

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 30 August, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>			<u>Intention</u>
Sat	29		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	30	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)		10.00 a.m.	<i>Billy Bamin, R.I.P</i>
		Gospel: Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	Mass Book p.126	12 noon	<i>William Aston, R.I.P</i>
Mon	31	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Patrick & Margaret McGlew, R.I.P</i>
Tue	1		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	2	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>For all in need</i>
Thurs	3		REQUIEM MASS	10.00 a.m.	<i>Stella MacKay, R.I.P</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m.	<i>Sr Josephine Jenkins, R.I.P</i>
Fri	4	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Sat	5	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary 'on Saturday'</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Stephen Deasey, R.I.P (Anniversary)</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Peter Lesser, R.I.P</i>
Sun	6	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		Gospel: Mark 7:31-37	Mass Book p.129	12 noon	<i>Rose McEvoy, R.I.P</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday Mass (not Thursday)

Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All our welcome to join us down in the hall for this.

THE READINGS THIS WEEK

The theme of God's Law, of his commandments, is given to us this Sunday. In the first Reading his law is recognised as a gift which God has given to his people. 'God's law is his word which guides men and women on the journey through life, brings them out of the slavery of selfishness and leads them to the land of true freedom and life' [Benedict xvi]. By God's grace may his Word penetrate and purify us that we may become people of faith, love and joy. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

NOTICE ABOUT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Good News was recently received concerning our Church. It has now been listed and added to the Brighton list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest compiled by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport under Section 1 of the Planning Act of 1990.

QUOTE ON PRAYER – by Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

'Prayer is helplessness casting itself on Power, infirmity leaning on Strength, misery reaching to Mercy, and a prisoner clamouring for Relief.'

16th Aug Coll: £488.77, 2nd Coll: £71.96
 23rd Aug Coll: £426.86, 2nd Coll: £76.97
 2nd collection next week will be for 'The Seminary Fund'

REQUIEM MASS MONICA MCLAUCHLAN, R.I.P.

The Requiem Mass for Monica McLauchlan will be held at St John The Baptist, Friday 11th September at 10am. Please keep in your prayers her family especially her sisters Teresa & Gillian.

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 2nd 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. All are invited. See posters in porch.

Advance Notice – Application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation & RCIA will be available from the Church porch next week.

"Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you & I together can't handle"

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038

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, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt & Terry Rodrigues.

Message From our Bishop, Richard Moth

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide or by post send postcards, copies of which can be found in the porch.

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to the Winners of our August Draw: 1st prize (£50) Mrs C Alexandrou, 2nd prize (£30) Mrs Y Morrison, 3rd prize (£20) Mrs B Morris.

SVP Notices: Boxes to be collected next Sunday, Mass for the sick & housebound – Sat 3rd October 2pm
If you, or you know someone, who would like to come please contact either Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or the Parish Office to arrange transport if needed. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Catholic Certificate In Religious Studies –CCRS

If you are an active member of the parish, catechist, teacher or someone interested in increasing your knowledge of your faith, the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies maybe for you. A Course is running at the University Chaplaincy in Falmer, to find out more information see leaflet on noticeboard or contact Kate Williamson on k.williamson@brighton.ac.uk tel: 07810 596575 or visit the website: ccrs@brighton.

St Cuthmans' Apple Day – Sat 19th Sept.

Sunshine or rain, you are invited to come and join us in the orchard to harvest the years' apple crop. Help sort the different apples, make apple juice and have fun! Please bring food to share for lunch and tea & cake will be provided, music and Mass celebrated. If you have an instrument you play please feel free to bring it along. The day will be from 10.00am - 4.00pm – Free to attend.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP

Next meeting Wed 9th Sept. 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's, 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Royal Albion Hotel will this year be on Tuesday 15 December from 12 noon. Sherry, Turkey, with all the trimmings for £13, including tip (Vegetarian option available). Early payment to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 550038).

"Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind" St Catherine of Siena

A PRAYER FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of children.

Please watch over them all as they go back to school this year and keep them safe each & every day. Help them to remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them to soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts with the armour of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you. Amen.

TOWERS CONVENT – 20th September

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

COFFEE MORNING – Sunday 20th September

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of Uganda Hands For Hope. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc. to the hall before Mass. Many thanks from The Social Concerns Group

NEWMAN COLLEGE SUCCESS

Newman College, the Sixth Form of Cardinal Newman Catholic School, was the scene of great joy on Thursday 13th August as students received their results. 48% of all grades received were between A* and B while 76% were between A* and C. With over 450 students and a wide range of subjects offered at A level and BTEC we are the most successful and popular of all school Sixth Forms in the city. This year over 100 of our students will be going on to higher education institutions, including Oxford, Cambridge, Medical Schools and the Russell group of universities.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the parishes of the Brighton and Hove Deanery for their continuing prayers and support. It is not necessary to be a student at Cardinal Newman Catholic School to gain a place at Newman College and we welcome applications from all those who support our Christian ethos and values. Please go to our website at www.cnscs.co.uk where you will find details of how to apply.

A & B News: Free Copies of the latest A & B News including reports and pictures of the recent pilgrimage to Lourdes are available in the porch.

And finally: The children were lined up in the dining hall for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. A note put on the Apple tray read: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.' At the other end of the table was a large plate of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written: 'Take all you want, God is watching the apples.'