

St Mary's Catholic Church

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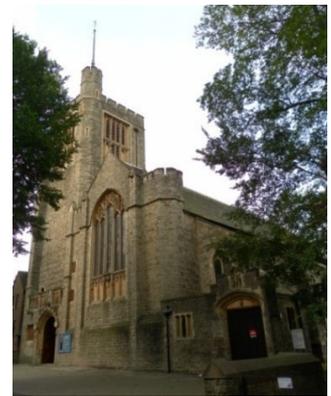
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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 05 November, 2017

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	04		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	05	<u>31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>Vincent & Inez Morrison, R.I.P.</i>
		Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12	Parish Mass Book p.149	12 noon <i>Holy Souls (4)</i>
Mon	06	<i>Votive Mass for all the dead</i>		10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (5)</i>
Tue	07		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	08	<i>Votive Mass for all the dead</i>		10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (7)</i>
Thur	09		[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls (8)</i>
Fri	10	<i>St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church</i>		10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls (9)</i>
Sat	11	<i>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	12	<u>32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>For the Deceased of WWII</i>
		Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13	Parish Mass Book p.152	12 noon <i>Anthonippillas Mary Stanislaus, R.I.P</i>

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning Mass

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

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

'He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in yet another village, where he worked in a carpenter's shop till he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. Twenty centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.' The above brief 'resume' of our Blessed Lord was found published anonymously in a newspaper. He is the one whom we still love and worship every day. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Lety Alfred, R.I.P.; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the Holy Souls.

The 2nd colln. this Sunday is for The Retired Priests Fund

Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Fair - Your chance to win £150 and support our parish church! On the table in the church porch there are envelopes with raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair; each envelope has two books in it, £5 worth of tickets. It would be great if every household could take at least one envelope to sell to friends and relations, or complete for yourselves, returning the stubs and the money to the Priest's house. **This is a great way to support the Fair, even if you can not be there on the day!** Lots of different vouchers and prizes to be won - thanks to everyone for their support with this.

WORKS IN THE CHURCH

Renovation work is about to begin in the old entrance to the church. The toilet there will be re-done, with among other things; a new non-slip floor, a new air hand-drier and better ventilation. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience, but hopefully it shouldn't take too long.

“No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it.” St Maximilian Kolbe

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 15 Nov	7.30 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 25 Nov	11 am	Church Hall	Christmas Fair	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

Readers: Sunday 12 Noon Mass

After 18 years of organising the Readers Rota and training for the Sunday 12 noon Mass, Maureen Heath has decided to step down and has asked Coral Olson to take on the responsibility. Coral has accepted the task as Ministry Co-ordinator for this Mass and will help organise the Rota and provide training sessions for the new volunteers who wish to join this ministry. For those wishing to train as a Reader for the Sunday 12 noon Mass, please contact Coral: 01273-500-944. A Readers Day for all existing Readers at Sunday Masses will be announced in the near future. We wish to give our grateful thanks to Maureen for her unstinting and outstanding service to this ministry which has enriched our Sunday Liturgy at St Mary's for so many years and wish her every blessing in her new parish.

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another fun-filled Quiz Night!

Friday 17th November 7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket incl: glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to 'Uganda Hands For Hope'. Tickets on sale after 10 a.m. Sunday Masses from 29th October or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899).

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL ALBION

This year's Parish Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 21 December, 12 noon, at the Royal Albion Hotel. The cost of this is £15 (incl. tip). Please complete the sign up sheet in the Church Porch and cheques should be made out to "St Marys Senior Citizens Club" and handed to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038) by Sunday 12th November.

ON PURGARORY ...

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong', that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and

Prayer of Civil Servants

'O, Lord, grant that this day we come to no decisions, neither run we into any kind of responsibility, but that all our doings may be ordered to establish new departments, for ever and ever. Amen' [*from the Daily Telegraph*].

St Bernadette's Open Days - We look forward to welcoming parents of prospective reception pupils for 2018 entry at our second Open Day on Tues 7th Nov. at 9.30 a.m.

ICON PAINTING GROUP AT ST MARY'S

If you are interested in learning to paint / write icons, or already have experience in painting them, and would like to do so with other people in a prayerful and mutually supportive group, please call Rosie Bradshaw for details on 01273 708092. We meet on the first and third Friday's of the month, 3-6 pm, in the Cassidy Centre at St Mary's.

St Vincent's Tower House Update

This new Community Support Centre for older people aims to combat isolation by offering a place where they can participate in lunches and a host of accompanying activities that include Music, Film Sessions and a Café. We are looking for Volunteers to come along and take part in the service. Any enquiries are welcome. Please contact Jason at the Centre on 01273 549604

The BIG ENCOUNTER: This is happening this Saturday, November 11th, at Cardinal Newman College in Hove. The programme starts at 7 pm. Doors open 6.30. The music is being led by One Hope Project, who are probably the biggest Catholic band in the country right now, and the keynote speaker is Maria Rodrigues from Premier Christian Radio. Bishop Richard will be leading the time of adoration, and an army of others will be on hand, from priests offering confession, to people from a variety of organisations providing 'mini-workshop' activities. The evening is free and it's open to anyone aged 15-30. It's the biggest festival we've held in the Diocese for some time. For more information, contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org or search for 'Catholic Encounter' on Facebook.

Hospital Visits - Please let Fr Bruno or the Parish Office know if there is someone you know who is in hospital and would like a visit. We no longer get a list of the Catholics in hospital and we rely on parishioners informing us. Fr Peter Fitch at St John The Baptist is the main hospital chaplain.

PARISH LAPTOP - Our Parish laptop, which is mainly used to show power-points or DVDs at meetings, has had it. Is there someone who can help with replacing this? It will be paid for from parish funds. It would need to have all the necessary software installed. Please speak to

we can see that we all belong together in one enormous Fr Bruno if you can offer any help.
symphony of being.” [*Pope Benedict XVI*].

“It is the duty of every man to uphold the dignity of every woman.” Pope St. John Paul II