

# St Mary's Catholic Church

## Surrenden Road, Preston Park, Brighton

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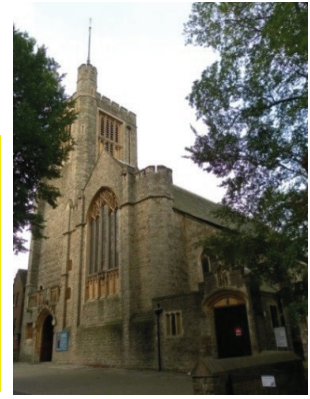
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**Hall and Cassidy Centre** – Enquiries and Bookings –

Call John Morrison on 07511 799526.



**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 10 September, 2017

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	0	Vigil Mass	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Elizabeth Fellbaum, R.I.P.</i>
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Sun	1	<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
	0	Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20      Mass Book p.125	<b>12 noon</b> <i>Stanley Harries, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	1	<i>Feria</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>The wellbeing of Fenella Hogge</i>
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Tue	1	[Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
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Wed	1	[Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
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Thur	1	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 1962 Missal	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
	4		
Fri	1	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Margaret Lodge</i>
	5		
Sat	1	<i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Cardinal Cormac, R.I.P.</i>
	6	Vigil Mass	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	1	<b><u>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u></b>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Ernest Eaton, R.I.P.</i>
	7	Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35      Parish Mass Book p.128	<b>12 noon</b> <i>Sr Anne O'Neil, 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**

### OPENING OF TOWER HOUSE

Vicky Hill, working for the local SVP groups, will be saying a few words after our Masses this weekend about the opening of the new day service at Tower House. Tower House is in our parish and is a new initiative to reach out to older people in Brighton and Hove who may be experiencing isolation. A wide range of events, including lunches and group activities will be available. The SVP will have some staff but will also be looking for volunteers. Please take a handout from Vicky after Mass if you feel that this is something you could do. Tower House is on the London Road, postcode BN1 6WT.

### Cardinal Newman Catholic School Open Evening

We were delighted that this year (as last year) our students achieved the best GCSE results of any state secondary school in the City. We are looking forward to meeting prospective students and their families at our open evening on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4pm - 7.30pm and there will then be opportunities to go on day time tours of

Next weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. is for Home Mission Sunday

**Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, R.I.P.; Our Lady's Lamp for the sick and housebound of the parish.**

### TOWERS CONVENT TRIP – Next Sunday, 17 Sept.

A Parish visit to the Towers Convent, Upper Beeding. The coach leaves St Mary's at 2.30pm next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Sept., returning 6pm. Countryside drive, Followed by Tea & Visit. Call David Alfred for further details on 01273 540038. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Porch. Only 3 seats left.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Now is the time for putting your names forward for our parish preparation programmes for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Adult reception into the Church. These Sacraments will be celebrated at Easter and the season after Easter next year.

the school. The deadline for applications is October 31<sup>st</sup>. The open evening and tours are open to families with students in years 5 and 6. This year, as usual, we were over subscribed but baptised Catholic children have priority. Our admissions criteria are available at [www.cncs.co.uk](http://www.cncs.co.uk)

The application form is on the reverse of this newsletter.

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS ...**

to Montgomery Joseph Scholefield & Amaia Zuri Lander who became Christians and children of God this Saturday. Our prayers go out to them, their parents and families. Baptism Application forms are in the church porch.

**Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle**

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 13 Sept	7.30-9 pm	Centre Church Hall	Youth Club School Yrs 7-11	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>
Tue 19 Sept	4 pm	Tower House	SVP Community Centre Opening	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Beryl Cheeseman, 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.

**PARISH YOUTH CLUB – This Wed. 13 Sept.**

The first meeting of the parish Years 7-11 Youth Club is this Wednesday, 7.30-9 p.m. in the Church Hall. More info at: [smyclub.co.uk](http://smyclub.co.uk) or email [info@smyclub.co.uk](mailto:info@smyclub.co.uk)

**COFFEE MORNING - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts and raffle plus the usual tea and coffee. In aid of CAFOD. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** etc to the hall before Mass.

**Annual Grandparents' Reflection Day**

Thursday, 21 September at Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB. Led by Fr Stephen Ortiger and Elizabeth O'Shea. Coffee from 9.45am. Day ends at 3 pm. Booking essential – contact Rosie Read on 01293 651161 or email at [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS**

If you would like to enrol for any of Sacramental programmes for this next year please fill in this slip and return it to Fr Bruno or drop it through the Priest's House letter box. Closing date Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Details about first meetings will follow in the newsletter.

**NAME:**.....  
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**SCHOOL YEAR:**.....

**ADDRESS:**  
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**PRAYER OF SELF OFFERING**

'Receive, Lord, my entire freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, my intellect and my will. Whatever I have or possess, it was you who gave it to me; I restore it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will. Give me only love of you together with your grace And I am rich enough and ask for nothing more. Amen.'

**S.V.P -** Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support

**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 for details on 01273 708092. We aim to start painting together in the autumn using the Cassidy Centre as a venue. All are welcome.

**MEDITATION GROUP: STARTING ON MONDAY EVENINGS**

– An ecumenical Christian meditation group (affiliated to the WCCM – World Centre for Christian Meditation) will be starting on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Cassidy Centre, from 7-8pm (arrival at 6.55), initiated by two people from St. John's Parish. On September 18<sup>th</sup> we will be joined by Tim Cullen, who has led another local group for a number of years. There will then be 6 weeks focusing on a series of introductory/explanatory talks before the time of meditation, and we will then continue to meet on a weekly basis. All are very welcome to join at any point. There are sheets with more information in the church porch, or you are welcome to contact Celia on 01273 555967 to find out more.

**CATHOLAITY FAIR -** This year's Catholaity Fair is in the Grandstand Hall at Brighton Racecourse on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30 am - 3.30 pm and St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the

**POSTCODE:**

**TELEPHONE No.:**

**EMAIL:**

I wish to enrol for the preparation for:

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [Year 3+]**

**CONFIRMATION [Year 10+]**

**ADULT BAPTISM / RECEPTION**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

'Uganda Hands for Hope' charity. If you are free why not come along to this annual Brighton Deanery event. Catholaiity 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.

**From the Saints**

'With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to colour all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event' [*Blessed John Henry Newman*].

**"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to the person, a beautiful thing"** St Teresa of Calcutta