

# 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 22 October, 2017- Month of the Rosary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	21	Vigil Mass 7 p.m. <i>Cynthia Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	22	<b>29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> 10 a.m. <i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
	Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
	Parish Mass Book p.143	
Mon	23	8.15 a.m. -
	[Mass at St Mary's House]	
Tue	24	8.15 a.m. -
	[Mass at St Mary's House]	
Wed	25	8.15 a.m. -
	[Mass at St Mary's House]	
Thur	26	7 p.m. <i>Frank Woollett, R.I.P.</i>
	Traditional Mass 1962 Missal	
Fri	27	10 a.m. <i>Reparation for 50 yrs since Abortion Act</i>
	<i>Votive Mass for the dead</i>	
Sat	28	10 a.m. <i>Mary &amp; Joseph O'Donnell, R.I.P.</i>
	<i>SS Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Fr Leo Taggett, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	29	10 a.m. <i>Card. Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, R.I.P.</i>
	<b>30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
	Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40	
	Parish Mass Book p.146	

**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 GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Often the world presents arguments to us as 'either - or': you are either for or against something. The wisdom of God, however (and this is faithfully reflected in Catholic teaching), is often a 'both - and' position: we believe in both faith and reason, in the reality of the natural and the supernatural, in works and in grace. Always though it is the higher that perfects the lower: faith perfects reason, grace perfects nature, only with God and putting him first can we become truly human. Today in the words of our Blessed Lord about giving to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's we again see this clearly. He does not deny the natural world - we must give to Caesar what is Caesar's - that is we have a duty to contribute to the society in which we live, but he reminds us that this always is subordinate to our duty to serve God first. We see this in St Thomas More's words on the scaffold, "I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first". The state or money or any other created thing is not our god. The one revealed in Jesus Christ is. The commandment we have to keep the Lord's day holy and coming to Sunday Mass is part of helping us put God first. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

**This weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for World Mission Sunday.**

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ all people around the world.

**The Sanctuary lamp** this week is burning for the victims of Abortion; **Our Lady's Lamp** for a private intention.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** – Thank you to those who have already volunteered, but more hands on deck are still welcome. The final list is attached to this newsletter. If anyone else can help that will be great. Contact me [lizwoodhead123@gmail.com](mailto:lizwoodhead123@gmail.com) or text/call 07740 177556.

### St Mary's House – Art Exhibition – this week

Parishioners are most welcome to come to St Mary's House (38-39 Preston Park Avenue) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, at 11am, to view (or buy) the residents work. All proceeds to Christian Missionary projects. Refreshments will be served.

### NOVEMBER BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. the deanery priests will be in the various cemeteries of Brighton & Hove for this blessing.

*'One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations' St John of Avila*

**PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 01 Nov	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>
Fri 03 Nov	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno Witchalls

**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, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Beatrice Teresa Frassinetti who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday. May God bring to fulfilment the beautiful work he has begun in her.

**Canon Gerald Coates R.I.P.**

Please keep in your prayers Fr Gerry Coates a well loved diocesan priest who recently died. His requiem is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 12 noon, at Arundel Cathedral.

**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. St Mary's Social Concerns Group will once again be running their stall for the 'Uganda Hands for Hope' charity. Catholaity Grand Draw tickets are available now and usually around 90% of all tickets we sell will go to 'Uganda Hands for Hope.' Claire Shelton-Jones.

**The Social Concerns Group invites you to another fun-filled: Quiz Night!** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899).

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL ALBION**

This year's Parish Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 21 December, 12 noon, at the Royal Albion Hotel. The cost of this is £15 (incl. tip). Please complete the sign up sheet in the Church Porch and cheques should be made out to "St Marys Senior Citizens Club" and handed to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038) by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**PARISH LAPTOP** - Our Parish laptop, which is mainly used to show powerpoints or DVDs at meetings, has after many years of temperamental service finally had it. Is there someone who can help with replacing this? It would need to have all the programs installed and work with our projector. Please speak to Fr Bruno if you can offer any help.

**Lest we forget** - 8.7 Million abortions have taken place since the abortion act was passed in 1967. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, please join the Good Counsel Network in

**AN ACT OF CONTRITION FOR CONFESSION**

'Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins; the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded thy tender heart. O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. Amen. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.'

**NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In November we traditionally pray and offer Mass for the dead. Between 03-11 November we will be offering a novena (nine consecutive days) of Masses for the Holy Souls. If you have any deceased loved ones you would like to be included in this novena please put their names into the little brown envelopes in the church and return it to the presbytery or to Fr Bruno. Those names will be placed at the foot of the altar and prayed for during this Novena.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:thomasg@svp.org.uk). Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 - with interviews w/c 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MISSIO BOXES** - The Annual Return/Gift Aid date is almost upon us, may we have the contents along with your name/details by Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many Thanks.

**A POEM** - *on Evening graces and Morning Miracles*

'Here dies another day

praying and fasting for the end of abortion. For further  
information please see our  
website: [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

during which I have had eyes, ears, hands  
and the great world round me;  
and with tomorrow begins another.  
Why am I allowed two?

[GK Chesterton]

*'And in that little host is the solution to all the problems in the world' St John Paul II*