

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 2 weeks commencing Sunday 24 September, 2017

		<u>Mass Proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	23		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	24	<u>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16	Mass Book p.131	12 noon <i>Wellbeing of Sarah Sekwalor</i>
Mon	25		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	26		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. - (Fr Bruno away on annual Priest's
Wed	27		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. - retreat Monday – Friday)
Thur	28		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Fri	29		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Sat	30	<i>St Jerome</i>		10 a.m. <i>Thomas O'Gorman, R.I.P.</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>For the victims of Abortion</i>
Sun	01	<u>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
		Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32	Mass Book p.134	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	02	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>		10 a.m. <i>Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	03		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	04	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	[Mass at Tower House]	11 a.m. <i>The mission of Tower House</i>
Thur	05		[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Fri	06	<i>'First Friday' Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	07	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		10 a.m. <i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	08	<u>27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>Teresinha Miranda, R.I.P.</i>
		Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43	Mass Book p.137	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, 06 October

Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Message from Liz Woodhead.
 'The proposed date for the Christmas Fair is Saturday 25th November. At this late stage I am happy to try to get something organised. If this were to go ahead I would need to know HOW MANY PEOPLE can do a stall, who can help with refreshments, help on the door, bake cakes etc, provide music and who can contact Father Christmas. This coming Sunday, 24th September, the Social Concerns are having a bring & buy cake sale at coffee time after the 10am Mass. I will be there & can answer any questions & put you on the list for the Fair.' Thanks Liz for stepping in to help co-ordinate the fair. This requires many people to chip in. If you can help like last year please see Liz or contact her on 01273 556899. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Sanctuary lamp these weeks is burning for Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for a family in need of healing.

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 and 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.

PARISH DIARY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
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 Years 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, 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.

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 Sept. at 9.30am Or Tues 7th Nov at 9.30am.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School Open Evening Tuesday October 3rd 4-7.30pm

On Thursday 28th of September, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the day visit: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

100 CLUB SEPTEMBER WINNERS

1st Prize £50, Mrs V.Cahill; 2nd prize £30, Mrs B Morris; 3rd prize £20, Mrs Y Fernandes.

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.

NAME:.....

SCHOOL YEAR:.....

ADDRESS:

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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 _____

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY Friday 6 Oct.

FROM THE SAINTS – St John Paul II

'It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal' [World Youth Day vigil, Rome, 2000].

100 CLUB GRAND DRAW DEADLINE

BEST TIME TO JOIN £30 in: £200 to win. Join by 13th October to be entered (£200.1st prize/ £150.2nd/ £50.3rd). And of course £50/£30/£20 for the other 11 months. Contact Parish Office 01273 554509

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Saturday 7th October at 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral. For those couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Booking essential – contact Rosie Read on 01293 651161 or email at Rosie.read@dabnet.org

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.

FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL

Thank you for the donations left in the church porch. A car load was dropped off this week and I was asked to pass on thanks to all who kindly contributed. This Harvest time please continue supporting members of our local community who find themselves in crisis or urgent situations. Much needed items include: UHT milk, sugar, cooking oil, pasta sauces, cook in sauces, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat / fish. Also toiletries, washing powder, washing up liquid, female hygiene products. See poster in porch for a fuller list. Thank you again. Items can be left in the box in the church porch.

4 IMPORTANT TRUTHS

1. Only Christ can heal the wounds of sin and division.
2. Only the Church has the answers to man's deepest questions and his deepest needs of love and friendship.
3. Only the fullness of the Gospel fulfils the human heart.
4. Only the commandments mark the path of friendship with Christ, and with one another for God's 'commandments are not burdensome' [1 Jn 5:3].