



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Parish office: Wednesday & Friday 8.30am-12.30pm - Currently -

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

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 22 November, 2020

Mass proper		Intention
Sun 22	CHRIST THE KING Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	<i>Pro Populo – For the People of the Parish</i>
Mon 23	No Mass at St Mary's or St Mary's House Currently.	
Tue 24	<i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	<i>Deceased Members of the Fleet Family, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 25	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	<i>Cullen Family & Friends, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 26	<i>Feria</i>	<i>Maura Theresa Fiorakis, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 27	<i>Feria</i>	<i>Harley Family & Friends, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 28	<i>Feria</i>	<i>Patrick Bernard & Anne Agnes Loakman, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 29	1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT – New Liturgical Year B Gospel: Matthew 13:33-37	<i>Deceased Members of the Ryan Family, R.I.P.</i>

Mass Intentions – Still booking Mass intentions & have availability for “DEC & 2021” currently. If you would like a mass said Please email brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk or put your envelope through the presbytery door. 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, Jean Witts 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 Smith..... **AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Charles Forte, Louis Reid, Rudolph Czech-Menser, Delia Foley and Kathleen Scholey.



Christmas Masses – Stewards needed.

Normally we would have 800+ attending our Christmas Masses here at St Mary's. However, 2020 is not a normal year. With Christmas just over 4 weeks away we really need your help.

As numbers per mass will be restricted due to government regulations it maybe necessary to have an additional mass and a booking system is likely to be used (more details to follow). But all of this will only be possible if we have Stewards. At this stage we are initially looking at the availability of Stewards – If only for this one-off celebration – We will look at using our usual Christmas mass times as a starting point (Christmas Eve 6pm, Midnight Christmas Day 10am and 12noon). If we can get enough Stewards for these masses then we can look at the possibility of an additional mass, depending on Stewards availability.

Sadly, if Stewards are not available, we may not be able to even have all our usual masses.

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. If you wish to Steward & Sanitise just for a Christmas Mass, please state this on your application form. – There are certain restrictions imposed by the Diocese/Government on who can and cannot volunteer, unfortunately. Thank you.

Masses Suspended Nov 5 – Dec 2 inclusive - BUT - We are open for private prayer: Sunday's 10am – 12 noon Tuesday's 10am – 11am

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

NHS COVID-19 TRACK & TRACE

**Parishioners attending Church/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.**

Anthony Smith, R.I.P.

Anthony (Tony) was the first Head of Cardinal Newman Catholic School when it was established in 1971. He went on to do significant work for local education authorities in Liverpool and London and also supported educational projects in Africa. Tony and his wife, Marie, moved a few years ago from Brighton to St George's Park where he played an active part in the community. A regular attender at St Mary's when in Brighton, Tony will be remembered for his deep commitment to Catholic education both in this country and abroad. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Smith and remember Marie and all his family in your prayers at this time.

PARISH GIVING

The Offertory Collection each week provides the income to run our parish.

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.*

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.

You will need to call or text 07828658337 or email 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 hoping, if possible, to give out Christmas boxes to clients in December so would be very grateful for: Crackers (for pulling), Crackers for Cheese (fancy as possible rather than cream crackers), Cranberry sauce, Stuffing, Gravy granules, Mayonnaise, Packet of Sauce mix e.g. Bread, Nibbles (gourmet crisps, nuts, etc), tinned ham, Dates, Branston pickle or piccalilli, Tubs of snack e.g. Twiglets, cheesy biscuits.

Please remember they cannot use items which are opened or past their 'best before' dates, and have to throw them away. Thank You

School Supplementary Forms -

For parishioners wanting to apply to send their children to St Bernadette's, Cottesmore St Mary's or St Mary Magdalene Primary School next September - Fr Rafal will be in the Church to sign forms 10.30am-11am, on the following dates: **Sunday 22nd Nov and Sun 29th Nov – During the Private Prayer Sessions on those weekends.**

The Parish Office is currently available 8.30am - 12.30pm Wednesday & Friday's.

