

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 15 October, 2017- Month of the Rosary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	14 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Mary Ardiff (Anniv) R.I.P.</i>
Sun	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 Parish Mass Book p.140	10 a.m. <i>John Sullivan, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	16 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Eric Robinson, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	17 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	18 <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>	10 a.m. <i>Fr Michael Hayes, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	19 Traditional Mass 1962 Missal	7 p.m. <i>Allan McCulloch, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	20 <i>Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit</i>	10 a.m. <i>Fr Patrick McMahon, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	21 <i>Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10 a.m. <i>For the Victims of Abortion</i>
Sun	22 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21 Parish Mass Book p.143	7 p.m. <i>Cynthia Ashing, R.I.P.</i> 10 a.m. <i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i> 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 WORD THIS WEEK

A priest friend of mine was recently assigned to a new parish in the diocese after 4 years in his old one. He wrote these heartfelt words in his final newsletter to his old parish, words which resonate also with me: "Why do I have these doubts?" "Why do I find it so difficult to pray?" "Why do I never seem to make any progress?" If this is how we feel at times, I suggest there may be an obvious reason; it is because we are denying ourselves the direct personal encounter with a Forgiving God, and the life of grace offered to us in the sacrament of forgiveness. I very much regret my failure to convince people of the importance of regular and frequent confession. Through this sacrament we grow in self-knowledge, we grow in humility, we have a greater awareness of the call to holiness, we grow in our enthusiasm for Christ. Confession is far more than having 'past sins forgiven' it is about returning to a state of grace, which we were in at our baptism. This means 'Christ is living in us', and it changes everything. Most of all, it changes our relationship with God the Father who, when he looks down upon us, now sees His Beloved Son. No wonder we receive so many other gifts and blessings! And so, may I end by suggesting that we all make this daily prayer to the Lord:

This 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. Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday.

Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Nancy Tiernan; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the wellbeing of Frederick Mckay.

'Father, if it is your will that I should come back to the Sacrament of Forgiveness and receive it often, please convince me'. May God bless us all as we continue on our Christian journey.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – There has been an excellent response for the Christmas Fair. Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but we still need more hands on deck. I will be at the 10 am Mass this Sunday 15th October, and next Sunday 22nd I will put up the final list – so if anyone else can help that will be great. Contact me lizwoodhead123@gmail.com or text / phone 07740 177556. Thank you.

A spirit of thanksgiving begets a spirit of joy

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 18 Oct	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	S.V.P. meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Sat 21 Oct	3 pm	Church	Baptism - Beatrice	Teresa Frassinetti

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 Cumiskey, 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.

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW DEADLINE

Best time to join £30 in: £200 to win. Join by Monday 16 October to be entered: £200 1st prize / £150 2nd / £50 3rd. £50 / £30 / £20 to be won the other 11 months. Forms in the porch. Cheques made payable to 'St Mary's Church'.

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 Mary's Cottesmore Open days

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

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 10.00 a.m.

ON THE ROSARY

"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary" [*Sister Lucia, Fatima see*].

CHURCH TELEPHONE

Recently we have been unable to receive incoming calls to the presbytery which is proving very inconvenient. The fault has been located as coming not from the presbytery but from our service provider Talktalk. We are doing our best to get the line working again and have approached another provider. In an emergency you can call a new mobile number we have for the parish office: 07503

PRAYER FOR PRISONERS

'Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in his spirit, now and every day. Amen.'

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).

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.

SVP Development Worker - 1 year contract initially.

Experienced Development Worker required to work with older people in the Brighton Area. You will be responsible for supporting and developing existing activities as well as initiating new projects. Experience in working with older people, incl. those with dementia. Ideally with experience of working with volunteers as well. For more information or an application pack email thomasg@svp.org.uk. Closing date 23rd October 2017 - with interviews w/c 6th November 2017.

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL

Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Much needed items needed at this time include: UHT Milk, Cooking oil, Pasta sauces, cook in sauces, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat / fish, rice, jam / marmalade, nappies, shower gel, washing powder, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste and toothbrushes. It all makes a difference and they are always very thankful when we drop off what we have collected. Thank you.

FROM THE SAINTS

'And when the night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him' [*St Edith Stein*].

Grace before meals by *Hillaire Belloc*

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“Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine,
There’s always laughter and good red wine.
At least I’ve always found it so.
Benedicamus Domino!”

‘Humility is truth’ St Therese of Lisieux