



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 18 August, 2019

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 17	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun 18	20 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10 a.m.	Pro Populo – for the people of the parish
	Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 Mass Book p.124	12 noon	For Dr & Mrs.L.Fernandes in Pacem
Mon 19	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15a.m.	-
Tue 20	St Bernard, Abbott, Doctor	10 a.m.	Fr Stephen Collins, R.I.P.
Wed 21	St Pius X, Pope	10 a.m.	Francis Ignatius Jukes, R.I.P.
Thurs 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 a.m.	Private Intentions
Fri 23	St Rose of Lima	10 a.m.	Mrs Kathleen Keane
Sat 24	St Bartholomew, Apostle	10 a.m.	The Milligan Family
	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun 25	21 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10 a.m.	Carole Pirie, R.I.P. (20th Anniv)
	Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 Mass Book p.127	12 noon	Pro Populo – for the people of the parish

*** Now Booking Masses for September and October ***

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's Mass.

Last Sunday's 1st Collection: £218.94 - Gift Aid £ 191.50; 2nd collection: £64.51

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David 01273 540038



FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please keep in your prayers Gerry Alfred, Amy Orman, Mary Connett, Harry & Verity Cross, Walter Heaney, Margaret Turner, Peter Walsh, John Woodhead and all who carry their own crosses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:

Madeleine Drake, Stella Mackay, Jean Lamb, Tom Green and Jean Franklin



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Fr Rafal will be on annual leave from Aug 26-Sept 27th. Whilst he is away we are fortunate to welcome back Fr Oliver Heaney who will be with us during this time and covering both the weekend masses as well as weekdays. Please contact the parish office if you wish to book an appointment with Fr Rafal on his return.

Going on Holiday Or housebound & missing Mass?

If you have access to the internet you may be able to watch a live streaming of Masses at the Sacred Heart, Hove via: churchservices.tv or the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Worthing, via: mcnmedia.tv. Both are free to view, as are other churches on the website and also EWTN.

Parish Office - During the Summer Holidays the office maybe closed a few days, especially this coming week August 19th. Please be patient if messages and emails are not directly replied to – they will be in good time.

Lost Property: A white & yellow bag was left in church containing children's books etc. Please see Fr Rafal if it is yours

PARISH



SACRAMENTS

The Applications forms for the 2019/2020 courses – First Holy Communion & Reconciliation and Confirmation will be available in the Church Porch from September 1st. **The closing date for completed applications, with all documents required, to be returned is Sunday October 6th**



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Violet Honor Maskell who became a Christian and a child of God this Saturday.

CHILDREN'S MASS – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – During Term time

We are looking for someone to take this over from the current organiser Emma, who has been doing this for many years now – for which we are truly grateful! The task would be made easier if you have children still in school and could ask other parents whether their child/ren wish to read and when they are available. Please contact the parish office or speak to Emma at the next Children's Mass**Also** If your child would like to read at one of these masses, readings or bidding prayers, please contact the parish office so that the organiser knows their availability. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (R, Yr 1 & Yr 2)

Thank you to all the parents who regularly *volunteer* with a smile to run children's liturgy every week. As a community we do rely on a spirit of reciprocity. If your children attend the liturgy sessions you are expected to help out. There are sheets for you to sign up in the church porch. Attendance isn't an issue and if everyone contributes no one will need to do it more than twice a year. If you would like to do it with someone the first time please let us know – we can help! For more information, please contact the parish office or speak to Karina who is one of our Children's Liturgy Leaders (at the 10am Mass)

CLEANING ROTA

We have rejuvenated our cleaning rota....If you would like to help please speak to Fr Rafal or contact the parish office. The new rota is in the cleaning cupboard and has been broken down into areas to be cleaned. Please check the list to see what needs to be done and date/initial when done – This will stop the same area being cleaned and others forgotten. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time to keep our church looking so nice.

COFFEE MORNING SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Bring and Buy sale in the hall after 10 am Mass: cakes, gifts plus raffle and the usual tea and coffee. A chance to meet each other and raise money for Uganda Hands For Hope. Please bring your **cakes** and **gifts** to the hall before Mass if possible. Many thanks from The Social Concerns Group.



CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Please note that each weekend we have a selection of Catholic Newspapers in the porch. The A & B News is free and other publications have a cover price which should be paid into the 'Repository box' in the wall.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday November 23rd - Yes I know you think it's too early to utter those dreaded words but it's not, because now is jam making season. Can you make an extra jar or 2? There will be a box in the porch. Also if you're driving abroad & bring wine back, could you bring an extra bottle for the fair? Thank you.

Would you Like to Be An Altar Server?

If you are interested in finding out more, young or old, & have made your First Holy Communion, speak to Fr Rafal or contact the parish office so that we can arrange for you to have some training.



FOODBANK

This week, at the foodbank, they are especially low on the following items: Shaving foam, Washing powder (or tablets or pods), Nappy sacks, Baby wipes, Size 5 nappies. They are also very short of toothbrushes (single packs are most useful as they cannot split multipacks for hygiene reasons) and tinned meat (eg chilli, meatballs, chicken in sauce, curry). Please do not leave fresh food in our box as the foodbank is only open on Wednesdays and we usually only have a collection from them once a fortnight. **Thank you**

DIOCESAN

MARRIAGE MATTERS (twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Our Sacrament: a sign of grace

When we married we entered into a Covenant of unconditional love, summed up in the vows we made to each other. By imitating Jesus' unconditional love for his bride, the Church, we became a Sacrament – a sacred sign of God's love for all to see. Living out our 'life-style choice' is made possible only by 'the graces of the Sacrament'.

"The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases." -St. Rose of Lima