

29TH SEPTEMBER -
12TH OCTOBER 2024

Proclaim!

Parish Newsletter



*better
Together*

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

SAVE THE DATE

- **05/10** FHC prep. – Session #2
- **07/10** 6pm – 7pm Altar Servers' training day
- **09/10** Confirmation prep. Session #2
- **12/10** Marriage Anniversaries Mass (Arundel Cathedral)
- **6/11** Grandparents' Formation Day 11am: Crawley at St Philip Howard Centre
- **9/11** 11am – 1pm Formation Day for Welcomers



Bishop Richard's reflections

God is active in every place and at every moment, in the good practice that we have developed in our lives and in the unexpected too; He is active in us and in our brothers and sisters. It is so important to remain always open to God's grace and to put an end to anything that would prevent the action of that grace. God has given us so many gifts – let us use them and celebrate them in ourselves and in our brothers and sisters.



Reflections from Levi Lusko

Discerning God's calling is more a relationship than a route, more journey than destination. It's about who you are becoming more than where you are going. Perhaps it's less about what you do and more about how well you do whatever you do.

THE 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Pictures of 50 or 60 people in dingy with bright red life jackets crossing the English Channel which we see in the News programmes remind us of just some of the thousands around the world leaving their homes for all sorts of reasons. We do not see their faces & they remain anonymous. Have we ever thought about who they are, what their names are & what families they may have? We cannot ignore the fact that they are attempting to come to our country & they are individuals with their own life stories. We would be cut off from reality if

we missed the news, the debates along with protests for & against migration, Pope Francis in his Letter for this Day reminds us "that God walks with his people" and that those who are migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination & lack of opportunities for development. On this Day dedicated to migrants and refugees, we unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions, And when you hear of Conference resolutions, reports from Dover or pictures of people fleeing from destroyed homes, do say a prayer,

**From the Desk of
FR JOHN**

*Anyone who is not against us,
is for us!*

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WEBSITES brightonstmary.com
saintthomasmorebrighton.com



Maintenance or Mission?

changing our mindsets...



Missional Transformation is a process where believers align themselves (passions, desires, habits) with the redemptive mission of Jesus. A parish with a mission focuses on outreach, community engagement, and spiritual growth,

mission drives growth and purpose!

Although Mass is our central focus, other parish ministries, activities, and events help to increase spirituality and build community as well. Invite family members, friends, neighbours to join you — especially those who are not Catholic or may have stopped practicing their faith. These folks may not be ready to attend Mass, but they might enjoy coming to a parish event, meeting other parishioners, and seeing some of the good things that the Catholic Church has to offer.

Today, parishioners are expected to feel a true sense of ownership in their parish. That means looking at your parish as more than just a place where you go to Mass. A parish can be a sacred place where the human and the divine meet, where people of all ages grow in the knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

It can be a place where people receive spiritual nourishment, guidance, inspiration and strength — not just from the priests but from other members of the parish as well. It can be a spiritual home where people share in each other's joys, support each other in times of sorrow, offer encouragement to those who are struggling, and help to heal anyone who feels battered or broken by life's trials and tragedies. Or it can be a social place where people make new friends, reach out to those less fortunate, and invite others to become part of a community of believers who try their best to live the Gospel message.

Maybe your parish is already all of this and more, but even the best parishes can become even better when parishioners take an active interest in making the parish grow and prosper.

What kind of parish is your parish?

Could your parish be even better? What is your role in making your parish great?

Keep in your prayers...

Please Join us in Pray for the Sick

Maureen Ashing, William Barrett, Pam Colburn, Liz Humphries, Mary Ives, Peter Knott, Frederick McKay, Mary Neeson, Simone R, Liz Regan, Anthony Welham, Tracey Weller and all who carry their own crosses.

Death Anniversaries

Mary Rowley, Frances Rimmell, Heather Lewington, Mary Ardiffe, Eva Samin, Laurie Tanner, Linda Cullen, Elizabeth Gilligan, Richard Levitt & Anastasia Short

JOHN MASON, R.I.P

John known to members of St Thomas More's Parish, the Catenians, the joint Christmas Choir and the Park Run died suddenly last Saturday, Husband of Maura, Father of Julia, Lawrence and David, a well respected Catholic and member of Christ's Church. Most recently he had attended the leadership meeting and the deanery gathering to reflect on the Pastoral Plan, We pray for his eternal rest and pray he will be welcomed with the words "come blessed of my Father", Details of the Requiem Mass will be notified in the Parishes.



Enthusiasm is catching! Watch your nonverbal communication, too. You might even have an idea for a new ministry, support group, organization, or event, and your enthusiasm and energy can help other people get excited and involved.

When you come together on the weekend for Mass, think of it as a large family reunion — with people you know well, know slightly, and don't know at all. Introduce yourself to people you don't know, especially if they are sitting alone in church or standing by themselves at the tea and coffee time.

