

19TH OCTOBER -
9TH NOVEMBER 2025

Proclaim!

Parish Newsletter!

"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart."



Our Mission Statement

United by faith, seeking God in diversity, welcoming and serving all after the example of Jesus

SAVE THE DATE

- 19/10 5pm RCIA Session #3
- 22/10 6.30pm The Youth Club (Parish Hall)
- 28/10 11am Requiem Mass Mrs Maureen Fleet
- 05/11 6.30pm The Seekers (Parish Hall)
- 07/11 6pm FHC Group 2 Lesson#3 (Upper Parish Room - Presbytery)
- 08/11 9.30am FHC Group 1 Lesson #4 (Cassidy Centre)

Donations for
our Roof fund
will be
gratefully
accepted
Including via
this QR Code



GRAFFITI IN THE TOWER OF LONDON !!

Yes, even a Noble did it. In the Beauchamp Tower scrawled over the fireplace is the very distinctive name ARUNDLL. It was put there by Philip Howard, Earl of Arundel during the eleven years in which he was incarcerated. His mother died just after his birth and he was baptised as a Catholic in the Queen's chapel in Whitehall. When Queen Mary died he was brought up as a Protestant and after Cambridge he joined Elizabeth I court, neglecting his wife and leading a dissolute life After hearing Edmund Campion explaining the Catholic Faith ,Philip had a conversion experience walking up and down in Arundel Castle. Suspicion fell on him as a Catholic and he planned to escape sailing from Littlehampton. The authorities arrested him, and he was sentenced to imprisonment at the Queen's pleasure.



Almost his only comfort was his dog which wandered around meeting another prisoner, Robert Southwell, a Jesuit who was his spiritual guide. He did petition the Queen to see his wife and his son, but she said "only if you attend a Protestant Service ". He declined. Although on false charges he was sentenced to death the Queen never signed the warrant. At the age of 38 he died October 1595 with a suspicion of poisoning. When he was canonised in 1970 his remains which were in the Norfolk's vault in the Arundel Parish Church were transferred to the Shrine in the Cathedral.

In the Altars of St Mary's and St Thomas More's there is a relic of this Martyr which reminds us of his lasting faith and fidelity.

From the Desk of
FR JOHN

Visit our
WEBSITES

brightonstmary.com

saintthomasmorebrighton.com



Celebrating the life of



Maureen Susan Fleet
 25th January 1941 - 2nd October 2025
Reception into the Church.....
 Monday 27th October 4pm (Time TBC)

REQUIEM MASS
 ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 PRESTON PARK
TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
11AM



Our dear friend and colleague, Maureen

Maureen was a noble lady in every sense of the word — kind, gracious, and endlessly giving. She had a way of making everyone feel seen and valued. If you needed a hand, she was there before you even had to ask. If something needed to be done, she rolled up her sleeves and got it done — never for recognition, but simply because she cared.

Maureen was also wonderfully feisty. She didn't shy away from speaking her mind — and we loved her for it. She had the courage to tell you when you were wrong, but she did it with honesty, humour, and heart. You always knew where you stood with her, and that honesty made her presence all the more genuine and special.

She brought light and laughter wherever she went. In the workplace, she was more than a colleague — she was a friend, a mentor, a steady voice of reason. Her warmth made even the hardest days brighter, and her strength inspired those around her to be better, do better, and care a little deeper.

Though our hearts are heavy today, we are grateful for the time we had with Maureen — for the memories, the laughter, and the lessons she left behind.

Her spirit will live on in the kindness we show to others, in the courage to speak our truth, and in the warmth of every shared smile.

Rest peacefully, dear Maureen.
 You will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and forever loved.



Blessing of the Graves

Sunday 9th
 November 2.30pm

Ministry of Consolation

Do you have a good listening ear?
 Do you feel you could support those who are struggling with loss or bereavement? We are recruiting for our training course to become a member of the Ministry of Consolation team of volunteer befrienders. The course runs online for a total of 7 weeks on each Wednesday throughout January and February 2026 (9.30am-1.30pm). To find out more contact E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. Application process ends on 15 November 2025.

