

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 10 February, 2019

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 09	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 10	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 Mass Book p.135	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Bernadette Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Harry Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 12	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 13	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Thurs 14	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention (T. Bilecova)</i>
Fri 15	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Margaret McGlew, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 16	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i> <i>Pierette, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 17	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26 Mass Book p.139	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Pierrette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call

The Sanctuary lamp this week is burning for Daniel Fernandes

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Meditation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David 01273 540038
Wed 20 Feb	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes 556927
Wed 27 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club, Years 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 01 Mar	3-6 pm	Cassidy Centre	Icon Painting Class	Rosie 01273 708092

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

Meditate: In today's Gospel Jesus gets into Peter's boat without asking him and then gives him his life changing call to become a 'fisher of men.' Peter is overwhelmed by his inability, weakness and unsuitableness to do this. He will experience his sinfulness repeatedly but he will also come to know that Jesus 'came to call sinners' and that with God 'all things are possible.' Our weakness is real but God's power to save and help us in our calling is even stronger.

Pray: Heavenly Father, you give each person their own mission for the glory of your name. Open my eyes to your will for my life and touch my heart with your grace so that I may believe in your great power at work in me.

Act: Seeing the glory of God at work around us gives a sense of our limitations and sinfulness. Go to confession and experience the mercy and saving goodness of God.

THANK YOU – Fr Rosario, from the Society of African Missionaries, thanks us for the collection of just over £400 raised when he was with us 2 weeks ago. Thank you all.

Lourdes Pilgrimage - This week's 2nd collection will be for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. This takes around 700 people each year to Lourdes, of which around 140 are frail, elderly, disabled & sick. There are many who would love to go but cannot afford the trip. This collection helps to subsidise their trip and make their pilgrimage possible. Please be generous.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – Mon. February 11 Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and also the world day of the Sick. After Mass there will be the St Blaise blessing of throats which we missed on 3rd Feb.

Please pray for those who have died recently including Malcolm Hunter & Canon Francis Moran-Mortlake, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Irene Platts, Eileen Rabbets, Reg Short, Barry Wells, Ruth McCormick, Violet Abernathy, Claire Ivin, Margaret Howell, Ella McLean, Mildred Carroll, Paul Smythe, Anne Claydon, Mary Hayhurst, Marjohn Grist & Pierrette Atallah

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Gerry Alfred, Mary Connett, Dick & Betty Morris & Peter Walsh.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

Change of date – Weekend of the 16th/17th February. Next week we will be joined by someone from Bethlehem. After Masses he will briefly talk about the Holy Land and then offer for sale in the church porch religious articles made out of Olive Wood from there which proceeds go to help and support the Christians living there.

Pastoral Survey

As part of the Pastoral Plan there is an ongoing review of Communications and as part of that the Diocese is looking to redesign their current website. The Diocese would be grateful if you would complete a short survey to help them in this task. To start the survey, please go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2CKCC6L

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you for recent donations. These as always can be left in the box in the church porch. All donations go to the Hangleton Food Bank. Every little helps.

CAN YOU HELP IN THE PARISH?

Like in any family home there are many jobs in the parish that need doing to keep it running. There are three areas at the moment where help is needed: 1] Help with the flower arranging and upkeep in the church. This makes such a difference in the church. 2] Help with the cleaning of the church. Can you volunteer one hour a month? 3] Upkeep, weeding, pruning, raking, mowing etc... in the garden. Contact the parish office or Fr Bruno if you can help in any of these ways. Thank you.

MARY'S MEALS – PORRIDGE PARTY

On **Sunday 24th February**, The Mary's Meals Group from this Parish will be holding a Porridge Party. You can drop in from 8.30-9.45am and then after 10am Mass until 12pm, when we will also serve coffee, tea & biscuits. Until 1st March 2019 the Government will double any donations made to Mary's Meals via its UK Aid Match programme. This funding will be spent on Mary's Meals feeding project in Zambia. It costs £13.90 to feed a child one good meal every school day for a whole year – if such a donation is now made before March 1st Mary's Meals will be able to feed 2 children for a whole school year! We will be making our own delicious version of this meal. Please pick up a poster – there are lots in the Porch. Mary's Meals Team.

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Follow your dream

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' Isaiah was sustained by his vision of God in glory; Paul by his vision of Jesus. On our wedding day we had a dream for our future together. The grace of God can sustain that vision despite many struggles. Let's always seek to follow our dream.

DIOCESAN

CCRS Course Coming to the Diocese: In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese is planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give a deeper understanding of the central truths of our Faith. It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found at www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php. For more information please contact Jon Harman the diocesan Adviser for Formation and Spirituality at the St Philip Howard Centre on: 01293 651157 or email jon.harman@dabnet.org.

DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019

26 July - 1 August - by Air; 25 July - 2 August - by Coach. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is a truly wonderful and life-changing experience. If you have never been we would encourage you to consider it. Opportunities for 15/16 year olds to go as Redshirts, and those 17 and over to go as helpers. 2019 Online application Form for Redshirts, Helpers, Doctors, Nurses and Pilgrims is now available. Assisted Pilgrims, please contact the Pilgrimage Office (01403 740110) for a printed Application Form. www.ablourdes.org The parish also has funds to subsidise parishioners who go. See Fr Bruno if you are interested.

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Residential Retreat for Doctors:

With Spiritual Director Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB. Theme: 'Love Your Neighbour As Yourself'. March 1 - 3 at Worth Abbey. £150 full board. Sessions include: Who and What We are, Personal challenges, Drawing strength from Prayer, Nurturing our Healthcare Vocation and the opportunity to join the monastic community at prayer. Full details from the Retreat Organiser Dr Joe O'Dwyer, email jodwyer@doctors.org.uk putting 'Doctors Retreat' in subject line.

The Sussex Peasant – Every Saturday from 9th Feb. a mobile farm shop which sells 100% seasonal Sussex produce will be in Preston Park. See poster in the porch for more details.

A POEM

St Jerome in his study kept a great big cat,
It's always in his pictures, with its feet upon the mat.
Did he give it milk to drink, in a little dish?
When it comes to Fridays, did he give it fish?
If I lost my little cat, I'd be sad without it;
I should ask St. Jerome what to do about it;
I should ask St. Jerome, just because of that,
For he's the only saint I know who kept a pussy cat.

Anon.

*'Christ as God is the fatherland where we are going.
Christ as man is the way by which we go' [St Augustine of Hippo].*