



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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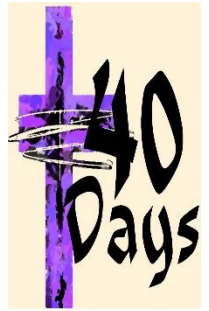
Parish office: Wednesday 8.30am-12.30pm - Due to current restrictions

Parish office e-mail: [brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk)

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 21 February 2021

| Mass proper |   | Intention |  |
|-------------|---|-----------|--|
| Sun 21      | 1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (B)<br>Gospel: Mark 1:12-15                  | 10am      | <i>Pro Populo – For the People of the Parish</i> |
|             |   | 12noon    | <i>Repose of the Soul of Lady Renata Sapieha</i> |
| Mon 22      | No Mass at St Mary's or St Mary's House Currently.                          |           |  |
| Tue 23      | Tuesday of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Lent<br><i>REQUIEM MASS</i>          | 10am      | <i>Jean Witts, R.I.P.</i>                        |
|             |   | 12noon    | <i>Joyce Barbara O'Shea, R.I.P.</i>              |
| Wed 24      | Wednesday of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Lent                               |           | <i>Fr Stan Dye JS, R.I.P.</i>                    |
| Thurs 25    | Thursday of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Lent                                |           | <i>Mary Connett, R.I.P</i>                       |
| Fri 26      | Friday of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Lent<br>Stations of the Cross         |           | <i>Private Intention</i>                         |
|             |   | 6pm       |  |
| Sat 27      | Saturday of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Lent                                |           | <i>Jean Witts, R.I.P.</i>                        |
| Sun 28      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 'Transfiguration'<br>Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 | 10am      | <i>Pro Populo – For the People of the Parish</i> |
|             |   | 12noon    | <i>Pierrette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P. (B'day)</i> |

**Still booking Mass intentions** - If you would like a mass said Please email [brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk) or put your envelope, with stipend through the presbytery door. Thank You.

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

If you are coming to mass on Sunday or Tuesday, please observe all social distancing rules and do not interact with people from outside of your household or bubble while in the church building or close by. Special care needs to be taken when leaving the church to avoid any congestion around the porch and exit points.

Please disburse as quickly as possible following the end of mass. By following these guidelines, we not only keep ourselves safe, but protect others.

### Offertory Collection 31<sup>st</sup> Jan-7 Feb- £255.79 - Gift Aid £131 - Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund £35

*We very much appreciate & are very grateful for the kindness and financial support that so many of our parishioners have shown during the recent periods of restrictions and lockdowns. We thank you for your generosity in the offertory collections and individual donations at this very difficult time, when so many of you have been affected, by the economic upheaval that Covid has caused.*

#### Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - 28<sup>th</sup> February -

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> is Cafod's Lent Fast Day & will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday. The Stewards will be handing out Cafod Envelopes at the end of this weekend's masses if you would like to use one.

## PARISH



**FOR YOUR PRAYERS** - Please keep in your prayers, Mary Ashing, 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 Mary Connett, Joyce Barbara O'Shea & Jean Witts .....  
**AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Ernest Webber, Peter Tinsley, Claire Anscough, John Joseph O'Shea, Gilbert Gardiner, Neil Bratton, Anne Marie Earle, Dudleigh Topp, Michael Story, Bob Haines and Clara Hill.

**RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL** - If you would like to be put on a (BCC) mailing list to receive the parish newsletter via email, send an email request to the parish office [brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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.**

**STEWARDS NEEDED FOR**

**Sunday Masses' 10am & 12noon – Tuesday's 10am... until restrictions are lifted. We need more Volunteer Stewards/Cleaners to consistently open.....The more volunteers we have the easier it is for us all.** A minimum of 4 volunteers are, consistently, needed & we really need your help. 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.

**PARISH GIVING**

**MASS INTENTIONS** - Many parishioners like to have a Mass said for their personal intention or for a loved one who may be living or deceased. In the church porch there are Mass Intention Envelopes. Please fill out the details requested clearly. It is also very helpful if you put your own name down as the donor and your telephone number in case we need to make contact with you. Please give the envelope to Fr Rafal or post through the Presbytery letter box. We endeavour to meet peoples' requests for a particular day or time, but this is not always possible. Occasionally we have to change an Intention at short notice, and this is normally to accommodate Funeral Masses which have to take precedence. It is customary to give a donation with any Mass intention request. They form part of a priest's personal income.

