

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 12 November, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	11 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Parish Mass Book p.152	10 a.m. <i>For the Deceased of World War II</i> 12 noon <i>Anthonippillai Mary Stanislaus, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	13 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Mr & Mrs Whitehead, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	14 [Mass at St Peter's, Hove]	11 a.m. <i>Deceased clergy of Brighton & Hove</i>
Wed	15 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Catherine, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	16 [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7 p.m. <i>Intentions of Ewa Czaykowska</i>
Fri	17 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sat	18 <i>Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Mary Cosham, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>Roger Chandler, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	19 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 Parish Mass Book p.155	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Maura Fiorakis, 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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.'

(From 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon, 1914)

This weeks Christmas Fair requests ...

Please the **Bottle Tombola** needs all kinds of bottles ... not just alcohol, soft drinks are great & non-alcoholic wine too.

We'd love to start getting any bottles of red wine that you can donate specifically for the **Mulled Wine** stall, after all the Christmas Fair wouldn't be the same without that wonderful Mulled wine with a side order of mince pies!

CHOCOLATE !!! We are in need for items for the Chocolate Tombola, it's a very popular attraction for the Children and those sweet toothed adults. Plus remember if you can't get to the Fair on the day please buy some raffle tickets before – There are great prizes to be won including a first prize of £150 & it's a fabulous way to support the parish. It is two weeks to go now before the fair on 25th November. Items can be left in the church porch.

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the fallen of the two World wars; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the young people of the parish.

Next Sunday There will be a 2nd collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

This week - The Social Concerns Group invites you to a fun-filled Quiz Night! Friday 17th Nov. 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 Mass or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899).

ECHOES – Parish based training for handing on Faith
This 11 session course provides a rounded formation in the central aspects of the Catholic Faith and how to transmit it to others in different contexts. This course which follows a book is open to all parishioners. It will be on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 7-8 p.m. starting Friday 01 December. More details to follow.

"We cultivate a very small field for Christ, but we love it, knowing that God does not require great achievements but a heart that holds back nothing for self" St Rose Phillipine Duchesne

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Meditation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 15 Nov	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes
Wed 15 Nov	7.30 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 17 Nov	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Social Concerns Quiz Night	See newsletter
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.

CAFOD fast day - £472.17 raised THANK YOU

A Thank you from Cafod to all parishioners at St Mary's for your generous support for Harvest Fast Day this year.

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 500944. 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.

JOB IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese is looking to employ a full-time Buildings Officer with the job based in Hove. See poster in porch for details. Closing date for applications 24 November, 2017.

CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2018

After not being printed for a few years this directory is now back in print. Details and flyers to order your copy are in the church porch. To order your copy online visit www.thecatholicuniverse.com/eccd

BAD HABITS, HOLY ORDERS

This programme was recently shown on Channel 5. There was a review of it in last week's Catholic Herald which ended like this: 'The show asks portentously if in an age of drink, gossip and sex, Britain is at risk of losing its morals. But it's hard to think of an age when all those things weren't in fashion, and what's surprising isn't the girls' supposed wickedness but how easy it is, with only the tiniest application of religion, to make them children again.' That last phrase 'how easy it is, with only the tiniest application of religion, to make them children again', is one of great encouragement to all those who work in education and want the happiness and what is best for the young of today.

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen

MARY'S MEALS - Between now and 31 December 2017, every gift to Mary's Meals will be matched, penny for penny - up to a total of 1.9million! This means that every donation given during this period will go even further, providing twice as many hungry children with a nutritious daily meal and the opportunity of an education.

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.

'Waiting in Wonder' Retreat

'Waiting in Wonder' is a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 1st-3rd December at Worth Abbey, near Crawley. It is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the themes of Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, offering the chance of encounter with Christ in prayer through the Benedictine monastic tradition, talks from the monks and members of the Wellspring Community, space for reflection, participation in the rhythm of prayer with the monastic community (The Divine Office), Lectio Divina, walks in the beautiful Sussex countryside, and time for building community and friendships (plus mulled wine and minced pies!) The cost is £62 for students/unwaged, £102 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please email Katrina at TOC@worthabbey.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, 2018

14 February, Ash Wednesday

01 April, Easter Sunday

Sunday 17 June, Parish First Holy Communion

Saturday 30 June, Deanery Confirmations at St Mary's

24-25 November, Bishop's Visitation to the parish

'All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies' Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), Servant of God