

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 07 October, 2018, Month of the Rosary

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 06	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	Mary Ardiff, R.I.P. (Anniv)
Sun 07	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 Mass Book p.140	10 a.m. 12 noon	Pro Populo – for the people of the parish Wellbeing of Daniel Ilkiw & family
Mon 08	REQUIEM MASS	10.30 am	Rosaleen Mary Willis, R.I.P.
Tue 09	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 10	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	John McEvoy, R.I.P.
Thurs 11	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Fri 12	<i>St Wilfrid, Secondary Patron of the Diocese</i>	10 a.m.	Pierre Bamin, R.I.P.
Sat 13	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	Private Intention Cynthia Ashing, R.I.P.
Sun 14	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 Mass Book p.143	10 a.m. 12 noon	Pro Populo Cyril Cassidy (Anniv), R.I.P.

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning Mass

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 10 Oct	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club - Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Thurs 11 Oct	7-9 pm	CNCS College	Diocesan Pastoral Plan Meeting	
Fri 12 Oct	10.30 am	12 Bavant Rd	Social Concerns Group Meeting	Claire Shelton Jones 01273505642
Fri 12 Oct	12.30 pm	Church	Baptism: Thomas Hickey	
Sat 13 Oct	12.45-1.45	Church	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (for Dec)	Charles (St. M.)/Paula (St T.M)

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Meditate Jesus, when asked about divorce, reasserts God's original and abiding vision for marriage. Something happens to the man and woman in marriage. God himself joins them in a way that man is thereafter absolutely unable to divide. He also teaches us about welcoming children, for it is to such as these that the kingdom belongs. Permanence and fidelity in marriage is much to be desired especially for the well-being of the children. But understanding must always be shown in situations of unhappiness.

Pray Lord, bless our families and especially those in which relationships are complicated. Help all those striving selflessly to bring maximum good out of difficult situations.

Act Turn to Jesus who alone is able to strengthen what is weak and heal what is broken. Pray to Jesus for a difficult situation known to you. Pray for all those who suffer.

BISHOP'S VISIT THIS WEEK

Bishop Richard will be coming to Brighton and Hove this week to meet us and present his diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2030. The meeting is an open one to which you are all invited. It will be from 7-9 p.m. on **Thursday 11 October at Newman College (6th form centre)**. Please park there or in the main school car park. **This is an important event for the Catholic community in Brighton and for the future of our parishes here as the number of priests serving in the city is expected to halve by 2030.** If you cannot come do please pray for the church in this part of the world.

Notice: Copies of a recent Statement from the Bishops of England & Wales concerning Safeguarding is available in the Church Porch for you to take and read.

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Gerry Alfred, Kirsty Bird, Mary Connett, Francois Tuccori, Johnny & Peter Walsh.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Georgia Sawyer who was baptised and entered into the great family of God this Saturday.

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

St Mary's House (38-39 Preston Park Avenue) are happy to invite you to their 4th Annual Artist Exhibition. It will be on Friday 19th October at 11 a.m. Works made by the residents will be on view and available to buy or just enjoy. Proceeds will go to the poor children in Africa. Refreshments will be served. See poster in porch.

Quiz Night! - Fri. 2nd Nov. 7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets on sale after 10 a.m. Sunday Masses from 14th Oct. Tickets can also be bought at the door.

FOODBANK NEWS

More and more individuals and families are needing to turn to this work of mercy to survive, so thank you for any help you can give. Needed at the moment, as well as the usual, are: Cooking oil, Tinned Fruit, Vegetables & Pulses, Cooking Sauces, Oats & also Toiletries, Deodorant, razors, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, washing powder (non-bio), washing up liquid, Nappies & baby wipes. Please leave all donations in the box in the Church Porch - Thank you.

THE CATENIANS are an international body of Catholic men who meet to enjoy each other's company to strengthen family life in friendship and faith. To learn more about our own Catenians please see Luke Fernandes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SIGN UP SHEET

There is now a sign-up sheet in the Church Porch, so if anyone else can help that would be wonderful. If you have any questions or new ideas please contact Liz Woodhead - who is co-ordinating this year's event - by email: lizwoodhead123@gmail.com or text/phone 07740 177556. Many Thanks.

PRESTON PARK PRE-SCHOOL

Preston Park Preschool is based in St Mary's Church Hall. We are a long-established group open to all the community. We have been running for over 50 years. Our staff are friendly, experienced, well-qualified and committed to providing the best care and education for your child. Our numbers are low at the moment which is an ideal time for joining the other 2-year-old children we are caring for currently. We offer flexible terms, taking into account shift patterns and other childcare arrangements. We provide an EYFS curriculum and are OFSTED registered. Our last report in April 2016 was good. Reasonable rates and no hidden costs. If you are currently thinking about your childcare arrangements please come and visit us. Take a look at our Facebook page and support us by liking and sharing our page. Thank you.

Social Concerns Group

Next meeting Friday 12th October 10.30am at Liz Woodhead's, 12, Bavant Road. New members most welcome! If you'd like to find out more please phone Claire Shelton-Jones on 01273 505642.

THURSDAY SENIORS CLUB

There will be no club for the next two weeks (11/18 October) as David is away. The club will resume on 25th October.

DIOCESAN

URGENT APPEAL FROM HCPT

HCPT Group 210 (Based in Brighton & Hove) are looking for nurses to travel as part of their Easter 2019 Pilgrimage Holiday to Lourdes - taking young people who are disabled or disadvantaged. They are desperate for nurses... as without them they may have to disband the group/cancel this year's travel plans. Please go to our website at www.hcpt.org.uk or www.facebook.com/hcptgroup210 for more info - and contact Matt Conneely at group210@hcpt.org.

THE BIG ENCOUNTER 2018 - Nov. 10th

This annual festival for 16-35 year olds is happening at Worth Abbey on Saturday November 10th at 6.30pm. Detail to follow.

OTHER

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

This annual event will take place outside Westminster Cathedral in London, Saturday 13 October, 2018. See posters in porch for more details.

NOTICE FROM SPUC

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23 October, 2018. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in this country. Postcards are available in the church porch. Thank you.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Holy Father has asked that these two prayers be added at the end of the Rosary when we say it this month:

Under Your Protection (*Sub tuum praesidium*)

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer to St Michael, the Archangel

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.