

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 2 weeks from Sunday 28 January, 2018

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 27	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Denis Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 28	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 1:21-28      Mass Book p132	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon	<i>For the D'Souza Family Souls</i>
Mon 29	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Tue 30	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 31	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Thurs 01	Traditional Mass 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>For God's Protection</i>
Fri 02	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	10 a.m.	<i>Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 03	<i>Saturday Morning Votive Mass to Our Lady</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Edward Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Douglas Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 04	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 1:29-39      Mass Book p134	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon	<i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 05	St. Agatha	10 a.m.	<i>Ann Hawkins &amp; Gertrude Savage, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 06	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 07	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	12 noon	<i>George William Kelly, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 08	Traditional Mass 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>For Claire-Ann (discernment)</i>
Fri 09	Feria	10 a.m.	<i>Harry Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 10	St Scholastica	10 a.m.	<i>Bernadette Mammy Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Betty &amp; Anthony Ohene-Djan, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 11	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 1:40-45      Mass Book p137	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon	<i>Susan Campbell, R.I.P.</i>

Please note that the Mass Stipend is now £10 – Thank you

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call**

**Sanctuary Lamp these weeks is burning for Norina Ramos, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for George Kelly, R.I.P.**  
 [Contact the parish office if you would like one of these lamps to burn for a specific intention]

### PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Fri 02 Feb	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (5) 'Who teaches?'	Fr Bruno
Fri 02 Feb		Church	Crib – Is taken down today	
Wed 07 Feb	12 noon	Church	Requiem Mass for George Kelly, R.I.P.	
Wed 07 Feb	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 10 Feb	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Oisín & Pearl Lowey-Forrester	
<b>Wed 14 Feb</b>		Church	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
Fri 16 Feb	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (6) 'Whose Story?'	Fr Bruno

Wed 21 Feb	1-2pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Sun 25 Feb	9.30am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion class (2)	Janet Silva

## PARISH

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

### SENIORS CLUB – Thursdays 2-4 p.m.

As the New Year begins the club is always happy to welcome new members from the parish or the local community. Just come along or speak to Fr Bruno or David Alfred if interested.

### ECHOES – Parish based formation in the Faith

The next session will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 7-8.15 pm in the Cassidy Centre. This session is Titled 'Who teaches?' Anyone wanting to learn more about the faith in a small friendly group welcome on a come and see basis. Materials will be provided. A copy of the course book is in the porch for you to look at.

### CHILDRENS 1st HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the session of February 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next session for the children will be Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, at 9.30 am in the Cassidy Centre. For further details please contact Mrs Janet Silva 07732 917705

**Readers Day – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** 11 am – 12.30 pm, in Church. Coral Olson, who is the 12 o'clock readers co-ordinator, has organised a day of reflection, prayer and re-commissioning for the 12 o'clock readers. If any readers from the 7 pm Saturday or 10 am Sunday Mass would like to participate please call Coral on 01273 500944

### FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are blessed to have generous volunteers in the parish who fill the church with beautiful flowers throughout the year and for our various feasts. They would be grateful though for some assistant helpers. If you feel this is something you would like to do, or learn to do, (often on a Thursday or Friday morning) please speak to Chris Rodrigues, Joan Spells or Fr Bruno.

**CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING** - Rather than put your Christmas cards in the recycling bin, you can leave them in a bag in the Church porch. A parishioner, Verity Cross, generously recycles and makes beautiful new ones from them with the proceeds going to charity.

**Hands for Hope Collection – from Homemade Cards** raised an amazing £125!!! Thank you.

### MARY'S MEALS

### PARISH WEBSITE – Digital images needed

We have someone working on a new parish website for us. If anyone has any photo's that they are happy to share of the Church/parish, could they put them on a labelled memory stick & we will see if we can use them. These can be handed to Fr Bruno or put, in an envelope, through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Without volunteers to lead the sessions this cannot take place. Please see the sign-up sheets in the porch for the Sundays up to April. This is worthwhile work. Materials are provided.

## DEANERY

**Hospital Visits** - Fr Peter Fitch, at St John The Baptist, is the main hospital chaplain and goes into the Hospital most days. If you know anyone in hospital who needs the sacraments please contact Fr Peter on 01273 681587 or tell Fr Bruno.

## DIOCESAN

### A & B News

The February edition of our Diocesan newspaper is here. Free copies are available for you in the Church Porch.

### Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage

**26 July to 3 August 2018** The online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (School Years 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more information go to [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org).

