

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Parish office: Wednesday & Friday 8.30am-12.30pm - During October -

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Parish Website: [www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk](http://www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk)

Hall & Cassidy Centre - Bookings currently suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 18 October, 2020

Mass proper		Intention	
Sun 18	29 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – For the People of The Parish</i>
	Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21		
Mon 19	<u>No Mass at St Mary's or St Mary's House Currently.</u>		-
Tue 20	<i>Feria</i>	10 am	<i>Jerry Purcell, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 21	<i>Feria</i>		<i>Thomas O'Gorman, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 22	<i>St John Paul II, Pope</i>		<i>Allan Broadbelt McCulloch, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 23	<i>St John of Capistrano, Priest</i>		<i>Private Intention (Tania).</i>
Sat 24	<i>St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>		<i>Frank.C.J.Woollett, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 25	30 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – For the People of The Parish</i>
	Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40		

Mass Intentions - We are still booking Mass intentions & have availability for "NOV & DEC" currently. Please email [brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk) if you would like a mass said. Thank You.

Please remember the Obligation to attend Sunday Masses remains suspended at this time

## PARISH



**FOR YOUR PRAYERS** - Please keep in your prayers, Mary Ashing, Mary Connett, Mary Ives, Frederick Mckay, Amy Orman, Margaret Turner and all who carry their own crosses.

Please let the Parish Office know if there are any new names, with the persons permission, to add.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** including Tony Fitzgerald .... **AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Ernest Symons, Roy Langridge, Irene Hills, Betty Loakman, Sylvia Laukas, John McKernan, Ruth Beddinton, Fr Peter Anscar and Sr Monica Healy.



**FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY IN CHURCHES CURRENTLY.**  
(unless you are exempt from doing so).

### **NHS COVID-19 TRACK & TRACE**

**Parishioners attending Mass must either use the NHS Covid-19 App to check into the Church by scanning our QR Code - Which is our preferred method or If you do not have a phone which supports this, you will be asked for your Name and a contact number on entering by a Steward.**

### **This week's second collection - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18<sup>th</sup> October**

On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty & privation. The need is even greater this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in countries with inadequate financial & medical resources. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year World Mission Sunday is 'Here I am, send me!' In these difficult & uncertain times, the Holy Father encourages us with these words: "God continues to look to those he can send into the world, and to the nations, to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, and his liberation from evil." Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer & charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information about Missio please visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) or call 02078219755 (office hours) to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation, if possible.



## **Volunteer Stewards/Cleaners Needed.....Would anyone like to join the team!!!**

Currently we have been appealing for months for volunteers, in the hope of being able to open for an extra Sunday mass and during the week... A minimum of 4 are, consistently, needed – With Christmas just over 9 weeks away we really need to have 2 Sunday masses up and running for November. Please if you can help we would be very grateful. The volunteer application form, can be found on our website, this needs to be completed & returned to the Parish Office either by email or physically through the letterbox. – There are certain restrictions imposed by the Diocese/Government on who can and cannot volunteer, unfortunately. Thank you.

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Bishop Richard is very conscious of the financial pressure on parishes at this time and asks that we contribute as best we can in the present circumstances.

**World Communications Day** 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Day for Life** 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Crib Collection** As usual, during the Christmas Season.

**Day for Life** - Given also the likelihood of proposed new legislation on life issues in the next parliament year; We are asked to stress the need for this fund, which supports our national effort in the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

**Retired Priests' Fund** 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Cathedral Maintenance Fund** 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Sea Sunday** 13<sup>th</sup> December

## **PARISH GIVING**

**Money Matters** - Lock down has made things difficult for everyone, every organisation has running costs and the church is no different. Most of our running costs have continued throughout the lockdown, but parish income has taken a big hit.

**The Offertory Collection** each week provides the income to run our parish, it covers costs such as: Resources used for the liturgy (This includes communion hosts, candles etc.) & for faith-based programmes, Building costs such as energy bills & maintenance, Administration costs, including personnel cost & insurance, Household costs for our priest, Contribution to Diocesan costs and Ongoing projects or provision for future projects.

**Mass Stipends** - If you request a Mass intention, then it is usual to give a donation as a Mass stipend. There is no fixed amount but a minimum of £10 is suggested, if you can afford it. Cash for Mass stipends can be put in the Mass intention envelopes, which are available in the porch, and can either be put them in the offertory collection or through the presbytery door.

