

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 week commencing Sunday 28 September, 2014

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	27 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Mary Ardiff, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	28 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 Parish Mass Book p.134</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Nikki Braterman & family</i> 12 noon <i>John Burke, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	29 <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Tue	30 <i>St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Mr B. Martin, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	01 <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.15 a.m. [Mass at St Mary's House]
Thur	02 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> [Low Mass in the Extraordinary form]	10.00 a.m. <i>Thomas Gorman, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Wellbeing of Robert Thompson</i>
Fri	03 REQUIEM MASS	12 noon <i>Requiem for Patricia Gray, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	04 <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	05 [Vigil Mass] 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 Parish Mass Book p. 137</i>	7.00 p.m. <i>Gerry & Maureen Fleet, in Thanksgiving</i> 10.00 a.m. <i>Elizabeth Gilligan, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday morning Mass.
Mass at 8.15 a.m. Mon-Sat at St Mary's House, 38 Preston Park Avenue.
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.

OUR FAITH

'It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal' [St John Paul II, 19.viii.2000]. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

CAFOD FAST DAY – This Friday

Please pick up your envelopes today for the CAFOD Harvest fast day this Friday and return your envelopes in the collection plate next Sunday.

'Each person matters. No human life is ever redundant' [Basil Cardinal Hume, 1923-1999].

Last week's collections: 1st: £513.70, 2nd: £109.35

QUIET MORNING OF PRAYER, Sat 04 Oct

There is an ecumenical morning of prayer next Saturday (to which all are invited) in the Cassidy Centre. I am still looking for someone to lead it but suppose I will have to do it if no other person is found. Pray for the success of this, Fr Bruno.

PRAYERS FOR NIKKI BRATERMAN

Please keep Nikki in your prayers. Our Novena for her finishes this Wednesday. Please come along one evening at 6 pm until then as together we pray the rosary for her.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'Nothing short of suffering, except in rare cases, makes us what we should be; gentle instead of harsh, meek instead of violent, conceding instead of arrogant, lowly instead of proud, pure-hearted instead of sensual, sensitive of sin instead of carnal' [Blessed John Henry Newman].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	17 Valley Drive	Prayer of the Rosary	Ethil Rogers, 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
27 Sept -01 Oct	6 pm	Church	Rosary Novena for Nikki Braterman	
Fri 03 Oct	All day		CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	
Mon 20 Oct	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation eve. for parents	Fr Bruno
Sat 29 Nov	11-3 pm	Church Hall	Parish Christmas Fair	

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 & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

PRESTON PARK PRESCHOOL

Preston Park Preschool currently has vacancies for preschools children, 2.5 - 5 yr olds. Our preschool is a popular long established group situated in the spacious premises at St Mary's Church hall. The experienced staff are friendly and well qualified. "Staff are highly confident practitioners and provide excellent support" (Ofsted). Opening times are 9:15 - 12:15 during the LEA academic year. Funding is available from 3 and for eligible 2 year olds. Ofsted registered 130762. If you would like more details or arrange a visit please contact Sally McLaughlin 01273 557144 or email prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 31st October 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 Masses from 5th October (or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642)

SVP MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Saturday 01 November, at 2.30 pm, we will be having a Mass, with the anointing of the sick, for the housebound of the parish. The parish SVP group will arrange transport. Please let the parish know if you or anyone you know would like a lift. There will also be refreshments afterwards.

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

It is only 10 weeks until our parish Christmas fair. Please can you start sorting out suitable items - no junk or jumble please. The poster for stall holders and helpers will be coming soon. If you would like to run a stall, or have an idea for a new stall but are unsure as to what is involved please contact Eve on 01273 979204. We still need a keen mum with contacts at St Bernadette's to help us on the committee. Again please contact Eve if you can help. Many hands make light work!

PADRE PIO PROCESSION - Next Sunday

Sunday 5th October at St Joseph's Church, Elm Grove. Following the 11.30 Mass the procession will depart at 1pm and return for lunch in the parish hall. All welcome.

A PRAYER

'O God of mercy and compassion, all our guilt lies open to you, all our secret sins are known to you, all our ugly ways are clear before you, yet you never cease to offer us your redeeming love. Have mercy on us in our pitiful attempts to cloak our sinfulness with false bravado. Grant us the joy that comes with full repentance, through Christ our Lord, Amen.'

LIVING FAITH COURSE - Starts this week

This course will be taking place down at St Joseph's, Elm Grove, starting with a talk and a prayer evening on Tuesday 30 Sept. at 7.30pm. It will continue for the 4 Tuesdays of October with good speakers. All welcome. See poster in porch for details.

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).

CATHOLAITY FAIR - Sat 08 Nov.

This year's Catholaity Fair is at Hove Town Hall Sat. 8th November, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for "Uganda Hands for Hope." If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery social event, there will be all the usual stalls and refreshments will be available during the day. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets will be available over the next couple of weeks and usually around 90% of all the tickets we sell will go to "Uganda Hands for Hope." Many thanks for your support, Chris Rodrigues

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING - This Week

On Wednesday October 1st from 4-7.30pm Cardinal Newman Catholic School will be holding its annual open evening for prospective parents and students. Despite being heavily oversubscribed every baptized Catholic student (whether at a Catholic primary school or not) who applied last year was offered a place. Parents of students in Year 5 and Year 6 and their children will find the open evening particularly useful but all are welcome. More details are available on the school website www.cncs.co.uk.

A REMINDER - No meat on Fridays

Every Friday, as Catholics, we must do some form of penance, one way we do this is to abstain from meat.