

21ST DECEMBER 2025 -
11TH JANUARY 2026

Proclaim!

Parish Newsletter



Christmas Blessings to you all.....

Dear Parish Family,

This Christmas, may the light of Christ fill your hearts with peace, joy, and hope. As we gather to celebrate His birth, let us remember the great love God has shown us through His Son, born in humility yet bringing salvation to all.

We are deeply grateful for the faith, kindness, your prayers, presence, and generous support which strengthen our community and are always deeply welcomed and appreciated.

This is what makes our parish a true family in Christ.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones with His peace today and throughout the coming year.

With love and prayers,

Fr Sebastian

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Visit our
WEBSITE brightonstmary.com

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve 24th December

5pm - Shepherds & Angels Vigil Mass

We'd like as many Children as possible to join us at this mass & come dressed as Shepherds, Angels, Sheep etc..

9pm "Midnight" Mass with Carols from 8.30pm

Christmas Day 25th December

10am Family Mass

12 noon Said Mass

St Stephens

Boxing Day 26th December

****11am Mass****

SAVE THE DATE

- 07/01 6.30pm The Youth Club Yrs 5,6 & 7(Parish Hall)
- 09/01 6pm - FHC Group 2 -Session #6 (Upper Parish Room-Presbytery)
- 10/01 9.30am - FHC Group 1- Session #6 (Cassidy Centre)
- 11/01 Altar Servers - Junior Acolytes Group 5pm Presbytery
- 14/01 Altar Servers -New & Novice Acolytes Group 6pm(Church)
- 14/01 6.30pm The Seekers (Parish Hall)

Merry Christmas

THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL CLOSE AT 2PM
MONDAY 22ND
DECEMBER
AND RE-OPEN AT
9AM TUESDAY 6TH
JANUARY

Don't forget though You
can still email us
and we will get back to
you in the New Year

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.*



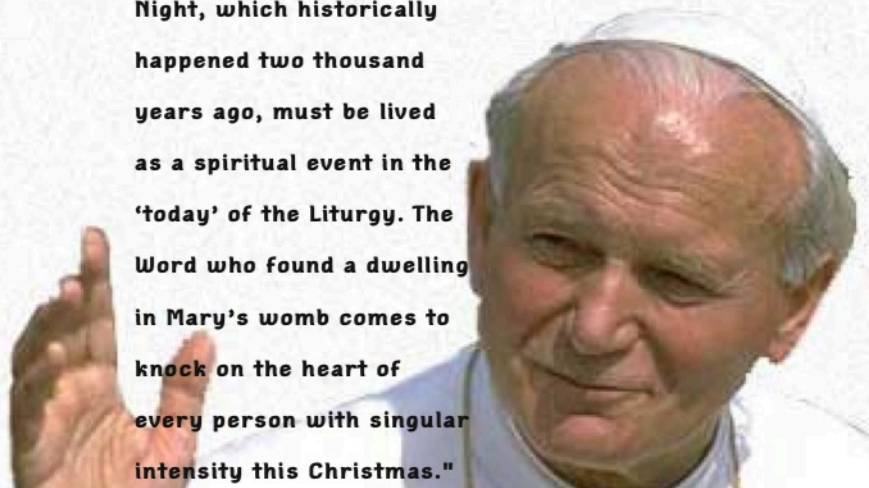
Maureen Ashing, William Barrett, Tom Cullimore,
Liz Humphries, Mary Ives, Peter Knott, Mary Neeson, Simone R,
Liz Regan, Chris Rodrigues, Anthony Welham, Tracey Weller
and all who carry their own crosses.

Death Anniversaries

Phil Curran, Denis Johnson, Norah Gavin, John Anthony Bamin,
Celine Symons, Paul Randall, William Withington, Antonio
Celano, Joseph Pirolli, Nicholas Organ, Joan Flynn, Ada Niemiec
& Carolina Summers.

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

"The mystery of the Holy
Night, which historically
happened two thousand
years ago, must be lived
as a spiritual event in the
'today' of the Liturgy. The
Word who found a dwelling
in Mary's womb comes to
knock on the heart of
every person with singular
intensity this Christmas."



FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

30th November - 14th December

1st Collection: £1565.20 **Gift Aid:** £ 325.50

Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £ 350.61

Roof Fund : £ 1,004.99 (includes Carol Concert)

Christmas Flowers/Display: £30

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

Hospital Chaplaincy

If you are in hospital at the Royal Sussex County, please contact the Hospital Chaplain Fr Celestine Nnolim who is available for visits on request,
T. 01273 696955 Ext. 64122, email celestine.nnolim@nhs.net.

