

9TH - 30TH
NOVEMBER 2025

Proclaim!

Parish Newsletter!



Our Mission Statement

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

SAVE THE DATE

- **9/11** Altar Servers - Junior Acolytes Group 5pm Presbytery
- **12/11** 6.30pm The Youth Club Yrs 5,6 & 7(Parish Hall)
- **19/11** Altar Servers - Novice Acolytes Group 5pm Presbytery
- **19/11** 6.30pm The Seekers (Parish Hall)
- **23/11** RCIA Session #5 (Upper Parish Room -Presbytery)
- **26/11** 6.30pm The Youth Club Yrs 5,6 & 7(Parish Hall)
- **28/11** 6pm - FHC Group 2 -Session #4 (Upper Parish Room-Presbytery)
- **29/11** 9.30am - FHC Group 1- Session #5 (Cassidy Centre)

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



Jesus Cleanses the Temple

In today's Gospel we hear from St John how Jesus went to Jerusalem and found his Father's House being used like a market place.

Can you imagine how that felt?

How would you feel if you went to visit a parent, grandparent or other relative and instead of the peaceful place you thought you were going to you found this.

How would we feel if we turned up for Mass and we found the same scene today.

Our Church is like a home to us & we are all a part of a much larger and wonderful family.

A few years back we started down the path of Divine Renovation to move our parish forward from its maintenance position to mission.

The concept of Divine Renovation is deeply intertwined with the idea of Jesus as the True Temple. This theological theme emphasizes the fulfilment of Old Testament typology and the ultimate dwelling of God with humanity. Jesus Christ is identified as the



true temple, the ultimate dwelling place of God's presence, as seen in the New Testament.

When we come to church this process involves a personal encounter with Jesus, it revitalises us and empowers us.

By using the Divine Renovation ministry in our parishes we are equipping ourselves for mission we revitalize our church and find more clearly its identity and purpose.

We are called to be disciples and empower ourselves to serve using our individual gifts and strengths.

What gifts do you have that you could offer.....



<https://divinerenovation.org/>

Help Needed - Speak to Fr Seb
Do we have any artists or carpenters ... St Mary's have a project that you could help with.

Visit our
WEBSITES

brightonstmary.com

saintthomasmorebrighton.com

A prayer for peacemakers



History can inspire or trap.
Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame.
Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate.
Peace can be shared or withheld.
Gracious God, on this day,
when we remember past and present
conflicts,
we pray for the divided peoples of the
world,
that leaders, governments and each
one of us
may use our resources,
our opportunities and our lives
in the service of reconciliation,
for the sake of future generations
and to the glory of your name.

Amen.



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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES



The
Combined
Choirs of St
Mary's,
St Thomas
More's and
St
Bernadette
's
Children's
Choir

Will
entertain
us with a
Carol
Concert
Sunday
14th

December
7pm
at St
Mary's
Church



Mulled
wine &
mince pies
available
afterwards
in the
Church
Hall

With all
proceeds
going to St
Mary's
Roof Fund.

We are absolutely thrilled and wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our Roof Fundraiser on Sunday, 28th September! Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible! and a massive thank you to all who purchased items We raised an incredible

£2,445.44!

Thank
you
For Your Support



Donations are still very much welcomed ... as we need another £300k So if you would like to help donations are possible via the QR Code. Thank You So Much!

To date our Fund raising efforts alongside one off donations and parishioners signing up for monthly donations has raised

£19,035.81

we still have a long way to go but if everyone helps or could give just a little each month, with help from gift aid, we can get there.



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

Ursula Huet, Elizabeth Guy, Vincent Morrison, Margaret Daly, Vincent Coppola, Hannah Fluck, Madeleine Earle, Ann-Marie James, Audrey Atkins, Johanna Levitt, Mary Neeson, Mary Cosham, Rosemary Ogoe and Delia Foley.

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

FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

19th October - 2nd November

1st Collection: £ 1,753.85

Gift Aid: £ 350

Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £ 231.20

Roof Fund : £ 1,000.