**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.

**Mary's Meals - CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA: emergency appeal –**

The people of Tigray in Ethiopia urgently need our help. Due to brutal fighting in the region, frightened families have been forced to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation.

The region's capital, Mekelle, is being overwhelmed by displaced and traumatised people arriving every day.

Many are unaccompanied children who have lost their parents.

Mary's Meals has been working with a trusted partner in the region for many years and together we are reaching out to children and communities affected by this dire situation.

But we really need your help to continue this life-saving work. Please give if you can.

**This week's Bidding Prayers are on page 5**

## **DIOCESAN**

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

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

**COVID-19 VACCINE** - There is a very helpful statement from the Bishops' Conference on their website about the COVID-19 vaccine. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>



### **Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him.

What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like-minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more. You, are Invited.

### **St Joseph's Online Alpha Course** - New course starts late February.

At this strange time why not take the opportunity to build your faith, explore your faith, or learn more about faith, life, and God from home.

We have run two very successful Alphas online, after many in person series, with a mixture of parishioners and people new to our church. We are halfway through our third Alpha online AND ARE NOW TAKING NAMES FOR OUR NEXT ONE starting early Lent.

Just get in touch and we will answer questions and give you full details <http://eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/alpha>



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## **Have you ever considered becoming a Foundation Governor?**

### **VACANCY: FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld.

Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher.

Governing bodies need people with a mixture of skills and experience

Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role.

If you would like to know more, contact [gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk) or visit the Diocesan website at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance>

or

Please complete and return the Governor Interest form



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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

Foundation Governors are practising Catholics, appointed by the local Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and represent the Bishop's education policy (e.g. worship and religious education) to the governing body.

Because not all governing bodies need the same skills, to be successful, it is vital that individuals from all backgrounds volunteer to be a Foundation Governor. A reference from your Parish Priest will be taken up as part of the application process.

**If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Foundation Governor, please add your details to the form below and return it to Gill Sajnog by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021– Lead Officer Governance; E: [gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk)**

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Name:</b>                |  |
| <b>Telephone number:</b>    |  |
| <b>Email address:</b>       |  |
| <b>Parish &amp; Deanery</b> |  |

## Prayers of Intercession

**Priest:**

**Loving Lord hear our prayers that we bring before you. Let us take a moment to give thanks for all we have, the love we have in our lives and the beauty that surrounds us in the natural world.**

We pray for Pope Francis as he encourages us to “feel the full force of God’s word” and to read the Gospel with an open heart to experience the signs of salvation in our everyday lives.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for the whole family of your church here on earth. May all your people be built up in faith and demonstrate in their lives the gospel of Jesus Christ especially as at this time we are struggling to meet together because of the pandemic. Help us to play our part in the life of the Church throughout the world, through our prayers. Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you. Give us a fresh vision that leads to action and strengthen us to serve you in the places where we live.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they do not misuse their powers but respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for those living alone and suffering the effects of long-time loneliness. May their lives and hearts be comforted by the closeness of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

During our Lenten fasting may we be constantly aware of those in our world who are always hungry and thirsty and of all those who have so little when we have so much.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

We ask you to protect our loved ones, our friends and our neighbours. We pray that this Lenten season may bring grace to our friends and relatives who no longer practice their faith, and that they may return in the certain knowledge of your loving acceptance of them.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for those who are ill and in pain, longing to live full lives. For those who are sad and hurt, longing for comfort, for those in hospital awaiting treatment, for those convalescing, seeing an end to their suffering. May we always offer gentle support to those in trouble, sensitive encouragement to those in need, and strength and support to those in weakness.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those saddened by the death of someone close to them. Give them your comfort as they mourn for their loved ones and turn their darkness into light. We commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died praying that they will rest eternal in the light of Christ. We remember especially Mary Connett, Barbara O’Shea and Jean Witts.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

**Priest:**

**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**