## **OFFERTORY – Supporting Your Parish Church**



During this challenging time the Diocese has come up with a way of helping us support our Church by launching an online parish offertory support campaign. The money will come in centrally and then be sent to the parishes accordingly. Just follow this link : <http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory>

When making your donation, please leave a message to indicate the name of your church For example: **I would like my donation to go to St Mary's, Preston Park in Brighton**". This will ensure your donation is given to the correct parish as there are several St Mary's. **If you are already signed up for Gift Aid with the Parish – please add your number to your message. Thank you for all your support and prayers at this time.**

**Offertory Collection:** 13<sup>th</sup> September - 13<sup>th</sup> October - Offertory £356.71 - Gift Aid £306.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Coll:** Holy Places £107.38 - Education of Future Priests £51.04 - Peter's Pence £26.36 - Cafod £52.33

## **GIFTAID**

If anyone is interested in supporting the parish by signing up to gift aid their donations we have added the Declaration Form and Standing Order Forms to our website. These can be found in the 'Giving' Section. If you have any questions, please email the parish office and put 'Gift Aid' as the subject and our Gift Aid Co-Ordinator Maureen Fleet will get back to you.

## **FOODBANK DONATIONS – Please do not drop food donations at the Church currently.**

The foodbank are now in a position to accept some food donations; as they are supporting all of their clients with contactless food boxes – Keeping both the volunteers & recipients safe!.

You will need to call or text 07828658337 or email [hangletonfoodbankdonations@gmail.com](mailto:hangletonfoodbankdonations@gmail.com) . They will then arrange for the donations to be picked up from your doorstep, contactless of course, on a Sunday.

They are very low on: Peanut butter, Marmite, Tinned spaghetti, Coffee, Mens deodorant, Razors, Toothpaste, Toilet rolls , Anti dandruff shampoo & Cleaning products (eg antibacterial spray, j cloths, Toilet cleaner, kitchen roll). Please remember they cannot use items which are opened or past their 'best before' dates, and have to throw them away. Thank You

**BAPTISMS** - Bookings are now being taken for Baptisms, with the current guidelines/restrictions applying. For current guidelines/restrictions see the [Covid-19](#) section of our website. Please note that due to government restrictions there is a limit of 6 people, excluding the priest, if the Baptism is held separately from our parish mass. It should be noted however that in accordance with any new Government & Diocesan instructions received, these may change again. Application forms for Baptism are available from our website under the [downloads heading](#) ( as well as the FAQ's list). Please complete the application forms and send them through to the parish office; this will enable us to begin processing the application.

### **COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE – From the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales**

The Government has updated its guidance for Places of Worship. This is to ensure that social interaction is limited in order to reduce the risk of viral transmission. In each case the number does not include the Priest.

- Wedding Services: A maximum of 15 people will be able to attend the service & reception
- Funeral Services: Up to a maximum of 30 people can attend a funeral service, but the “Rule of Six” will apply to wakes and receptions afterwards
- Baptism: If a Baptism takes place in a mass which is part of the current pattern of parish Masses, the number of people attending will be limited to the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the Church building. People attending must remain within their groups of six and observe strict social distancing between each separate group. **IF** a baptism takes place outside of this normal pattern of worship, the numbers attending this celebration is limited to 6.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION – 2021**

Whilst we have no dates arranged yet for lessons, or the Sacrament Masses, the application forms for 2021 can now be found on our website – [Downloads Tab](#).

Please ensure that all documents are enclosed with your application, especially Baptism certificates. If your Baptism was at St Mary's we will have this on file and a copy will not be required. The application form & supporting documents should be posted through the Presbytery (Priests House) Letterbox – The envelope should be clearly marked with the child or candidates name, and state either 2021 First Communion or 2021 Confirmation. **Closing Date for Applications: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

## **DIOCESAN**

### **Ministry of Consolation**

The Diocese is recruiting candidates for next year's Bereavement Support Course, which will start in January 2021. Initial interviews/information sessions, will be held in November. The program will run for 7 Tuesdays through January and February 2021 and will take place either at the St Philip Howard Centre or via Zoom dependant on the government policy at this point. The content will cover listening skills, understanding the grieving journey, loss of a child, accompanying the dying and the Catholic teaching on death ( including suicide and euthanasia). The course is delivered by a supervising member of Cruse, the Bereavement Support Charity, and at the successful completion of the course Bishop Richard will commission the individual to work within the Ministry for three years.

If there is anyone within the parish who would like to actively support our parish priest, Fr Rafal Majewski, then please email [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk) directly. We do ask that the individual has not suffer a personal bereavement in the prior 2 years, Once Simon South has received your email, you will be sent full details to see if you feel able to make the commitment to the training. You will also receive a form which the Parish Priest will need to endorse, to confirm that they are happy for you to support them in this area of Ministry.