Tel: 01273 554597 or email brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk

Domestic abuse

In order to raise awareness within the Catholic community of domestic abuse and the impact upon victims and their children, the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) has released a booklet that offers pastoral care and guidance. It has been described as an excellent resource for all of us. To read more and download the booklet, click [here](#).

The [Silent Solution](#) tells you what to do if you need urgent police help through the 999 service, but can't speak. The Diocesan website has more [advice and links](#) to other resources and information.

St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus).

The Sisters from the St Elisabeth Convent are unable to participate in their usual visits due to travel restrictions. Never the less they have launched their first online Christmas Market this year, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>

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LIVESTREAM MASSES

Locations of livestream Masses, in our Diocese, can be found on the Diocesan website:

<https://abdiocese.org.uk/livestream>

BISHOP'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT

Bishop Richard will be offering talks at the Cathedral on the Fridays preceding the Sundays of Advent. These will begin at 7pm. Dates & themes are as follows. Information will be included on the diocesan website & in e-news.

- 27th November: Advent - Waiting
- 4th December: John the Baptist - Witness
- 11th December: Gaudete - Rejoice
- 18th December: Mary - Openness

The first will be livestreamed only, on account of the lockdown, but it will be possible for people to attend the other three and bookings can be made through the Cathedral office.

Safeguarding - Important Information from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office regarding Training

For many years now in order to safeguard & promote the welfare of everyone who is associated with parish life, it has been the expectation of the Bishop, the Trustees and Safeguarding Commission that all who work with vulnerable groups (children young people or adults at risk) undertake Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Training. This is not dependent on their role being eligible for a DBS check.

The uptake of this training in the last few years has not been as high as we had expected & hoped for, For this reason, the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission has decided that we must do all we can to ensure that all those engaged in this important ministry have completed the mandatory training by the end of March 2021. Completion of this training will be required in order for individuals to be able to continue in their ministry.

As we are currently living with restrictions on social gatherings, it has been agreed that this training should be achieved by individuals registering and completing the online EduCare/Tes develop training available to us as a Church. If you have complete the Diocesan Face to Face training in the last 3 years, your training is considered up to date.

If you have not completed any Diocesan Safeguarding Training in the last 3 years and you are involved in ministry with Vulnerable Adults/Adults at Risk (e.g. as an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion) you should complete the EduCare Safeguarding Adults' module. In addition, if you are engaged in online ministry at this time, you should complete the EduCare 'Online Safety' Module.

If your training is due to expire as it is almost 3 years old, then you can complete either the Child Protection or Safeguarding Adult Refresher module.

In order to access EduCare Training, or check if you are up to date, please email the parish office - Making sure to provide your full name, parish role and preferred email address for correspondence. The parish office will then arrange for login details for you.

Prayers of Intercession

Priest:

Jesus calls us to know him. We pray that we listen to that call and strive to get closer to Christ in our journey towards Christmas.

We pray for the Church throughout the world that it may see Christ in all people and be a shining example of Jesus' message to us.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Let us pray; for the renewal and strengthening of faith in the church throughout the world, as we ponder on the true meaning of Kingship on this solemnity of Christ the King.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for world leaders and governments; that they strive to maintain integrity in all their dealings, upholding justice and working for peace throughout the world.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for everybody involved in the fight against Covid-19; may scientific discoveries and resources be shared with all peoples, especially those who are poor, disadvantaged and struggling to provide food, education and security for themselves and their families.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Let us pray for all those in our parish who are experiencing financial or emotional difficulties as we near the end of this liturgical year and look forward towards the beginning of Advent

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

During this month, as we particularly remember those who have died, we also pray for everyone suffering the pain of bereavement: may they be comforted and may those who have died enjoy the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Let us pray for a few moments in the silence of our hearts.....

Priest: God of all, show us how to answer your call so we may see your kingdom – a place where no one is hungry, thirsty, or alone – here on earth. Amen

Prayer for the feast of Christ the King.

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge You as universal King.

All that has been made, has been created for You.

Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my baptismal vows.

I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works;

I promise to live as a good Christian.

In particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit

worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/

