

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 Sun. 30 October, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	29	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Cynthia Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	30	<u>31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 19:1-10	10 a.m. <i>Mrs Brigid Ward, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	31	No Mass	-
Tue	01	ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)	10 a.m. <i>Jonathan Chandler, R.I.P.</i> 7.30 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Wed	02	ALL SOULS - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (1)</i>
Thur	03	[Extraordinary Form]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls (2)</i>
Fri	04	<i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (3)</i>
Sat	05	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary "on Saturday"</i>	10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (4)</i> 7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	06	<u>32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38	10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (5)</i> 12 noon <i>Michael Murphy (16th Annive), R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every 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. Friday

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

This Sunday we hear the story of Zaccheus climbing his tree hoping to see Jesus. When Jesus arrives he stops, looks up and asks Zacchaeus if he can come to his house today. One way of seeing this event is in noticing the vast difference between being a spectator and being a participant. At first Zacchaeus is just an onlooker but before he knows it he is personally involved in the drama and in this way finds Salvation. What about us? Do we like to keep God at a distance and just observe? Salvation will escape us if that is all we ever do. God knows each one of us and like with Zacchaeus is personally asking us: "Can I come to your house today? Will you let me into the deepest part of your soul? Do you want to let me be part of your life?" What is our response? It is in saying "Yes" that we find salvation. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

ALL SAINTS DAY THIS TUESDAY

This Tuesday is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. The children from St Bernadettes will join us for the **10 a.m. Mass**. There will be another **Mass at 7.30 p.m.** There will be **no public Mass Monday morning this week**.

'Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence' - Saint Francis de Sales

Last Sunday's Collection: £444.36; 2nd coll : £144.91
CAFOD Harvest Day Collection: £305.60 (in total)
Next wks 2nd coll. Will be for The Retired Priests Fund

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Edith Bennett, R.I.P.; Our Lady's Lamp for The Chandler Family. If you would like one of these lamps to burn for a week for a special intention contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we traditionally pray and offer Mass for the dead. Between 02-10 November we will be offering a novena (nine consecutive days) of Masses for the Holy Souls. If you have any deceased loved ones you would like to be included in this novena please put their names into the little brown envelopes in the church and return it to the presbytery or to Fr Bruno. Those names will be placed at the foot of the altar and prayed for during this Novena.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

There will be no children's liturgy at today's Sunday 10 a.m. Mass due to half term.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
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
Sun 6 Nov	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion Session	Janet Silva
Sun 6 Nov	3 pm	Cemetaries	Blessing of the Graves	Fr Bruno / Deanery Priests

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, Mary Cosham, Paul Green, Dick Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sophia Thomas who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd November 8.30 p.m. at Liz Woodhead's, 12, Bavant Road.

Smile Quiz Night

Many thanks to everyone who supported our quiz night on Friday 21st October. We had 6 enthusiastic teams. Everyone had a good time and we raised £115 for CAFOD. From The Social Concerns Group.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday Nov. 6th at 3pm the deanery priests will be in the various cemeteries of Brighton & Hove for this blessing. They will be at Hove Cemetery, Woodingdean Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Bear Road and Woodvale Cemetery and at the Brighton and Preston Cemetery (Harrington Road). Meet the priests there who will bless the graves you ask them too. Prayers will also be said for those we love who are buried elsewhere.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL ALBION

Please let Fr Bruno or David know by the end of this week if you would like to come to the Parish Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be at 12 noon, Tuesday 20 Dec. at the Royal Albion Hotel. £14 payment to either Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038). Thank you.

A & B NEWS

Please pick up a free copy of the A&B News in the church porch. The CTS rack has also been recently restocked with some interesting and informative new booklets.

PARISH NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive the parish newsletter via email please email your address to the parish office and you will be added to the BCC list.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sat 26 November

Urgent appeal for someone to contact **Father Christmas** this year, our usual contact isn't working! We don't want to disappoint our young parishioners, can **anyone help?** Please contact Eve **urgently** : 01273 979204. Raffle tickets are available on the pews. Posters to display at home or in your car in Church porch. There are a few stalls that still need volunteers. This weeks push: Chocolate for the chocolate tombola. Bottles for bottle tombola, no alcoholic soft drinks please. Red wine for the mulled wine stall.

Prayer for the Holy Souls

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory.

Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity.

Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory.

May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

CATHOLICITY FAIR – Saturday 12 November

This joyful and festive fair run by the Catholic Parishes in Brighton and Hove is on Saturday 12th November in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to support the parishes and organisations involved in this Deanery social and fund raising event. You can invite friends and it is an opportunity to meet people from our other local parishes. Our Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for Hands for Hope. Many thanks, from Chris Rodrigues.

CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOOR

The Holy Father has asked that Holy Doors, other than that of St Peter's Basilica in Rome, be closed on Sunday 13th November. Accordingly Bishop Richard will be celebrating Mass at Arundel Cathedral at 5.00pm on that day. As there was a great number of people gathered for the opening of the Holy Door, Bishop Richard would like to extend an invitation to all; to join him once again to mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Chilworth Day of Prayer and Praise, *Learning to live in the gaze of God*, given by Alice Hall, on Sat, 19th of November 2016. The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. information:www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Hospital Visits

Please let Fr Bruno or the Parish Office know if there is someone you know who is in hospital and may need to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites). We no longer get a list of the Catholics in hospital and we rely on you the parishioners informing us.

And finally ... A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Priest said: You can have 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer and 4 poorer ones."