

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. 09 October, 2016 – Month of the Rosary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	08 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. Elizabeth Gilligan, R.I.P.
Sun	09 <u>28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 Mass Book p.149	10 a.m. Pro Populo – for the people of the parish 12 noon Margarita Callaghan, R.I.P.
Mon	10 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. Holy Souls
Tue	11 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	12 <i>St Wilfrid, Bishop, Secondary Patron of the Diocese</i>	10 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Ken Heath)
Thur	13 REQUIEM MASS <i>St Edward the Confessor</i> [1962 Missal]	10 a.m. Constanza (Connie) Gentile, R.I.P. 7 p.m. Wellbeing of Francisco
Fri	14 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P. (Anniv)
Sat	15 <i>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. John McEvoy, R.I.P. 7 p.m. Private Intention
Sun	16 <u>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8 Parish Mass Book p.152	10 a.m. Pro Populo – for the people of the parish 12 noon Eric Robinson

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. Rosary 9.30 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

A theme of thanksgiving runs through the readings this week, and more particularly of giving thanks to God. In the first reading Naaman, having been cured of his leprosy by the God of Israel, vows never to ever forget this nor ever worship any other God than the one true one who has given him back his life. In the Gospel Jesus cures ten lepers but only one returns to give him thanks and praise God. The gospel reading ends with Our Lord telling us that eternal salvation itself depends on our faith and gratitude to God. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

1st First holy Communion Meeting – Children

We will have our first meeting for all the Children who have signed up for the 2016/17 course at 9.30am in the Cassidy Centre, next Sunday, 16th October.

Constanza (Connie) Gentile, R.I.P

Connie Gentile, whom many of you know, died peacefully on Monday morning (3rd). The Requiem Mass will be this Thursday, 13th October, at 10am. May she rest in peace. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Last Sunday's Collection: £507.03 - 2nd coll. £68.37
 This weeks 2nd coll; is for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the Intentions of Anna & Tadeusz Jodlowiec. Our Lady's Lamp for the wellbeing of Frederick Mckay . If you would like one of these lamps to burn night and day for a week for a special intention contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

CHURCH CLEANING

At the moment we only have one or two parishioners who kindly clean the church. We need a few more volunteers. Could you spare an hour or so once a month to help keep God's house clean? The cleaning is usually done Saturday morning. There is a sign up sheet in the porch.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Separate leaflet in Church Porch. The sign up sheet for the various stalls for the Christmas Fair is now in the porch for you to sign up. The Big Push this week for Bottles, Jewellery & unused toiletries. Items can be left in the church porch. Thank you.

*"Be joyful, for there is someone who loves your God as he deserves,
 who knows him as her only Son" St Teresa of Avila*

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
Wed 12 Oct	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 14 Oct	7-7.45pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno

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

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ARUNDEL

Next Saturday, 15th October, there is a Brighton & Hove Deanery Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral to celebrate the Year of Mercy. The deanery coach will leave St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. We have been allocated 20 spaces. No charge. Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to go.

Smile Quiz Night! - Friday 21st October, 7.30 pm

Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 2nd-16th October (or call Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642, email her on claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net or call Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899).

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW DEADLINE

BEST TIME TO JOIN £30 in: £200 to win. Join by 14th October to be entered (£200.1st prize/ £150.2nd/ £50.3rd). And of course £50/£30/£20 for the other 11 months. Contact Mary Cornelius on 01273558812

CATHOLAITY FAIR

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. Grand Draw tickets will be available over the next couple of weeks and this year's Fair has a Christmas theme. Our Social Concerns Group will be running their usual stall for Hands for Hope. Many thanks from Chris Rodrigues

Book Recommendation

The Simplest Prayer: A Book of Love & Faith by the Irish Franciscans, £7.99 - Hachette Books, Ireland. Proceeds to the Franciscan Mission in Zimbabwe. Obtainable from the Dabcec Bookshop

'I find prayer difficult - not saying prayers - really praying with heart & mind involved. So the title of this little book attracted me. The contents did not disappoint. Although simple it goes to the heart of what prayer is, reminding us from Scripture that God longs for us to spend time with Him. His love is unconditional, so no anxiety should prevent us being honest with Him and open to Him - weakness of faith, shame, resentment, not even fear of what he may ask of us. Each short section is followed by a prayer, often only a single sentence. Altogether, I found the book helpful, encouraging and practical!'
from Betty Morris

The Magnificat - Cantic of Mary

My soul glorifies the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness;

henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength

and scatters the proud hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones

and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,

the mercy promised to our fathers,

to Abraham and his sons for ever.'

(Luke 1:46-55)

LOCAL FOODBANK APPEAL

Thank you for your regular and generous donations which are left in the foodbank box in the porch. Remember those in need when you do your shopping. Thank you.

Auction of Promises

The Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank are holding an Auction of Promises on Saturday 15th October at 7pm at St. George's Church hall in Court Farm Road Hove. Tickets £5 to include light refreshments. There will also be a bar and a raffle. All welcome. For tickets or further details please ring 07990 631892 or email: hangletonfoodbank@yahoo.com.

In Their Shoes - A teenage retreat for the Year of Mercy : October 28th-30th.

If you are in school years 10-13, you are invited to come away for a weekend to Worth Abbey. The weekend will be made up of inspirational talks around the theme of mercy, small group discussions, games, yummy food, friendship and the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside around Worth Abbey. For more information contact toc@worthabbey.net

Deep Waters - All young adults are invited to share in an evening of food, prayer and fellowship every Thursday at Deep Waters. We especially welcome all newcomers! 7pm, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Milton Road, Brighton.

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 priest asked a little boy, "Do you say your prayers at night, little boy?" He answered, "Yes, Father." "And do you say them in the morning, too?" he asked. "No, Father," he replied, "I'm not scared in the daytime."

"My TV is the tabernacle" St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta