick up your envelopes today and return them in the collection plate next Sunday. Thank you.

We are looking for a few more regular readers for our Saturday Evening Mass. See Fr Bruno if you can help.

It is in the process of being worshiped that God communicates his presence to men' [C.S. Lewis]

Last Sundays Collection : £613.56,
 2nd Collection: £148.78 Home Mission Sunday'
 This Week's 2nd collection for the parish SVP work
 Next week's 2nd collection is 'CAFOD Harvest Fast Day'

SVP MASS WITH THE HOLY ANOINTING

This coming Saturday (3 October) we are having a special Mass which will include the Sacrament of the Sick / Holy Anointing for those who need it. The parish SVP members are happy to arrange transport to and from the Mass for those who are housebound. Please contact Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) if you need transport. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES, 2015/16

In the church porch are application forms for **First Holy Communion (closing date Oct 11th)**, **Confirmation & RCIA**. Drop your completed forms into the parish office.

Thank you & Well Done!

During the summer Lily Fernandez-Lodge (in Year 1 at St Bernadette's) was sponsored to learn to swim. She did learn and from this she has donated an amazing £254 to St Mary's her parish church. Thank you, Lily, and well done!

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes 01273 556927
Sat 03 Oct	2 pm	Church	SVP Mass for sick & housebound	
Wed 07 Oct	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Coffee Morning Last Sunday

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who contributed, made delicious cakes, came and supported us last Sunday 20th September. We raised £130 for Uganda Hands for Hope. A great result! Claire Shelton-Jones.

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW DEADLINE

BEST TIME TO JOIN £30 in: £200 to win. Join by 17th October to be entered (£200.1st prize/ £150. 2nd/ £50. 3rd). And of course £50/£30/£20 for the other 11 months. Contact Mary Cornelius on 01273 558812.

MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER - Curry, Talk & Film

Saturday 10th October, Cassidy Centre, 8-10.30pm

Tickets £8 which includes a homemade curry, a short talk by Fr Alexander, a Benedictine Monk from Worth Abbey on "Silence in the City" followed by a screening of the latest film from Mary's Meals. Your entrance fee of £8 will provide a daily meal for a hungry child in a place of education for 8 months in a developing country such as Malawi. Please contact Henry and Eve Morrison (01273 979204) or Chris Rooke (01273 551577) to reserve your ticket and/or find out more about Mary's Meals.

CATHOLAITY FAIR Sat. 14th Nov. 10.30- 3.30

This year's Fair is in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the "Uganda Hands for Hope" charity. If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery event. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets are available now & usually around 90% of the tickets we sell go to "Uganda Hands for Hope." Thank you for your support. Chris Rodrigues.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - less than 9 weeks now!

The stall holder's board will be coming soon! Do you have an idea for the fair? Don't be shy come and talk to us ... we don't bite. Several stalls are already spoken for so to avoid disappointment please contact Eve on 979204 or Tess at the 10am Mass! **Please** keep the dried fruit & jars coming in. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMBOLA

Supermarkets have lots of enticing offers for Wine, Spirits & boxes of Beer! We'd really appreciate any you could donate to the Fair. Beryl Cheeseman.

Prayer: YOUR GARDEN OF PLENTY

'Giver of life, From tiny seeds and parched earth your gentle hand grows richest fruit. Reveal to us, Creator God, the seeds within us: moisten the soil that our neglect has made dry.

For alone we lack the vision of your Kingdom; alone, we fail to recognise the hungry in our midst; alone, we lack the strength to fulfil your purpose.

With your inspiring love and the gift of your grace, Redeemer of all, may the shoots of our potential break free, and our hands, voices and spirits toil in communion so that your garden of plenty can be shared by all. Amen.'

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Royal Albion Hotel will this year be on Tuesday 15 Dec. from 12 noon. Sherry, Turkey, with all the trimmings for £13, including tip (Vegetarian option available). Early payment to David Alfred (01273 540038).

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary this year are invited to book for this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth, Saturday 17th Oct, 12 noon at the Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel, BN18 9AY. Booking Essential: Please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152 or email 'katherine.bergin:@dabnet.org'

CALLED BY NAME - 23rd to 25th October 2015

Young Adults Retreat (18-35) @ Worth Abbey offering an opportunity for you to discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, to hear Christ's call, & to be formed as disciples. Talks from excellent speakers. Prayer, Reflection, The Divine Office, Mass, Spiritual Direction. Cost: £60 for students/the unwaged, & £100 for the waged (subsidies available). More info at TOC@worthabbey.net or call 01342 710318

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT! - Fri 30 Oct., 7.30pm in the 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 Masses from 4 Oct. (or call Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899).

Animal Blessing Service: Arundel Cathedral - Sat. 3rd October 2.30pm. All animals welcome to bring their owners and receive God's blessing!

'The biggest disease in the world today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted' [Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta].

'One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations' [St John of Avila]