

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 04 September, 2016

		<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat	03	[Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. William Aston, R.I.P.
Sun	04	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 Mass Book p.133	10 a.m. Craig Wasdell, R.I.P. 12 noon Pro Populo – for the people of the parish
Mon	05	Feria	10 a.m. Private Intention (A.Aston)
Tue	06	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	07	Feria CHANGE OF MASS TIME TODAY	9.15 a.m. Angela McEvoy, R.I.P.
Thur	08	The Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary 1962 Missal	7 p.m. Sister Oliver Plunket, R.I.P.
Fri	09	Feria	10 a.m. Wellbeing of Fenella Hogge
Sat	10	Saturday morning votive Mass to the Bl. Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	10 a.m. Priest's Intention 7 p.m. Pro Populo
Sun	11	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 Parish Mass Book p.136	10 a.m. Mass for the Prayer Board Intentions 12 noon Jean Marion Lamb, R.I.P.

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 morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Welcome back to those who have been away over the Summer. Schools start again this week and you will find an application form for the parish sacramental programmes overleaf. During the summer a new sound system was installed in the church which also meant re-locating the pulpit into the sanctuary. The church floor was also sanded and re-laquered. The workmen in both instances took care to do good jobs and I am very grateful to them for that. Here is a quote from Allen R. Hunt, a former Mega Church Pastor who became a Catholic (his story can be found on the website 'Why I'm Catholic'): 'It became obvious why Catholics had built such beautiful cathedrals and churches throughout the world. Not as gathering or meeting places for Christians, but as a home for Jesus Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. Cathedrals house Jesus. Christians merely come and visit Him. The cathedrals and churches architecturally prepare our souls for the beauty of the Eucharist.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Mass for Prayer Board Intentions – 11th Sept

Many intentions get posted on our prayer board in the church. These will be taken down (to free up the board) and a Mass offered for these intentions next Sunday, at 10.

21st August Collection: £506.44, 2nd collection: £75.55
 28th August Collection: £330.52, 2nd collection: £59.36
 Next weeks 2nd coll. is for the Catholic Education Service

Mother Teresa – Canonised September 4th

Mother Teresa touched the lives of so many people around the world. She was and is an inspiration for all of us to live life following Jesus and treat one another with love and kindness. A favourite prayer of hers, which she said never failed, was the *Memorare*: 'Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.'

TOWERS CONVENT TRIP – Sun. 18th September

A Parish visit to the Towers Convent, Upper Beeding. The coach leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm on Sunday 18th Sept., returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Benediction. Call David Alfred for further details on 01273 540038. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Porch.

"To show great love for God and our neighbour we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in the doing that makes our offering something beautiful for God" St Teresa of Calcutta

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
Fri 09 Sept	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Session for parents	Fr Bruno
Wed 14 Sept	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club School Yrs 7-11	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: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, Anthony Larratt, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is the weekend of 10th & 11th September. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support.

CAFOD - Volunteer in your parish community

Put faith into action and help CAFOD in your parish. As a volunteer in your church community you can mobilise parishioners to take action for global justice. CAFOD's work connects your community with those overseas. Be at the heart of CAFOD as parish volunteers are vital to our work. Join us and see how the time you give means less time someone else has to live in poverty. For more information contact Martin or Jo at the Arundel & Brighton Volunteer Centre on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If you would like to enrol for any of Sacramental programmes for this next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date September 30th. Details about first meetings will follow in the newsletter.

NAME:.....

SCHOOL YEAR:.....

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE No.:

EMAIL:

I wish to enrol for the preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [Year 3+]

CONFIRMATION [Year 10+]

ADULT BAPTISM / RECEPTION

Signed _____

Sanctuary lamp this week is burning 'In Thanksgiving for a miracle [Mira]' If you would like the Sanctuary lamp to burn night and day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a special intention contact Fr Bruno or the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to the Winners of our August Draw: 1st prize (£50), donated to S.V.P; 2nd prize (£30), Mr & Mrs Ashing; 3rd prize (£20), Mr & Mrs D'Souza.

PARISH YOUTH CLUB - 1st meeting Wed. 14 Sept.

Peter McDermott and his team run a regular (term time) youth club. It takes place every other Wednesday during term-time from 7.30pm-9pm (*the attendance fee is £1 per evening*). The Youth Club is for children in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 (aged 11-16). **They also have themed evenings including:** Pizza making, cake decorating makeover evenings, jewellery making, card making, pool challenges, board game bonanzas, quiz nights and many other things. As well as being fun this provides an opportunity for friendships to develop and continue after the children leave their primary schools. More info at: smyclub.co.uk or email info@smyclub.co.uk

CHRISTMAS FAIR - less than 12 weeks away now!

Can any of you help us out with SUGAR for jam making & DRIED FRUIT for Christmas pudding making. Items can be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you.

Grandparents' Day of Reflection Sat 10th Sept

A day to explore the pressures on children growing up in a techno centric world & how we as Grandparents can best support them. Saturday 10th Sept 10am to 4pm - Christian Education Centre (DABCEC) 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP - Drinks provided but please bring a packed lunch. To book your place contact : Katherine Bergin 01293 651152 or email: Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION

We had two requests this week from foreign students asking if there were any parishioners with which they could lodge during the year ahead. If you can offer something please contact the parish office and we will pass on details.

SATURDAY CRAFTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Starting Saturday 17 Sept., 11 am - 12.30 pm, there will be a Saturday craft club for children. It will be run by one of our parishioners Izabel Rocha. She can be contacted on 07925 195619 or email 'craftsclubforchildren@gmail.com' See poster in church porch for more details.

And finally ... A one-liner from the comedian Milton Jones: 'If they make it illegal to wear the veil at work, bee keepers are going to be furious.'

"It is a kingly act to assist the fallen" Mother Teresa of Calcutta