

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 17 September, 2017

	<u>Mass proper</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Sat 1	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
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Sun 1	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	10 a.m. <i>Ernest Eaton, R.I.P.</i>
7	Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 Parish Mass Book p.128	12 noon <i>Sr Anne O'Neil, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 1	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>The wellbeing of Betty Meehan</i>
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Tue 1	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
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Wed 2	<i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10 a.m. <i>Annette Winifrede Sheppe, R.I.P.</i>
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Thur 2	<i>St Matthew, Traditional Mass 1962</i>	7 p.m. <i>Wendy Kane, Lian & Niallo</i>
1	Missal	
Fri 2	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Stephen Deasey, R.I.P.</i>
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Sat 2	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	10 a.m. <i>For the Victims of Abortion</i>
3	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 2	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
4	Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 Parish Mass Book p.131	12 noon <i>Wellbeing of Sarah Sekwalor</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

FROM CARDINAL CORMAC +

Westminster Cathedral was full for Cardinal Cormac's Requiem Mass last Wednesday. If you are visiting the cathedral he is interred under the 10th station of the Cross and you can say a prayer for him there. Shortly before he died he sent this moving and faith-filled letter to Bishop Richard to be passed on to the people of the Diocese:

'My dear Bishop Richard, I would be very grateful if you would convey this short message to the priests, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese, of which I as well as you have been privileged to serve as their Bishop.

At this time, the words I pray every night are never far from my thoughts: "Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit". Please tell them that I am at peace and have no fear of what is to come. I have received many blessings in my life, especially from my family and friends. I thank God for the many priests, religious and lay faithful who have helped and sustained me in my Episcopal life. Nor

This weeks 2nd coll. is for Home Mission Sunday

Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Betty Meehan; Our Lady's Lamp for the single people of the parish.

OPENING OF TOWER HOUSE – this Tuesday, 4pm
 The bishop will be coming to officially open and bless Tower House the new SVP initiative to reach out to the isolated older people of the city this Tuesday. All welcome.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR FOLEY
 Fr Foley has recently retired after over 50 years as service as a priest in a number of parishes and hospitals in the diocese. This Tuesday evening at 7 pm there is a farewell Mass for him at St John the Baptist's. The bishop will be coming. Please come if you are able.

COFFEE MORNING – Next Sunday, 24th September

should I forget the many Anglican and Free Church colleagues whose friendship I have valued very much. Above all, as I now commend myself to the loving mercy of God, I ask them all to pray for me as I remember and pray for them.

Fraternally in the Lord, +Cormac'

A Memorial Mass will be held for him at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 1st October, 3 p.m. to which all are invited.

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.

St Bernadette's Open Days

We look forward to welcoming parents of prospective reception pupils for 2018 entry at our open Days on Tues 26th September at 9.30am or Tues 7th November at 9.30am.

'Blessed are the merciful, they shall have mercy shown them' Matthew 5:7

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Tue 19 Sept	4 pm	Tower House	SVP Community Centre Opening	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 27 Sept	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Wed 27 Sept	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, Beryl Cheeseman, 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.

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

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.

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 1st, 2017.** Details about first meetings will follow in the newsletter.

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SCHOOL YEAR:.....

ADDRESS:.....
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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT [Cardinal Mercier]

'Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore you; enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me; tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it. I promise to be submissive in everything that you ask of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me, only show me what is your will.'

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is this weekend. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support. Please see Joel Brett if you would like a box.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School Open Evening

We look forward to meeting prospective students & their families on Tuesday October 3rd from 4pm - 7.30pm. The deadline for applications is October 31st. 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.cnccs.co.uk

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 18th in the Cassidy Centre, from 7-8pm (arrival at 6.55), initiated by two people from St. John's Parish. On September 18th 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.

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POSTCODE:

TELEPHONE No.:

EMAIL:

I wish to enrol for the preparation for:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION [Year 3+]

CONFIRMATION [Year 10+]

ADULT BAPTISM / RECEPTION

Signed _____

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. The following items are needed at this harvest time, which will be given to the collection centre at St George's Church, Hangleton: UHT Milk, Cooking Oil, Pasta / Cooking Sauces, Tinned Meat / Fish, Rice Pudding, Custard, Shaving Foam, Deodorant, Nappies, Shower Gel, Washing Powder, Washing up Liquid & Feminine Hygiene Products. Your support really does make a difference. Please leave items in the box in the church porch. Thank You.