

# 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 2 weeks commencing **Sunday 2 August, 2015**

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	1		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
Sun	2	<b><u>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u></b>	Mass Book p.114	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo</i> 12 noon <i>Priests Intentions</i>
		Gospel: John 6:24-35		
Mon	3		<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Sr Josephine Jenkins, R.I.P</i>
Tue	4		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	5	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Mary Ann Hughes, R.I.P</i>
Thurs	6	<b><i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i></b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Fri	7	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Gwen Marshall, R.I.P [FM]</i>
Sat	8	<i>St Dominic, Priest</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i> 12 noon <i>Wells Family Thanksgiving Mass</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m. <i>Priests Intention</i>
Sun	9	<b><u>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u></b>	Mass Book p.117	10.00 a.m. <i>Thanksgiving (S.Dias)</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo</i>
		Gospel: John 6:41-51		
Mon	10	<b>NO MASS MONDAY-FRIDAY THIS WEEK</b>		
Tue	11	"		
Wed	12	"		
Thurs	13	"		
Fri	14	"		
Sat	15	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>		<i>Kathleen Byrne, R.I.P [FM]</i>
			Vigil Mass of The Assumption	7.00 p.m. <i>Priests Intention</i>
Sun	16	<b><u>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (B)</u></b>	Mass Book p.180	10.00am <i>Pro Populo</i> 12 noon <i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**No Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 a.m. Mass in August. Resumes September.**

### **A THOUGHT FOR THE SUMMER**

"The purpose of our lives is to reveal God to men. And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" [Benedict xvi, Inaugural Mass homily].

### **MISSION PRIEST 8/9 AUGUST**

Fr Franco Mastromauro, Mccj, from the Comboni Missionaries will be with us over the weekend of 8/9 August for our annual Mission Appeal. He will be saying the Masses and preaching. Please pray for him, his congregation and his missionary work.

Last Sunday's Coll: £447.21, 'Day for Life' £140.17  
 2nd coll. on August 2nd w/kend for Christian Aid

### **PARISH TABLE-TOP SALE & BARBEQUE**

**Sunday 13 September** the parish SVP group are arranging a Table-Top sale and Barbeque in the parish garden. The Table Top sale in the hall (selling only children's clothes, toys & books) will start at 11am. £10 will buy you a table - paid in advance in an envelope with name and tel. number to be given in 2<sup>nd</sup> collection plate or to Luke Fernandes. This sale will allow parents to exchange their unwanted clothes, books and toys into money to then use as they wish. BBQ to start from 12.30pm to which all are invited. Pray for fine weather.

*"One who has hope lives differently" [Pope Benedict xvi]*

## 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 01273 540038
Sat 15 Aug	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Penelope Lander	

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

### PARISH NEWS

With the end of term having arrived we have also finished with our Sacramental programmes for this year. I am so very grateful to all those who give of their time and help in so many ways - our catechists, group leaders, sacristans, servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, musicians and singers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, those who lead the children's liturgy, our Tea and Coffee volunteers and those who work faithfully behind the scenes in the parish office. Thank you! Here is a reminder of some of our programmes:

**BAPTISMS** - Application forms are in the porch as are the dates for the preparation sessions for the parents. Baptisms usually take place on Saturdays.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** (School year 3 and above), **CONFIRMATION** (School year 10) **AND RCIA** (Adult reception into the Church) - Application forms will be in the porch in September with the various programmes starting around November.

**GETTING MARRIED** - Contact Fr Bruno for this. Generally we need at least 6 months' notice before getting married.

**ALTAR SERVING** - Thank you to our regular servers. Those who have made their First Holy Communion (and older) and who regularly come to Mass are welcome to come and learn. See Fr Bruno or Vito Forte if interested.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - This choir sings once a month (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) at our 10 am Mass. This is open to all children and young adults. Please see Charles Wookey or Liz Dunn if interested.

**SUNDAY 10 AM CHOIR** - Again new and additional voices would be a valuable help in our celebration of Mass. Just make your way to the area by the organ and you will be made welcome.

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- During the holidays there will be **No Tea and Coffee after our Sunday 10 am Mass**. Thank you to those who volunteer for this.
- **Children's Pre-School Liturgy** only (not School Group) will continue through the Summer.
- **Tuesday Bible Study** is off for the Summer and will resume in September.
- No **SVP** meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in August. Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Senior's Club** continues through the Summer. Thank you David.

### FROM THE SAINTS

*I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I do know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, "How many good things have you done in your life?" Rather he will ask, "How much love did you put into what you did?"*  
(Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

### PARISH EVENTS

#### TOWERS CONVENT - 20<sup>th</sup> September

A Parish visit to the Towers Convent leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Benediction. Call David Alfred for further details 01273 540038.

#### MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The parish SVP are arranging a Mass on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (2pm)** especially for the sick and housebound of the parish. The holy anointing with the Sacrament of the Sick will be given during the Mass to those who need it. The SVP are happy to arrange transport for those who request it and there will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please contact Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or the parish office if you would like to come and if you need transport.

### DEANERY/SUMMER EVENTS

#### DEANERY SPONSORED WALK- 16<sup>th</sup> August

The Deanery alongside "Brighton Voices in Exile" - enabling, advocating & supporting those seeking asylum - are having a sponsored walk **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm**. A leisurely 4 mile stroll across the Downs from the Jack & Jill Windmills at Clayton to St. Thomas More's Church Hall, Patcham, followed by a cream tea. For more details call Jo or Peter on 01273 501114.

#### CHRISTIAN MEDIATION WEEK - 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> August

St Cuthman's, Coolham. See poster in church porch for further details

#### SUMMER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, **26-30 Aug 2015**. See poster in porch for details and/or book at: [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net)

#### YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL

**27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Aug Walsingham** - For Young Adults 16-35 Live Worship-Powerful Services-Dynamic Talks-Creative Workshops-FRIENDSHIP!. Coaches from Brighton email: [coaches@youth2000.org](mailto:coaches@youth2000.org). More info at: [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org) - see poster in porch for details.

**And finally ...** It was mealtime during the flight on the small airline. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the woman. "What are my choices?" she asked. "Yes or no," the attendant replied.

*"Do not accept anything as love which lacks truth" [Edith Stein]*