

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 31 January, 2016

		<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat	30	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>In Gratitude (JM)</i>
Sun	31	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 Mass Book p.132	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	1	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	2	Candlemas - The Presentation of the Lord	10 a.m. <i>Margaret McGlew</i>
Wed	3	<i>St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr</i>	10 a.m. <i>Sheila Garvey, R.I.P</i>
Thurs	4	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>John McDonald, R.I.P</i> 7 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Miroslava)</i>
Fri	5	Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal <i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sat	6	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>For the victims of Abortion</i> 7 p.m. <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P</i>
Sun	7	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 Mass Book p.135	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Bamin Family</i>

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

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

When we open the Scriptures and read of the growth of the Church in those first years after the Ascension of the Lord we see something that at first sight is quite surprising. The main catalyst for the conversion of people is not powerful preaching or seeing miracles but rather the simpler observation they make of how the Christians loved one another. It was a type of love that the pagans had not seen before. It was not love which had its origin in selfish motives but a love that was genuine, pure and altruistic. In our 2nd Reading today we have St Paul's great hymn of love (1 Cor. 12:31-13:13). He says that whatever we may have or do it is nothing without love, and that this love is love shown towards our closest 'community' - our family and those we see every day. This is the teaching of Jesus himself who also added that we cannot expect even to pray effectively if we are not at peace with our brother (Matt. 5:23-24). Today's 2nd Reading is often read at weddings but we can also read it profitably at all times. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Phoebe Teresa Price and Linda Mapalo Taaffe who were baptised and made Christians and children of God this last Saturday.

Last Sundays Collection: £576.08 , 2nd Coll: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ): £80.72
 Next Sundays 2nd collection will be for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid envelopes are on the pews)

Diary Date : Ash Wednesday - February 10th

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ashes will be distributed at the 10am & 7pm Masses.

CANDLEMAS

There will be no Mass at St Mary's on Monday this week but there will be Mass on Tuesday. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. It is the 40th day after Christmas and brings this beautiful season to a close. There will be a mini procession before Mass and candles will be blessed. The crib will also come down after this Feast.

St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

On Wednesday (3rd Feb.) we celebrate St Blaise. As is the custom throats will be blessed after the 10 am Mass.

PARISH SURVEY - Prayer, Formation, Mission

Thank you to those who have replied so (9). If you have not replied so far copies are still available in the porch. Please hand in your responses by Ash Wednesday,

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
Tue 2 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting	Fr Bruno
Sat 6 Feb	7 pm	St George's Church Kemptown	'My Spirit Sang All Day' In memory of Nikki Braterman	www.billetto.co.uk or email contact@voxangeli.co.uk
Sun 7 Feb	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Comm. class	Janet Silva
Wed 10 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.c.o.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Resi Michel, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

FEBRUARY A & B NEWS

The latest edition of the A & B News has arrived. Please pick up your free copy in the church porch.

'MY SPIRIT SANG ALL DAY'

There will be a concert on Saturday 6th February in memory of Nikki Braterman. It will be at 7.00 pm at St George's Church, Kemptown. The performance will be by the Vox Angeli Choir. There will be a varied program, including pieces by Finzi, Monteverdi, Parry, Mendelssohn and Elgar, along with some lighter popular pieces. All proceeds will be donated to Delete Blood Cancer, which supported Nikki throughout her illness. For tickets (£10, concessions £5) and more information please go to: www.billetto.co.uk/nikkibraterman or email: contact@voxangeli.co.uk. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2016

If you are thinking of getting married next year (or have date arranged for this year) then book your place for a marriage preparation course which will take place in the Cassidy Centre here at St. Mary's.

Course 1: Saturday 23rd April 9.30 to 4.30pm
 Course 2: Saturday 11th June 9.30 to 4.30pm
 Course 3: Saturday 12th November 9.30 to 4.30pm

Contact Angela Fishenden on 01273 386593 to book.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) LENT RETREAT -

Dying and Rising in Christ Fri 12th - Sun 14th February @ Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, Sussex. Talks - Space - Mass - Prayer - Friendship. For more info or for booking contact: toc@worthabbey.net

THE YEAR OF MERCY

The 7 Corporal works of Mercy

To feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to harbour the harbourless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned and to bury the dead.

The 7 Spiritual works of Mercy

To counsel the doubtful, to instruct the ignorant, to admonish sinners, to comfort the afflicted, to forgive offences, to bear wrongs patiently and to pray for the living and the dead.

A Prayer – The Presentation of the Lord

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. As Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring, and Simeon saw in him the dawn of redemption, complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us the vessels of his light, that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace. Amen.

EMPTY JAM JARS NEEDED ... please

At the Christmas Fair you will have noticed a fabulous stall packed full of Marmalade & Preserves. Most of these were kindly home made by one of our parishioners, Maureen Ashing, with a lot of the fruit coming from her own garden. However, what doesn't grow in her garden are the jars. If any of you have empty, clean jars going spare please drop them in the church porch and we will get them to Maureen.

Illuminate @ Worth Abbey: 19-21st Feb.

A weekend retreat for young people in years 9-13. The weekend will include inspiring talks, time for discussion, participation in the Monk's prayer, time for space and prayer, praise and worship and games. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to grow in their faith through making friends and having a whole lot of fun in the beautiful setting of Worth Abbey. Please email francescacarbone@btinternet.com for further information and to book email toc@worthabbey.net. Booking deadline 12th February.

Coffee Morning Last Sunday

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who contributed and supported us last Sunday 24th January. We raised £114 for St Anne's Day Centre. Thank you, from Claire Shelton-Jones.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION – for Lent?

'St Teresa's Way of perfection for everyone' by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard, is an easy to read but challenging little book. Don't be fooled by its simple presentation and cartoon like drawings I found it really helpful and inspiring, a gem of a book [Eve Morrison].

More Church bulletin mistypes – as found in newsletters and announcements: 'Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's your chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.' 'Next Sunday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.' 'Year 8 will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the hall this Friday at 7pm. You are invited to attend this tragedy.'

'Love is not affectionate feeling but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained'