



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

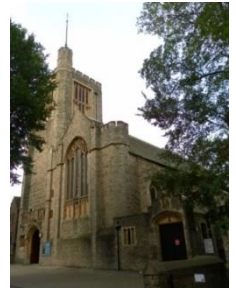
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Parish office: Tuesday & Friday 8.30am-12.30pm - Currently

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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 July 2021

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 17	Vigil Mass	7pm	Private Intention
Sun 18	16 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 6:30-34	10am	Pro Populo – For the People of the Parish
		12noon	Michael Sheriff, R.I.P.
Tue 20	St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr	10am	Marcel De Pauw, R.I.P.
Fri 23	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe	10am	Claude De Pauw, R.I.P.
Sat 24	Vigil Mass	7pm	Private Intentions
Sun 25	17 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: John 6:1-15	10am	Pro Populo – For the People of the Parish
		12noon	Maurice & Sophie De Pauw, R.I.P.

Still booking Mass intentions – Spaces still available for August & Sept. 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.

Confessions every Saturday 6.15 - 6.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 9 - 10am
<b>ROSARY GROUP</b> During the Summer Holidays (19 July – 31 August) this will move temporarily from its usual day to FRIDAY commencing at 9.30am, prior to the 10am mass – All are welcome!	

### Finance of the Parish – It is vitally important to pay attention to this information.

A breakdown of the last ten years of the parish's income & expenditure, with clear charts, has been put up on the notice board in the Church Porch. This covers the period up to April 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. Please take some time to look at this information. We will be providing further detail in the coming months when the finance committee meets again. If you want a copy to view at home we can email this to you or print it for you.

### Masses – 19<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August

From July 19<sup>th</sup> till the end of August there will be a change in the number of masses available for people during the week. We will only be having 2 masses during the week on Tuesday & Friday – On Friday there will also be starting at 9am Exposition, Rosary & Benediction. – There will also be a Saturday 7pm Vigil Mass and the usual 10am & 12 noon masses on Sunday.



**FOR YOUR PRAYERS** – Please keep in your prayers, Mary Ashing, Victoria Hendley, Mary Ives, Mary Teresa Larratt, Frederick Mckay, Amy Orman, Bernard Regan, 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 Peggy Ingram, ..... **AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Frank Mulcahy, Michael Stone and Arthur Phillips.



**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)

**Parish Office available Tuesday & Friday 8.30-12.30 Currently**



## BBC Songs of Praise – Arundel Cathedral

This week's Songs of Praise comes from Arundel Cathedral. It will be airing on Sunday 18 July at 1.15pm on BBC One and will be available to watch on the BBC iPlayer afterwards. We hope you enjoy the episode!

The Diocese welcomes feedback so please get in touch after the broadcast and let them know what you thought; E: [communications@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@abdiocese.org.uk)



**FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY IN CHURCHES CURRENTLY (unless exempt).**  
**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 at the Sunday masses or during the week we ask you to add your details on to the daily sheet found in the Church Porch .**

## PARISH

### **Bereavement support at St Mary's.**

The past year has been very difficult for everyone but especially for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Grief is a very personal experience, but it can often help to talk to someone who is not a family member or close friend. St Mary's now has a trained "befriender" who you can talk to in confidence if you feel that it would be helpful.

At the moment this will be over the telephone but once we are able, one to one support will be available, and we hope to set up a bereavement support group. It does not matter if your loss was yesterday or many months/ years ago, if you need to talk, we are here for you. Please see Father Rafal or contact the parish office for further details. N.B: It is possible to have a "befriender" from another parish, rather than your own, should this be easier for you.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION – 2022**

Whilst we have no dates arranged yet for lessons, or the Sacrament Masses, the application forms for 2022 can now be found on our website under the downloads section. (<http://stmarysprestonpark.org.uk/baptism-form/>) 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 2022 First Communion or 2022 Confirmation. **Closing Date for Applications: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

*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.*

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July £192.57 – Gift Aid £146; Peter's Pence £103.70; Sea Sunday £151.40

### **VOTIVE CANDLES - Are now back in the Church.**

Donations go into the box on the wall by the side altar. Thank you

## DIOCESAN

### **Gatwick Welfare Group**

The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group in Crawley have issued the following request:

We would be grateful to receive good quality second-hand clothes as follows:

- Jeans, waist 30", 32", 33", 34"
- T-shirts in all sizes but especially Medium
- Shoes in all sizes (apart from 45)
- Joggers in all sizes
- Summer jackets in all sizes

People can bring clothes to the office (The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD) during office hours, but it is best to email Josie first to fix a time in case the staff member has to go out: [josie@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josie@gdwg.org.uk) With thanks for your support.

**Also - Redundant iPads and Laptops** are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: [josiwade@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josiwade@gdwg.org.uk). Thank you.

### **MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES – Arundel Cathedral – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by a couple preparing for marriage. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy.

Please [click here](#) to book your place or contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser – email: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **WORTH ABBEY ONLINE RETREATS**

#### **Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts - Online Day Retreat led by David Clayton & Michael Woodward** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. 10am-4:30pm

Evagrius (b.345) is honoured as 'one of the most important names': come & see why his teaching lives.

#### **FINDING STILLNESS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey - 24th-26th August 2021**

An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come and stay at Worth or join the retreat online.

For further information or to book your place, for any of these retreats, go to: [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/onlineretreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/onlineretreats) Enquiries: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

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### **FAITH & REASON: A CATHOLIC INTEGRATION**

A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. Runs 5th-8th August. For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

### **NEW Colour and Shape website launch! Mass resources for families.**

Colour and Shape developed over the pandemic providing a weekly video liturgy for families to use at home during lockdown. This video – Connect Sunday – has now changed into a new shorter format, along with a set of accompanying resources on a brand new website. Head over to [www.colourandshapeonline.com](http://www.colourandshapeonline.com) to check out the resources reflecting on the Sunday Gospel each week, plus links to Spotify playlists, ideas on how to pray together as a family, and information on how to join the online community supporting families.

### **Diocesan Youth Service – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – 4 September 2021 - Arundel Cathedral -**

We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends, and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

### **Beginning Experience Weekend**

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th October 2021 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com).