31.10.2025

TASTE & SEE

Friday,
 7pm - 10pm

St Mary Magdalen's Church,
 55 Upper N St, BN1 3FH
 Brighton

AN EVENING OF POWERFUL PRAISE AND WORSHIP, PRAYER MINISTRY, ADORATION AND ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD. COME EXPECTING MIRACLES, HEALINGS, AND BREAKTHROUGH AS WE LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS. ON THIS HALLOWEEN NIGHT, WE GATHER TO SHINE HIS LIGHT AND DECLARE VICTORY OVER DARKNESS.

Keep in your prayers.....

Please Join us in Pray for the Sick

God of compassion, please bring peace and comfort to those who are suffering. Let them feel your love and care. Amen.

Maureen Ashing, William Barrett, Susan Cook, Tom Cullimore, Liz Humphries, Mary Ives, Peter Knott, Mary Neeson, Simone R, Liz Regan, Chris Rodrigues, Anthony Welham, Tracey Weller and all who carry their own crosses.

Death Anniversaries

Irene Hills, Luisa Barber, John McKernan, Ruth Beddington, Sheila Curran, Joe Camillin, June Grace, Mary O'Donnell, John Cullen, Babs Humphrey, John Denyer, Pol Castiau, Sr Marie Noel and Roger Chandler.

(Names are listed for 25years inline with the foundation mass format - Taken from our Parish Registers)



FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

28th September - 12th October

1st Collection: £ 1,599.01

Gift Aid: £ 400.50

Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £ 193.20

Roof Fund : £ 930.25

If you would like to financially support us we would be truly grateful. Cheques Should be made Payable to: St Mary's Church. If you would like to gift aid a donation - please include a letter stating this & that the donation is for Parish Refurbishment.

Remember the Dona machines are available for card donations as well.

Bank A/c -RCD A&B St Marys Brighton -
 Sort code 40-05-20 - A/c No: 41076434

What's on in our churches?

ST MARY'S MEN'S GROUP

A fortnightly rhythm of walking, talking, and brotherhood

STARTS THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER, MEET AT 7:45PM

Looking for a place to connect, share, and grow with other men?

Join us for six sessions designed around activity, conversation, and faith.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Walks, food, and hands-on projects
- Honest conversations in a relaxed setting
- Short reflections
- Brotherhood and encouragement

UPCOMING THEMES

- Stress & Pressure
- Fatherhood & Role Models
- Work & Purpose
- Friendship & Brotherhood
- Health (Body & Mind)
- Legacy

WHEN & WHERE

St Mary's Parish
(various local venues)

To sign up, message Craig Walker (07809 198069) or email St Mary's

Youth Club For Years 5, 6 & 7

In St Mary's Church Hall



Join us for Games, Friends & Fun

Starts at 18.30
Pick-up 19.45-20.00

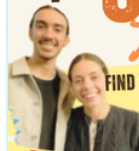


If you have any questions about the club email: stmaryyouthclub@outlook.com

The Club will be open on
October 22nd
November 12th & 26th
December 10th 2025

ST MARY'S PRESTON PARK

SEEKERS Teens Club



FIND YOUR VOICE. FUEL YOUR PURPOSE

Young people, this is YOUR moment. Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with:

BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP REAL TALK SESSIONS FUN, GAMES & MORE!

DYNAMIC LEADERS

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAY'S OPENS 6.30PM
NOVEMBER 5 & 19TH
DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL 5 SURRENDEN ROAD, BN1 6PA

FREE ADMISSION



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
STMARYYOUTHCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM

WEEKDAY PRAYERS & LECTIO DIVINA

Most Thursdays 9.45am

Monastic Morning Prayers.

Most Fridays 9- 9.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month -

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Lectio Divina following the 10am Mass



SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE



Join us for tea and coffee after our 10am Mass in both churches and let's meet in our Parish Halls and have a chat and taste the sweetness of our communities

PREACHING TO CHILDREN



Our priests are great preachers to children.

All children are welcome to join in the preaching at

Sunday 10am Masses;

Oct 19th - Nov 9th & 30th - Dec 7th & 14th

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Join Celia and her ecumenical team for Christian meditation every Monday at 7pm in person or online. - For more info please call Celia: 01273 555967



CHILDRENS LITURGY

October 26th November 16th & 23rd - December 21st

Children are welcome to join our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10am Sunday Masses

SEASON 7

MONKS IN THE CITY



A prayerful oasis for the city of Brighton
You are invited

St John the Baptist,
2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown, BN2 1AP.

Monksinthecity@worth.org.uk
07444 802368

SEASON 7 DATES AND TIMES

Unless stated feel free to just turn up.