ST MARY'S MEN'S GROUP

A fortnightly rhythm of walking, talking, and brotherhood

Fortnightly on Thursdays

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

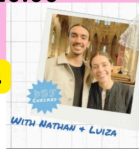
For Years 5, 6 & 7

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
2026
January 7th & 21st
February 4th & 25th

Fr Seb Preaches

Our priests are great preachers to children.
All children are welcome to join in the preaching at
Sunday 10am Mass

11th January
25th January
8th February
1st March
29th March



Christmas Offerings

The offertory collection taken during the Christmas Season Masses is traditionally your personal gift to the parish clergy. A priest's income is normally whatever he receives from the parish (mainly Mass offerings).

The collection at Christmas forms an important part of his income for the year and enables him to meet personal expenses. Let's show our appreciation for our truly fantastic Priest!

Envelopes are available in the church porch.



LAST SUNDAY FOR 2025
21st December
FIRST SUNDAY OF 2026
4th January

Join us after the Sunday 10am Mass for Tea, Coffee, Conversation & sometimes Cake!



Sip, chat, and enjoy beverages with friends

In the Church Hall
(under the Church)

Your Donations go to our Youth Ministry Fund

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!

DYNAMIC LEADERS

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAY'S OPENS 6.30PM

JANUARY 14TH & 28TH 2026
FEBRUARY 11TH AND MARCH 4TH & 18TH

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

FREE ADMISSION



Children's Liturgy

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 10AM SUNDAY MASS

16TH JANUARY
1ST FEBRUARY
15TH FEBRUARY
22ND FEBRUARY
8TH MARCH
15TH MARCH
22ND MARCH

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

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.

GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

email : brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk
with the Subject line : Add me to the Newsletter

21ST December 2025 - 11th January 2026

Masses at St Mary & St Thomas More

SUNDAY 21st December- 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -
Eric Baldwin & Deceased Members of the Stone
& Harvey Families
10 am - In Thanksgiving (Private Intention)
St Thomas More - Mass 10am -
For the People of the Community
12noon - Angela Menendez, R.I.P

TUESDAY 23rd December

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 24th December

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am

CHRISTMAS MASSES **The Nativity of the Lord**

CHRISTMAS EVE - 24TH December

5pm - Shepherds & Angels Vigil Mass

For the People of the Parish

We'd like as many Children as possible to join us
at this mass & come dressed as Shepherds,
Angels, Sheep etc..

6pm St Thomas More - Vigil Mass

9pm - "Midnight" Mass
with Carols from 8.30pm
In Thanksgiving(R.Sibi)

CHRISTMAS DAY - 25TH December

10am Family Mass - The McKay Family

10am St Thomas More-Mass

12noon Mass -

Michael, Gerard & Claire Stone, R.I.P.

Boxing Day/St Stephens

Friday 26th December

10am St Thomas More-Mass

11am Mass - Fr Stephen Collins, R.I.P.

SUNDAY 28th December- THE HOLY FAMILY

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -
For the People of the Parish
10am Mass -Deceased Family (R.Malins)
St Thomas More - Mass 10am -
For the People of the Community
12noon -
Mr V.R. & Mrs T.I.B. Morrison, R.I.P.

TUESDAY 30th December

10am Mass -
Deceased Friends (R.Malins)
St Thomas More-Mass 10am

WEDNESDAY 31st December

10am Mass -
Health & Wellbeing of a 22 Year old
St Thomas More-Mass 10am -



THURSDAY 1st January 2026

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10am Mass - In Thanksgiving (R.Sibi)
St Thomas More-Mass 11am -

FRIDAY 2nd January. Ss Basil & Gregory

9am - 10am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10am Mass -
In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs Malins)
St Thomas More-Mass 10am -

SATURDAY 3rd January.

St Thomas More-Mass 10am -

SUNDAY 4th January 2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -
Susan Cook, R.I.P
St Thomas More - Mass 10am -
For the People of the Community
10am Mass - Deceased Family
(S.Malins)
12 noon - Mr T & Mrs D. D' Silva, R.I.P.

TUESDAY 6th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10am Mass - Susan Cook, R.I.P
St Thomas More-Mass 10am -

WEDNESDAY 7th January.

10am Mass - The Neeson Family
St Thomas More-Mass 10am -

THURSDAY 8th January.

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes
10am Mass -In Thanksgiving for
passing driving test & for the special
intention of finding a home

FRIDAY 9th January.

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
10am Mass - Deceased Friends (S.Malins)

St Thomas More-Mass 10am -

SUNDAY 11th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -
Fr Frederick Hopper, R.I.P.
St Thomas More - Mass 10am -
For the People of the Community
10 am -In thanksgiving for the
blessing of a Baby Boy
12noon - Susan Cook, R.I.P

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
Please contact the parish office if you are interested in a 'Foundation Mass'
This is a mass booked each year in advance for 25 years

PARISH OFFICE

Please note office re-opens January 6th



TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM

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