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 05 July, 2015

		Mass proper		<u>Intention</u>			
Sat	4	Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	The Bamin Family, R.I.P			
Sun	5	14 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)	9.00 a.m.	Pro Populo			
		Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 Mass Book p.103		There Is No Noon Mass Today Due To Jubilee Celebrations			
Mon	6	St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr 10.		Desmond O'Riordan, R.I.P			
Tue	7	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	m			
Wed	8	Feria	10.00 a.m.	John Cullen, R.I.P			
Thurs	9	Feria	10.00 a.m.	Marie Gilmore, R.I.P			
	[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal] 7		7.00 p.m.	Sr Josephine (St Mary's House), R.I.P			
Fri	10	Feria	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention			
Sat	11	St Benedict – Abbot, Patron of Europe	10.00 a.m.	For vocations to the Priesthood			
		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention			
Sun	12 15 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)		10.00 a.m.	Pro Populo			
		Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 Mass Book p.106	12 noon	Darrell D'Silva, R.I.P			
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. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

When Jesus returned to Nazareth it was an occasion of sadness for him as he was rejected by his own people. They themselves ended up the losers though as they missed out on the gifts, teaching and salvation he came to offer. It is part of the tragedy of sin that so often God and his word is rejected. Today though Jesus still comes to us during the Mass. Here is the best moment to open our hearts to him, listen to him with faith and receive him with love. Seek and you will find. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE

Today (Sunday 5th July) we will celebrate our Diocesan Golden Jubilee at the AMEX. In the last 50 years so many priests and religious have given themselves unstintingly for the work of the Gospel in A&B. Equally, many lay men, women and childrenall in response to their baptismal call to holiness have sought to authentically live-out their vocation as sons and daughters of God. We have lots for which to give thanks. Let's pray, too, that many more will be generous in responding to a call from the Lord, especially to priesthood.

Last Sunday's Collection: £528.34, 2nd Collection Peters Pence: £82.63

PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Peter McDermott and his team run a regular (term time) youth club for school years 7 to 11. As well as being fun this provides an opportunity for friendships to develop and continue after the children leave their primary schools. This Wednesday 15 July Year 6's are invited to a taster 'come and see' gathering, 7.30 – 9 pm, in the church hall. More info at: smyclub.co.uk or email info@smyclub.co.uk

SEA SUNDAY - 12TH JULY

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For more info. visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Please pray for Alicia Davis & Michael Curd who were married here on Saturday. We wish them every blessing and happiness for their future life together.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today, Let us begin" Mother Teresa

			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	
Wed 15 July	$1 \mathrm{pm}$	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting		
Wed 15 July	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Youth Club	smyclub.co.uk	
Sun 19July	12 noon	Church	Going Forth Mass with certificates	Janet Silva or John Stone	
			for Confirmation & Communion		

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, Peter Cornelius, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Monica McLauchlan & Terry Rodrigues

Diary Date: Christmas Fair 28th November

It is only July but it is also jam making season. Could you make an extra jar or 2? Or provide some sugar? There will be a box in the porch. Also if you're driving abroad & bring wine back, could you bring an extra bottle for the fair? If there is a particular stall that you would like to run either again or for the first time could you let either Eve or Tess know. Thank you

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

For a challenging and thought-provoking read, immerse yourself in Ann Voskamp's New York Times best seller One Thousand Gifts. Ann's poetic style takes the reader through some of the joys and great sadness's that have touched her life, and through stages in developing a lifechanging attitude of thanksgiving which will open your heart to receive the joy God offers you in every situation. Ann also has a blog at www.aholyexperience.com which she describes as 'the exhale your soul's looking for on those days that feel dry & brittle'.

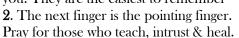
MASS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMS NOT TRAVELLING IN 2015 - Saturday 1st August

If you normally travel to Lourdes, but are not for whatever reason able to be there this year, a Mass is being held for pilgrims to get together and experience some of the atmosphere and Friendship of the Pilgrimage. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whiteways Lane, Rottingdean, BN2 7HB at 10am, Saturday 1st August. There promises to be lots of recognisable Lourdes music to enjoy. After Mass, if you would like to stay with the group, they will create their own 'Little Flower' and decamp down to The Plough at the end of the lane for coffee, maybe a lunchtime drink or lunch. If you are intending to attend, please call/text Andrew Harvey (after 7pm weekdays or anytime wknds) on 07736 930849, or email andrewjharvey1@gmail.com So an idea of numbers can be gained. Thank you.

SVP 'Thank You' to everyone who has taken a collection box. (If you have box numbers 33 / 35 / 63 please can you give your name and tel. number either to Mary Cornelius 01273 558812 or the Parish office). How collections will be made - Collections will be made quarterly. Please bring box contents to the church the weekends of: 5th & 6th Sept: 5th & 6th Dec: 5th & 6th March or 4th & 5th June. Thank you.

The 5 Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember



This includes teachers, doctors, nurses, counsellors, priests, sisters & others in the caring profession. They need support & wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

- **3.** Next is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for our leaders in government, business & industry. These people shape our nation & guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
- **4.** The fourth finger is our ring finger. This is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need our prayers day & night.
- **5.** Lastly is our little finger, the smallest finger of all. Here we should place ourselves in relation to God & others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. You yourself know best your own needs & concerns.

Calling all parents! Youth Club Helpers

Our parish Youth club is looking for some more adult helpers. It is an enjoyable and rewarding thing to be involved in. See Fr Bruno or Peter McDermott if you feel this is something for you.

CATHOLAITY FAIR 14th NOVEMBER 2015

A date for your diary. This year the Catholaity Fair will be in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse. Bishop Richard will also be attending.

Pilgrimage to Fatima - 22 - 28 November 2015. Including all excursions for £629. Early Booking is strongly recommended. For further information call Mrs Mozzi on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301

Teenage Summer Week @ Worth Abbey

10-16 August. A Summer Retreat Week for young people aged 14-17 (Currently in school years 9-12). An opportunity to explore the creativity of God, the promises he has made us, especially in the scriptures, and to discover our innate ability to be creative. The week will also include: sport, talks, discussions, participation in the Monks' prayer, camp fires, night prayers, picnics, lots of good food, silly games and time the quiet garden. Please email mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter, 5. 8