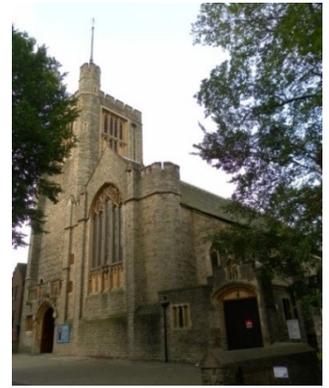


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 05 June, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	04 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Parish Mass Book p.93	10 a.m. <i>Centenary of WW1 – Battle of Jutland</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	06 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Orlane Parkinson</i>
Tue	07 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	08 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Thur	09 <i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7 p.m. <i>Stefan Mönkemeyer</i>
Fri	10 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sat	11 <i>St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	12 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3 Parish Mass Book p.96	10 a.m. <i>Daphne Moffatt, R.I.P</i> 12 noon <i>Mass with First Holy Communions</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Non-Catholics who desire instruction in the faith welcome at any time. See Fr Bruno
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

In today's gospel we see Jesus coming across a funeral procession. A widow has just lost her only son. Jesus could have passed by or waited to be called but he didn't. Moved with compassion he goes to console the mother and says, 'Do not weep.' It is like saying, 'There, there, dry your tears. I am here. All will be well. Have courage.' And then comes the miracle, the sign of the power of Christ who is God. He lays his hand on the young man's body and orders him to get up and then gives him back to his mother. What a miracle but notice how first came his compassion, an evident sign of the tenderness of the heart of Christ for us. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

This last week saw the centenary of the naval Battle of Jutland. Bishop Richard has asked for Mass to be said for those who gave their lives for us and our 10 am Mass this Sunday will be offered for them: 'Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for another.' RIP dear soldiers. 'On all the oceans white caps flow, you do not see crosses, row on row, nor those that sleep beneath the Sea. Rest in Peace for your Country's Free.'

Last Sunday's collection: £ 516.02

2nd coll. 'Missionary Endeavour of the diocese': £ 93.07

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please keep in your prayers the children of St Thomas More's parish who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. Also pray for the 23 children in our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday at our 12 o'clock Mass: Isla Blackwell, Emily Booth, Iona Brunstrom, Cara Carlin, Martha Carr, Ann-Sarah D'Abadie de Lurbe, Nathan D'Souza, Molly Edwards, Theodore French, Lola Haren, Charlotte Harrison, Clementine Hammond, Hettie Hughes, Rose Jordan, Emma Kane, Jan Krakowski, Rosie Larsen Disney, Isaac Mahony, Mary Millar, Ophelia Parkinson, Leily Saadatzaheh, Henry Stenning & Ewan Walker. Please keep them and their families in your prayers this week.

Midday Mass next Sunday, 12 June. Space is at a premium on this day of our parish First Holy Communion. Those who usually come to this Mass may need to go to our Saturday 7 p.m. or Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

"Look up to heaven, and do not forfeit it for earth" -St Francis de Sales

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 7 June	7.30-9 pm	St Joseph's	Confirmation group meeting	
Wed 8 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club - school years 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, David Hayes, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

S.V.P – The next quarterly collection is this weekend. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **Thank you** to everyone for your generous support. **Also...a date for your diary S.V.P. Parish Family Fun Day – Sunday 10th July, 11am.** Consisting of: Table-top sale of children's clothes, toys, books, etc. (Tables available £10 payable in advance), children's games, face painting, children's cake decorating as well as Teas, Coffee, soft drinks & cakes. Plus family BBQ to include Bacon Butties.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

A sincere thank you to those who sponsored Fr Bruno on his bike ride. So far over £1500 has been raised, which is wonderful. If you sponsored him and have yet to pay you will find envelopes for this in the church porch. Thank you

'The Sacred Heart of Jesus' – by Jennifer Hubbard

'Their innocent voices filled the church as the offertory procession advanced towards the altar. I watched as he carefully carried the crystal pitcher containing what would become Jesus' blood. When they arrived, my brave one extended the vessel and bowed low. My heart cracked open and salty tears streamed down my face.

Jesus tells his disciples, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (Mt 26:28). Jesus does not reserve his love for the few. He does not suffer only for those who love him. He offers his life to save all humanity because humanity cannot save itself. His pure and unstained heart is pierced. Its blood poured out forms pools at his feet to wash clean our sins. His blood poured out freely to seal, sanctify, and save from weakness. He lays down his life and offers his heart because of his love. A love so great, for we are his beloveds, and a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends (Jn 15:13).

I approach the altar bowing low, just as my brave one had moments before. Extended to me is a cup filled with the blood from the very heart pierced for my forgiveness - a cup extended to fill the very person for whom it was emptied. Through the outstretched hands, I am offered his heart. I quietly offer mine as I extend my open hands to accept his.'

Jennifer Hubbard writes for Magnificat and lives in the USA. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012.

"There is no place for selfishness—and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice" [Saint John Paul II]

A NOTICE FOUND IN AN OLD CHURCH

'You have come into this house where God lives. Whoever you are, he welcomes you, with your gladness and your sadness, with your successes and your failures, your hopes and disappointments. Be welcome. Before you, others have loved this place, helped to build it and make it beautiful, and they have prayed here. Respect it. Be silent. If you believe, pray. If you are seeking, look. If you are doubting, ask for light. If you are joyful, give thanks to God, and may your happiness continue. In this house you may meet others and be able to pray with them. May your stay in this place remain in your heart. Whoever you are, he welcomes you. Welcome him, too.'

Social Concerns Group

Next meeting Wed. 8th June, 8.30 p.m. at Liz Woodhead's, 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome.

FOODBANK UPDATE

Another car boot load was recently taken to the local foodbank. Thank you. What they are especially looking for this week is rice, tomato sauces (tinned or jars), tinned fish, toiletries and long life milk and fruit juices.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND IN BRIGHTON

Sat 25th – Sun 26th June at Cardinal Newman School. Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for people of all ages, with separate streams for children, teens & young adults. There will be Mass, talks, times of praise and worship, Reconciliation, workshops, etc. See poster in porch for details or visit the website 'www.celebrateconference.org/brighton'.

PRAYER GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

'Deep Waters' is a prayer / social group for 18-35 yr olds that meets Thursdays (7-9pm) at 1 Elm Grove. It is run by the Wellspring Community and is open to new members. There is Faith, food, friendliness and fellowship.

Accommodation Required

A lady who works at St Mary's House is looking for a room to rent in a place close to St Mary's. She is content for it to be in a shared home and not necessarily 'self-contained'. Contact the parish office if you can help.

PARISH WEBSITE – This has been largely untouched for a few years now. Is there someone willing and able to spend time bringing it up to date, or making a new one?

And finally ... A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin & Ryan. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said, 'If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait."' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."