### **ONLINE RETREATS AND TALKS** At The House Of Prayer, East Molesey **Rebuild My Church Lectio Divina**

With Bishop Richard Moth. Hosted by the House of Prayer, East Molesey, online, via Zoom. Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 11am-1pm. This day introduces the practice of Lectio Divina -Praying with the Scriptures. Bishop Richard will speak about the background to this way of prayer that has been a part of the Church's life since the earliest times and its suitability for our own times. Suggested donation -£15.00. Please contact [admin@christian-retreat.org](mailto:admin@christian-retreat.org) Tel. 0208 941 2313.

The Parish Office will now be available 8.30am – 12.30pm Wednesday & Friday's in October.

*My Mission Prayer*

*Here I am, Lord, send me to share your love with all people.*

*May I be empowered and carried by you to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing faithful witness to the merciful Father, to the love of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to the divine life in the Holy Spirit, on God forever and ever. Amen*

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Priest:**

**On this World Mission Sunday, we unite with the whole Catholic Church in praying for the coming of God's Kingdom.**

For Pope Francis, Bishop Richard and all the leaders of the Church; may they continue to lead us in our response to God's call to mission.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Let us pray for all missionaries, men and women dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus with those who have not yet received it; may they be given the strength and courage to persevere in their mission .

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

For those who have not yet received the Good News of Jesus Christ; may we obey his call to go forth in order to reach all those in need of the light of the Gospel.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We remember the young and growing Catholic Communities across the world; may our prayers and charity give them courage in their mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

For those who live in areas of war, poverty and injustice; may we help to heal wounds, build bridges, strengthen relationships and bear one another's burdens.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and anxious; help us to strive together as one family of many nations to help those in greatest need.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

For those who have died recently, including Tony Fitzgerald, for those who are in mourning and for our friends, relatives and members of this parish whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

**Priest: God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ calls us to be missionary disciples. May your Church abound in love and compassion that the joy of the Gospel will fill the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen**

*"Only in Christ do we find real love, and the fullness of life. And so I invite you today to look to Christ. When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to Christ who gives you the meaning of life." "Jesus is not an idea or a feeling or a memory. Jesus is a living 'person' always present among us. Love Jesus present in the Eucharist."*

*- St. John Paul II, Address, October 3, 1979 & Nov. 8, 1978 -*



## **St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary and Nursery School**

Welcomes parents of prospective pupils to view our vibrant school during one to one visits with the Headteacher, Mrs Wilson. Please contact the school secretary on 01273 327533 to make an appointment. We look forward to meeting you.

## **SPUC – Society for the Protection of Unborn Children**

### **Help stop DIY abortions**

During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government's "pills through the post", brought in as Covid measure, means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Please help us to spread the truth about DIY abortion and save women and babies from the tragedy of abortion.

Will you deliver pro-life information leaflets about DIY abortions door-to-door in your area? Every leaflet could make the difference to a vulnerable woman and save a baby's life. Please go to our [website](#) to learn more and order some leaflets. Or you can order leaflets by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

### **Sign the petition to save the right to save lives**

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work.

Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>



## **Mary's meals Autumn Newsletter for the Sussex group.**

Well autumn is well and truly here!

When we last wrote a newsletter we told you that our school in Zambia, Thanthwe, had 256 children. Great news! This has increased to 352 children. However, that means that we have almost 100 more children who need feeding and educating so we need your help even more than ever.

Even through the pandemic our children were still being fed in their own homes and very recently they have returned to school in Zambia. This is great news so that they can continue their education and be sure of at least one nutritious meal a day in school.

How you can help us reach our target.

We now have an easier way for you to support us financially if you can, as we have set up a fundraising page on the Mary's Meals website. The link to donate is [https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/projects/lhpr-sussex-mary-s-meals-group](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/projects/lhpr-sussex-mary-s-meals-group)

Any amount however small would be greatly appreciated. This is a difficult time for many financially so if you are not able to support us financially we definitely need your prayers. There is a prayer email which you can download from the Marys meals website [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

We are currently planning a Christmas raffle and will give you more information regarding this in the next few weeks.

We would be grateful for any donations. If sending directly to head office please make sure you request that the funds are specifically for the Sussex group. We have a selection of cards available of Sussex beauty spots painted by a local artist which are blank inside for your own personal message. £1.50 each. These are available from Liz Woodhead, please contact her if you are interested. [lizwoodhead123@gmail.com](mailto:lizwoodhead123@gmail.com) We thank you for any help you are able to give us & if you require any further information please do contact me on: [angeleve.morrison@hotmail.com](mailto:angeleve.morrison@hotmail.com)

Thank you so much for all the support you give the Sussex Mary's Meals group to help us feed a life-changing meal to the 352 children at Thanthwe School