

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 29 January, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	28	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. Mrs Ann Ward (4 th Anniv), R.I.P.
Sun	29	<u>4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>	10.00 a.m. Norah Golden, R.I.P.
		Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12	12 noon Pro Populo – for the people of the parish
Mon	30	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. Harry Hart, R.I.P.
Tue	31	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	01	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. Albert Gale, R.I.P.
Thurs	02	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i> [Old Mass 1962 Missal]	7.00 p.m. Wellbeing of Maureen Allan
Fri	03	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</i>	10.00 a.m. Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.
Sat	04	<i>'First Saturday' Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00 a.m. Sr Mary John, R.I.P.
		Wedding	2.00 p.m. Alexis Healy & Jordan Gardner
		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. Tim Cahill, R.I.P.
Sun	05	<u>5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>	10.00 a.m. Neil Gazley
		Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16	12 noon Pro Populo – for the people of the parish

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

Last week in the gospel we saw the beginning of the public life of our Blessed Lord and his call to the first disciples to come and follow him. Today continues on from this and we see where Jesus leads them. It is up a mountain where he begins to teach. What he teaches is the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7). This teaching begins with the Beatitudes which we hear today. Over the next four Sundays leading up to the beginning of Lent (Wed. 1st March) we will hear subsequent parts of this same sermon. It is a teaching that comes from the mouth of Jesus and at the end of his words we hear how 'his teaching made a deep impression on the people' (Matt 7:28). In the next few weeks in our personal prayer time maybe we can slowly read and pray this sermon, Jesus first words to us who want to be his disciples. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

CHRISTMAS CRIB - This will be the last week our crib will be up. It is an old custom for it to remain until the 2nd February, the Presentation of the Lord, 40 days after Christmas. That day is also the day of the Purification of our Lady, the most ancient of the feasts

Last Sunday's Collection: £524.05, 2nd coll.: £80.21
 Next week's 2nd coll. is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Ann Ward, R.I.P; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the Intentions of Dick Morris. If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust Collection Feb 4/5th

The Pilgrimage Trust is an independent charity which manages our Diocesan Pilgrimage, and takes around 700 people each year to Lourdes, of whom around 140 are frail, elderly, disabled and sick. The trust receives no regular direct financial support from the Diocese but relies on volunteers and generous donors to enable it to offer financial support. Last year the amount donated to subsidise those in our community who struggled to pay for their trip in full was £57,844. This amount was mostly raised by the generosity of the annual retiring collection which will be taken next week across the parishes in the diocese.

Homeless Sunday Coffee Morning Last Sunday

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to all who contributed and came to support us last Sunday. We raised

of our Lady.

£156 for St Anne's Day Centre. Claire Shelton-Jones.

PARISH DIARY				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Fri 03 Feb	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno
Sat 04 Feb	2 pm	Church	Wedding: Alexis Healy & Jordan Gardner	
Sat 04 Feb	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation meeting (2)	Fr Bruno/ John Stone
Wed 08 Feb	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth club	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Judy Harrison, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

Crossover Brighton

We received a Thank you letter from this charity who received a donation from us from the money raised from the Christmas Fair: *"Thank you very much indeed for the generous gift of £600 from yourself and the congregation of St Mary's for the work of Crossover Brighton. At this time of year the need for sleeping bags is great and we will now be able to buy the 'all weather' variety to give out at our street breakfast. Your support is appreciated and we would be grateful if you could pass on our thanks to Henry and Eve Morrison and other members of your congregation involved."* David Bolton

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th July to 4th August 2017.

Online applications will be open soon - check Pilgrimage website for details www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance or those without access to the internet, should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct for a paper application form on 01403 740110.

'A DAY WITH MARY' - Will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 25 February, 2017. This year is very significant as it marks the centenary of the apparitions in Fatima. The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome. See poster in porch for further details.

'BEGINNING EXPERIENCE' - For single, separated, divorced or bereaved Catholics, these weekends help you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning and help you to face the future with renewed hope. Next w'end 17-19 March, W. Wickham, Kent. Contact 'johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk'. See poster in porch.

FROM THE SAINTS

"People ask me what advice I have for a married couple struggling in their relationship. I always answer: pray and forgive. And to young people from violent homes, I say: pray and forgive. And again, even to the single mother with no family support: pray and forgive" [*Bl. Mother Teresa*].

BAPTISM 2017 PREPARATION DATES FOR

PARENTS - These one-off meetings are all on Friday

evenings, 7 - 7.45 pm, in the Cassidy Centre.

First one is this Friday 03 February and then on the

following months, all Fridays, on 07 April, 02 June,

01 September & Friday 03 November, 2017.

"When you want to resolve a complex problem, seek God's will in the matter, and you will find a constructive solution"

St Mark the Ascetic

'Fragrance Prayer' - Bl. John Henry Newman

"Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may be only a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only you, dear Jesus! Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine; so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Lord, will be all from you; none of it will be mine. It will be you, shining on others through me. Let me thus praise you in the way you love best: by shining on those around me. Let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my hearts bears to you. Amen"

FOODBANK UPDATE

Another car load was taken to the local Foodbank this week. Again thank you for your quiet generosity in helping those nearest to us who are in need. The usual foodstuffs and toiletries are still needed and can be left in the foodbank box in the church porch. Thank you.

INSPIRE @ Worth Abbey 10-12th February

This February there will be another retreat at Worth Abbey for young people in school years 7-9. The retreats are run by an experienced team, with the support of the monastic community at Worth and the Diocese. They give young people a brilliant chance to meet other young Catholics and to explore their faith in the beautiful atmosphere of Worth Abbey. There are also games, sports, social activities & much more. The weekend costs £84, but bursaries are available. For more info, or to book, Email toc@worthabbey.net (bookings close Feb 3rd or when the retreat is full). For any questions, email Jack.Regan@dabnet.org the Diocesan Youth Officer.

And finally....

A Jesuit and a Franciscan were lunching together on a Friday. There were two pieces of fish on the dish, one large and the other very small. The Jesuit helped himself to the large piece and put the small one on the other's plate. *"Is that Jesuitry?"* asked the Franciscan.

"What do you mean?" said the Jesuit.

"Only this," the Franciscan replied. *"I've been trained in Holy Poverty. Had I served the fish, I should have put the large piece on your plate, and the small piece on mine."*

"That's exactly what you've got, isn't it?" said the Jesuit.

"What are you complaining about?" [Douglas Woodruff]