

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 29 October, 2017- Month of the Rosary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	28 Vigil Mass	7 p.m. Fr Leo Taggett, R.I.P.
Sun	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 Parish Mass Book p.146	10 a.m. Card. Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, R.I.P. 12 noon Pro Populo – for the people of the parish
Mon	30 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. Grace Reid, R.I.P.
Tue	31 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	01 ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)	10 a.m. Lety Alfred, R.I.P. 7.30 p.m. Pro Populo – for the people of the parish
Thur	02 ALL SOULS (Faithful Departed) [Traditional Mass]	7 p.m. Holy Souls (1)
Fri	03 <i>First Friday – Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</i>	10 a.m. Holy Souls (2)
Sat	04 <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	10 a.m. Holy Souls (3)
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. Pro Populo – for the people of the parish
Sun	05 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 Parish Mass Book p.149	10 a.m. Mrs T.I.B & Mr V.R. Morrison, R.I.P. 12 noon Holy Souls (4)

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

When asked what the most important thing God wants from us Jesus replies for us to first love God and then to love our neighbour. This I suspect is what marks out a Christian - the fact that we seek above all to be transformed into people who love. Ultimately it is only Christ who is able to work this in us and he can if we trust him. Here are some words from Pope John Paul II's very first homily as Pope: 'Brothers and Sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. ... Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors to Christ. ... So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

ALL SAINTS DAY THIS WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Children from St Bernadettes (Years 4,5 & 6) will join us for the **10 a.m. Mass**. There will be another Mass at 7.30 p.m.

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for a private intention; Our Lady's Lamp for Frederick Mckay.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 25th November

We are now all set for the Christmas Fair – as well as the stalls in the list last week we now have Tombola, Youth Club games, Christmas Sweets and Pre-loved (any items in good condition). Remember we cannot accept Electrical items, clothes or water pistols. Perhaps we could start this week by bringing in books & toys? Items can be left in porch. It would be helpful also if we could have a stall holders meeting Sun. 5th Nov after 10 am Mass in the hall? Contact: Liz on 07740 177556 or lizwoodhead123@gmail.com

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Between 02-10 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 porch 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.

'Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence' - Saint Francis de Sales

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
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	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 03 Nov	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno

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.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

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

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 7th November, at 12 noon, at Arundel Cathedral.

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. We look forward to seeing you there!

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).

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 12th 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 will be paid for from parish funds. Please speak to Fr Bruno if you can offer any help and can help with the installing of programmes etc..

100 CLUB OCTOBER WINNERS

Congratulations to our Bumper October Draw winners! 1st prize (£200) Mrs F Wookey; 2nd prize (£150) Mr D D'Souza; 3rd prize (£50) Mr R Morris.

A& B News - The November edition of our Diocesan newspaper is here. It is a special edition with many moving

Prayer for the Holy Souls

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory.

Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity.

Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory.

May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

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.

PRISONERS SUNDAY 2017

Pact - Prison Advice and Care Trust send their thanks for the £118.87 raised from the parish collection for Prisoners' Sunday. The funds enable Pact to continue to provide their vital services to prisoners, people with previous convictions, their children and families. Pact asks us all to continue to keep those affected by prison in our prayers.

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. There is a fuller list in the church porch. It all makes a small but also great difference to many of our own neighbours. Those who run and volunteer at the foodbank 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 2nd. Many Thanks.

Hospital Visits - Please let Fr Bruno or the Parish Office know if there is someone you know who is in hospital and would like a visit. We no longer get a list of the Catholics in hospital & we rely on parishioners informing us. Fr Peter Fitch at St John The Baptist is the main hospital chaplain.

FROM THE SAINTS - St Basil

'The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot; the money

tributes to Bishop / Cardinal Cormac in it. Free copies are available for you in the Church Porch.

that you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit.'

'Men are generally the carpenters of their own crosses.' St. Philip Neri