Saturday Sanctuary

take time out to reflect and pray with the monks
4th Oct, 1st Nov, 10:45am - 12:45pm

Monk Talks - Living the Benedictine Life

16th Sept - 'Life as an Oblate' Bishop Richard Moth
28th Oct - 'The enclosed monastic life' A nun from St Mildred's Priory, Minster Abbey
18th Nov - 'The Lay Benedictine life' Adam Simon
6pm Evening Prayer, 6:30pm simple supper, 7pm Talk

Midday Stillness - 12th Sept to 12th Dec

Drop in Fridays between 12noon - 1pm for a time of music, prayer and reflection with a monk, stay as long as you like.

Special Events

Sun 19th Oct Vespers for Solemnity of St Philip Howard 4pm
Sun 23rd Nov Vespers for Solemnity of Christ the King 4pm
Sun 6th Dec an Advent Retreat Day 10:10am - 3pm (Booking requested)

Pray with us

Morning Prayer 9am Mon - Sat
Evening Prayer 6pm Mon - Thurs
5pm Sat, Sun



www.monksinthecity.uk

EXPLORING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING GOD AND THE 'SECULAR WORLD'



Living Faith Conferences - Opportunities to Explore Christian Faith Today



SUN 9TH NOV 2025 | 12:45 - 4:15PM

The Fitzherbert Community Hub, St John the Baptist Church, 2 Bristol Road, Brighton, BN2 1AP.

SPEAKER: CHARLES WOOKEY, FOUNDER OF THE CHARITY 'A BLUEPRINT FOR BETTER BUSINESS'

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19th October - 9th November 2025

Masses at St Mary & St Thomas More

SUNDAY 19th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm - Simone

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

10 am - Bridie McDermott, R.I.P.

12noon - In thanksgiving for graces received during a recent Pilgrimage to Assisi (Liz Davies)

TUESDAY 21st October

10am Mass - Allan Broadbelt McCulloch, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 22nd October

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass -Mary Neeson & Family

THURSDAY 23rd October

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - Simone

FRIDAY 24th October

10am Mass - Frank.C.J.Woollett, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -



**DON'T FORGET TO
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK BY 1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT**

SUNDAY 26th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

For the Wellbeing of Cathy Cullen

10am Mass - Pam Colburn, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

Pro Populo

12noon -Lar O'Brien, R.I.P.

TUESDAY 28th October

11am - Requiem Mass -

Maureen Fleet, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 29th October

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass -Simone

THURSDAY 30th October

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - Mr Arulthasan Benjamin, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 31st October

10am Mass - Frederick McKay, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

SUNDAY 2nd November

ALL SAINTS

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm - Charlie Kirk, RIP

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

Pro Populo

10am Mass - Maureen Fleet, R.I.P.

12 noon - Yvonne Bellm, R.I.P.

TUESDAY 4th November

10am Mass - Irene & Virgilia Valenti, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 5th November

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - Mary Neeson & Family

THURSDAY 6th November

No 10am Mass - Clergy Safeguarding Training

FRIDAY 7th November

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Grace Reid, R.I.P.

Followed by Lectio Divina

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

SUNDAY 9th November -

**Consecration of the Lateran Basilica &
Remembrance Sunday.**

5.15pm - 5.45pm

Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

10 am - Pauline Dalton, R.I.P. (30th Anniversary)

12noon - Pam Colburn, R.I.P.



Why have a Mass?

There is no greater prayer, because the Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his heavenly Father. In offering Mass for a specific intention, the priest prays to God that the fruits of Christ's redemptive sacrifice be applied to the requested intention, for the spiritual and temporal good of the person(s) concerned. Please book a Mass for any intention using the mass offering envelopes, via our website or by contacting the Parish Office.

A Mass stipend or donation is an offering for the mass intention & contributes towards the parish priests living expenses for the year

Mass Intentions St Mary's

Dates get booked up in advance , to avoid disappointment for a specific date please contact us as soon as possible

St Thomas More : Parish Priest: Mgr. John Hull

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Phone: 01273 563017 Email: John.Hull@abdiocese.org.uk

General Enquires : brightonsttm@abdiocese.org.uk

www.saintthomasmorebrighton.com

Safeguarding Rep:Helen Costello sg1.brightonsttm@abdiocese.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE OPEN



**TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM
PHONE/WHATSAPP: 07895 825296**



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