World Mission Sunday: £10

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
Fortnightly on Thursdays
Next dates 20th November
4th & 18th December

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

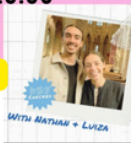
For Years 5, 6 & 7

In St Mary's Church Hall



Join us for Games, Friends & Fun

Starts at 18.30
 Pick-up 19.45-20.00



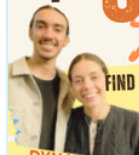
If you have any questions about the club email: stmaryyouthclub@outlook.com

The Club will be open on

November 12th & 26th
December 10th
2025

ST MARY'S PRESTON PARK

THE 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!

FORTNIGHTLY ON
WEDNESDAY'S OPENS 6.30PM
NOVEMBER 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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Lectio Divina on Fridays will resume in the Spring.



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; 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

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

November 16th & 23rd - December 21st

ST MARY'S PRESTON PARK

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL NIGHT OF

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday
 December 14th

7pm

Get into the holiday spirit with an enchanting evening filled with the melodies of classic Christmas carols

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Carols sung by the joint choirs of St Mary's & St Thomas More's Plus the children's Choir of St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Followed by Refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards

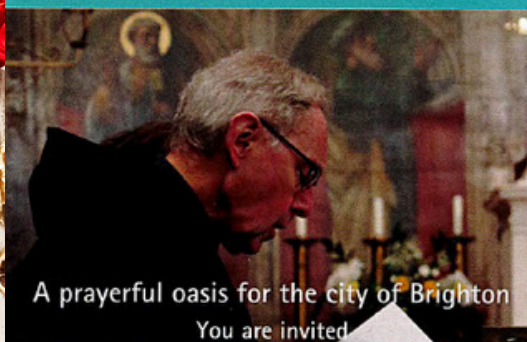
Donations welcome - All proceeds go to St Mary's Roof Fund

ST MARY'S CHURCH

5 SURRENDEN ROAD, BRIGHTON BN1 6PA

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

ST. BERNADETTE'S

JINGLE & MINGLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER
 3 PM - 7 PM

St Bernadette's School Hall, Preston Road, BN1 6UT

LOCAL CRAFT STALLS, BBQ, BAR, WREATH MAKING AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

For stall hire, please get in touch with Victoria Morrison on: 07557529866 or email: victoria.morrison56@yahoo.com



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For St Mary's Parishioners email : brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk and for St Thomas Mores email: sttmbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk with the Subject line : Add me to the Newsletter

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Masses at St Mary & St Thomas More

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 - Pro Populo

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

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

TUESDAY 11th November

10am Mass - For the Deceased of the Two
World Wars

WEDNESDAY 12th November

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass -For the Deceased Family Members
of Dorota

THURSDAY 13th November

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - Tony Heath, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 14th November

10am Mass - Dec'd Family & Friends (Marganelli)

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

SUNDAY 16th November- **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Marcel Depauw, R.I.P.

10am Mass - Giuseppe Giuffrida, R.I.P. & His
Grieving Family

St Thomas More - Mass 10am - Pro Populo

12noon - Vernon Ashing, R.I.P.

TUESDAY 18th November

10am Mass - Mary O'Grady, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 19th November

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - Fenella Hogge, R.I.P

THURSDAY 20th November

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - For the Health & Wellbeing of
Family and Friends

FRIDAY 21st November

10am Mass - Special Intention : Driving Test &
Finding a new home

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

SUNDAY 23rd November **CHRIST THE KING**

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Teresa Dobrzykowska, R.I.P. (3rd Anniv)

St Thomas More - Mass 10am - Pro Populo

10am Mass - Angela McCulloch R.I.P.

12 noon - Maura Fiorakis, R.I.P.

TUESDAY 25th November

10am Mass - Alison Clark, R.I.P

WEDNESDAY 26th November

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

No 10am Mass

THURSDAY 27th November

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - Patrick Bernard & Anne Agnes

Loakman, R.I.P

FRIDAY 28th November

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - 40th Anniversary of True Life in God

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

SUNDAY 30th November- **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Claude Depauw, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am - Pro Populo

10 am - Maureen Fleet, R.I.P

12noon - Joseph & Suzanna Depauw, 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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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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