## OTHER

### DEEP WATERS – 'A space to journey deeper'

Deep Waters is a Catholic prayer group for young adults based in Brighton and meets for food, talks, prayers and fellowship. Thursdays from 7pm: The upper room, St Joseph's Church Hall, Milton Road, BN2 9TQ / Sundays after 11.30am Mass: 1 Elm Grove, Brighton, BN2 3ET. Email them for more info on [deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com](mailto:deepwatersbrighton@gmail.com) or go to [www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton)

### ROOTED – Discipleship Retreat

**16-18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018, Open to Year 10 - 13**

The retreat is in the beautiful countryside setting of Worth Abbey and offers opportunities to build on friendships, make new friends; discover who Jesus is calling you to be and how to live as a disciple; Explore prayer through a group, on your own and with Monks. Recharge and get away from normal day to day life. The cost is £84, but bursaries are available. For more information or to book email:

[fcarbhone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:fcarbhone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk)

**Chilworth Day of Prayer and Praise**, 'The Kingdom of God is at Hand.' Sat, 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Mass at 10.20 am. Two

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £500.00, which is supporting the work of Mary's Meals and, in particular, our Sponsor A School project in Malawi. Your gift in support of Sponsor A School is transforming so many lives – thank you so much. Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals

talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, ends at 4.20 pm. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

## St Mary's SVP – Annual Report, Jan 2018

Our SVP has completed another successful year (2017) and would like to share what it has achieved and its main aims for 2018. Also, to say '**thank you**' to our supporters.

### 2017 Achievements:

- ❖ 2017 saw a stable committed membership building its skills and capabilities to develop effectively the local support activities in line with our objectives. Steadier funding has provided a secure base to continue our local support initiatives.
- ❖ A new initiative in 2017, approved by the National SVP board of trustees, was the opening of a **Community Support Centre at "Tower House"** (the jewel in our crown), to support parish communities in reaching out to older people who may be isolated in Brighton & Hove. Bishop Richard Moth officially opened and blessed the Centre in September. Our wish is that it will be a safe place for those who feel isolated and in need of befriending, to partake in lunches, teas and join in various activities. It started with lunches & a café, library and group singing. This year we are expanding to include a wide range of events. Planned activities include Arts & Craft, Knitting & Sewing, Fun Quiz and Wellbeing Support group hosted by a Counsellor. Services by a Hairdresser and Chiropodist are also now included as are advice sessions by a Pharmacist. **Volunteers:** So far we are pleased to have over 50 volunteers from all parishes but need more committed people to provide an increased programme of activities since only 2 paid staff manage the Centre. So, please, come along and take part in this rewarding service in a warm, friendly environment.

### Our Established Support Work continues with:

- ❖ Over 700 visits/contact hours to vulnerable people in our community
- ❖ Volunteers who support St Anne's Centre for the Homeless
- ❖ Volunteer support for the local Soup Run
- ❖ Coordination of regular, surplus items from our Parish Food Bank to the collection centre at St George's in Hove.
- ❖ Support of Parish Christmas Fair with running a "stall" for teas, coffees, cake & biscuits.
- ❖ Our Christmas Hamper raffle raised £200.00 for the local St Thomas Fund for the Homeless.
- ❖ Christmas food vouchers for £400 to 8 local families in need.
- ❖ Financial support of £500 for disaster funds e.g. South Sudan and Syria
- ❖ Continuing financial support to a sister Conference in India and to the National SVP Society
- ❖ Volunteer help on Sunday coffee morning rota

### 2018 Main Aims:

- ❖ To increase the number of beneficiaries and volunteers attending Tower House
- ❖ To expand activities at Tower House in a safe, creative and holistic environment
- ❖ To better understand the needs of our parishioners and how we can best help them
- ❖ To build stronger ties with the other organisations we work with
- ❖ To maintain effectiveness of our fund-raising and continue helping people in need

### Our Supporters - Thank You:

- ❖ **YOU** helped us raise over £1,500 from donations and regular box collections in 2017. *Box collections first weekend of every 3rd month. Next due w/e 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> March '18. We rely on YOU.*
- ❖ We also encourage **YOU** to let us know of parishioners who need our support

### YOU Can Contribute

- ❖ Volunteer at Tower House. Why not join a fun and caring team for a few hours each week and help to make a difference. Contact Jason Lupi on 01273 549604
- ❖ Join our SVP team. Contacts: President: Luke Fernandes: 01273 556927; Treasurer: Mary Cornelius 01273 558812