

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 08 October, 2017, *Month of the Rosary*

| | <u>Mass proper</u> | <u>Intention</u> |
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| Sat 0 | Vigil Mass | 7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i> |
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| Sun 0 | <u>27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> | 10 a.m. <i>Teresinha Miranda, R.I.P.</i> |
| 8 | Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 Parish Mass Book p.137 | 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> |
| Mon 0 | <i>Bl. John Henry Newman, Priest</i> | 10 a.m. <i>Fr Eamon Whelan, R.I.P.</i> |
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| Tue 1 | [Mass at St Mary's House] | 8.15 a.m. - |
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| Wed 1 | <i>Feria</i> | 10 a.m. <i>Canon Jack Madden, R.I.P.</i> |
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| Thur 1 | [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal] | 7 p.m. <i>Fr Cyril Elkington, R.I.P.</i> |
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| Fri 1 | <i>Votive: Our Lady of Fatima</i> | 10 a.m. <i>Fr Paddy Kenny, R.I.P.</i> |
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| Sat 1 | <i>Saturday Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 10 a.m. <i>Cyril Cassidy (Anniv), R.I.P.</i> |
| 4 | Vigil Mass | 7 p.m. <i>Mary Ardiffe (Anniv) R.I.P.</i> |
| Sun 1 | <u>28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u> | 10 a.m. <i>John Sullivan, R.I.P.</i> |
| 5 | Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 Parish Mass Book p.140 | 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</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

THE FATIMA CENTENNIAL

This coming Friday sees the 100th Anniversary of a significant event in the Church in our time. Here is a short commentary of it from this month's *Magnificat*: 'The one day that made Fatima known to all the world was 13th October 1917. The Lady had promised the children she would give them a sign on that specific day at noontime to confirm everything she had said. The morning did not start out all that pleasant, since a downpour of rain had soaked everything and everyone was waiting for this "miracle", but then it came. The sun broke through the clouds and it "danced" in the sky for thousands of people to see. Some estimates of the crowds are as high as 100,000 eyewitnesses. It was called the Miracle of the Sun. ... At Fatima Mary revealed to the children: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." She told them to pray the rosary every day. In the rosary we find another

This weeks 2nd coll. is for Cafod Harvest Fast Day
 Next weeks 2nd coll. is for Prisoners' Sunday (PACT).
 Pact is the only Catholic charity solely dedicated to tackling the issues that arise from having a loved one in prison and who actively work to minimise the harm caused by imprisonment on prisoners, families and communities

Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Keith; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the victims of violent death.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

There have been some good responses for volunteers for the Fair on Saturday 25th November. Volunteers though are still needed. Could you please email me on lizwoodhead@gmail.com or call or text on 07740 177556 to let me know if you can help. I will put the final list up

type of miracle, what we might even call the true miracle of the Son. By our meditative prayer we are drawn into the very life of Christ and of his Blessed Mother. We are able to penetrate the truths of the Incarnation and begin to understand how and why God became man: to save us from our sins, to reveal God's love to us, to be our model of holiness, and to make us partakers of God's own divine nature (CCC 457-460). Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

on Sunday 22nd October and from that date we will be able to receive items for the fair. Thank you, Liz Woodhead.

CHURCH TELEPHONE

Recently we have been unable to receive incoming calls to the presbytery. The fault has been located as coming from our service provider Talktalk. We are doing our best to get the line working again. In an emergency you can call a new mobile number we have for the parish office: 07503 306574

'In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph' Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

PARISH DIARY

| Date | Time | Place | Event | Contact |
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| Thursdays | 2-4 pm | Cassidy Centre | Seniors Club | David Alfred, 01273 540038 |
| Wed 11 Oct | 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 and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

CATHOLAITY FAIR - This year's Catholaity Fair is in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse on **Sat 4th Nov.** 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the 'Uganda Hands for Hope' charity. If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery event. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets are available now and usually around 90% of all tickets we sell will go to 'Uganda Hands for Hope.' Thank you for your support. Claire Shelton-Jones.

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 9.30am.

St Mary's Cottesmore Open days

We will be holding tours for parents to see Cottesmore in action on 14th, 16th, 21st & 23rd November at 9am and an evening tour on 30th November at 7pm. Please contact the School Office on 01273 555811 to book a place. There are also a few places available in reception to year 3.

FROM THE SAINTS: 'There is but one road which reaches God and that is prayer. If anyone shows you another, you are being deceived' [St Theresa].

For what reason has the Sabbath been changed to Sunday for Christians?

The reason is because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Christ. As "the first day of the week" (*Mark 16:2*) it recalls the first creation; and as the "eighth day", which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it has become for Christians the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the *day of the Lord* in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the

The journey of life

Father, as we journey through life, we face the mysteries of love and hate, of friendship and loneliness, of joy and sorrow, of suffering and death. Help us to believe in the midst of doubt and uncertainty. Help us to hope in the midst of despair, suffering and death. Help us to love in the midst of hate, selfishness and rejection.

Christmas Carol Concert – Rehearsals

Parishioners from St Mary's and St Thomas More's will be joining to put on a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday December 17th. Practice for this will be most Saturday's at 11am here at St Mary's starting on Saturday 7th October. Why not come along? More singers are always welcome. For more information see Charles Wookey at St Mary's or Paula O'Sullivan at St Thomas More's.

Coffee Morning Last Sunday

Many thanks from the Social Concerns Group to everyone who contributed and came to support us on Sunday 24th Sept. We raised £104 for CAFOD. Claire Shelton-Jones.

Part-time Vacancy in A&B Education Team

Part-time Secretarial Vacancy, based in Crawley, supporting the DES team. To download an application pack visit the Diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk or alternatively contact Ann Baldwin on 01293 511130 to request a pack. Closing date Friday, 20th October 2017 at 10.00am.

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL

Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Each one is appreciated and welcomed by individuals & families of our local community in need. Our Harvest Appeal continues throughout October. See poster in Church Porch for a list of current items they need. Please leave items in the box in the church porch. They are then all taken to the Foodbank in Hangleton. Thank You.

Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God. [Further reading: CCC 2174-2176, 2190-2191]

How does one keep Sunday holy?

Christians keep Sunday and other days of obligation holy by participating in the Eucharist of the Lord and by refraining from those activities which impede the worship of God and disturb the joy proper to the day of the Lord or the necessary relaxation of mind and body. Activities are allowed on the Sabbath which are bound up with family needs or with important social service, provided that they do not lead to habits prejudicial to the holiness of Sunday, to family life and to health. [Further reading: CCC 2177-2185, 2192-2193]

HOPE 2017 - FESTIVAL DAY FOR 11-14s, WITH RISE THEATRE - On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. The day coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we are living Christ's call to serve those in need. The day will include Mass with Bishop Richard, as well as drama from RISE Theatre, and input from CAFOD and others. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org for more information, or to book. We are expecting those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.

'Man is in the middle between God and nothingness, and he must choose' St John Paul II