Formation Training Dates for Your Diaries

Book your space by emailing the parish office for:

Welcomers -

9th November 11am-1pm - Lead by Francesca Anderson

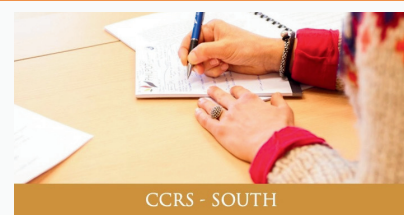
Readers -

7th December 11.30-1.30pm - Lead by Philippa Harrison

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS -

Date T.B.A.

11am-1pm Lead by Canon David Parmiter



CCRS - SOUTH

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies will be run from January 2025 at Cardinal Newman School in Hove on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.45pm.

More details:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/hh8kjsxma>

FINANCE MATTERS

Saint Mary

15th & 22nd September

1st Collection: £859.05 Gift Aid: £201 Roof Fund: £100

Sunday Tea & Coffee (Lourdes Fund): £64.73 Parish Party Donations: £87

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?

Young adults ministry!

OPENING DATE
OCT 2ND

Youth Club
COME AND EXPLORE!

Fortnightly Wednesday's 7.30-9pm

Join Us for Games & Christian Formation

For Saint Mary's & St Thomas More's Youth
Years 7 to 9
ENTRANCE FEE £1

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
CATHOLICISM
from A to Z

Discover our top pick of topics and speakers. Something for everyone. Something for you if you wish to join the Catholic Church or just to refresh your knowledge.

SIGN UP:
SCAN HERE

BASED ON RCIA course

We start: **OCTOBER, 2024**

FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS

Start in October

Matthew 17:20

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP
KALE

every Thursday | 7PM | St Mary's Church
5 Surrenden Rd | Brighton, BN1 6PA

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING & FORMATION MEETINGS

Mondays 6 PM - otherwise stated

7th October - Training
11th November - Formation
Sunday - Christ the King -
24th November -
PM Date/Time TBC - Youth Event
6th January - Training
3rd February - Formation
3rd March - Training
28th April - Formation
Saturday 14th June - AM/PM
Date/Time TBC - Youth Festival

FOR OUR CURRENT SERVERS AND NEWCOMERS

ST MARY'S CHURCH
5 SURRENDEN ROAD, BRIGHTON
brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk

In The Upper Parish Room (Presbytery)

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

Join us for tea and coffee after our 10am Mass in both churches and let's meet in the 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 10am Masses;
at St Thomas': October
at St Mary's: 6th & 20th October

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

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

LECTIO DIVINA

First Friday of the Month Join us after the 10am Mass at St Mary's Friday 4th October
Lectio Divina typically follows four steps, often referred to by their Latin names: Lectio, Meditatio, Oratio, and Contemplatio.

WEEKDAY PRAYERS

Join us for the Monastic Morning Prayer, called Laudes every Thursday at 9.45am and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday at 9.45am (St Mary's only)

SILVER CLUB

Our seniors are welcome to come to our excellent Silver Club! We meet in the Cassidy Centre on Saturday: 12th October & 9th November 11am - 1pm

CHILDRENS LITURGY

All children of both churches are welcome to join for Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am Sunday Masses:
St Thomas' church: October
St Mary's: 29th September & 13th October

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH BEREAVEMENT OR LOSS?

Would it help to have someone to talk to?

Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact your Parish Priest if you would like to speak to one of our team.

To find out more about Bereavement Support please contact our Marriage and Family Life Project Officer:
E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk T: 01293 651155
www.abdiocese.org.uk Charity No 252878

29th Sept- 12th October 2024 - 26th & 27th Sunday's in Ordinary Time

This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

SATURDAY 28th September

9.15-9.45am Confessions

10am Mass -Special Intention Sanal Sunny for
employment resolution

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 29th September-

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm - For the soul of Naomi
Pereira

10am Mass -Sr Norma Lynch, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

12noon - Suzanna Depauw, R.I.P

MONDAY 30th September

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 1st October

10am Mass - Joseph Depauw, R.I.P

WEDNESDAY 2nd October

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - For the Mission of the Parish

THURSDAY 3rd October

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - Sonia Depauw, R.I.P

FRIDAY 4th October

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Cyril Hubert Cassidy, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Saturday 5th October

NO 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions - St Mary's

SUNDAY 6th October -

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

For the wellbeing of the D'Souza family

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

10am Mass - Special Intention - Sr Vianney
(Sister of Mercy, Bermondsey)

12noon - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY 7th October

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 8th October

10am Mass - Pamela Sands, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 9th October -

St John Henry Newman

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - Margaret Depauw, R.I.P

THURSDAY 10th October

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

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

FRIDAY 11th October

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.45am Chaplet of Divine Mercy

10am Mass - Alice Depauw, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Saturday 12th October

9.15-9.45am Confessions - St Mary's

10am Mass - For the Medics who caused my
problems

5.15pm -5.45pm Confessions - St Mary's

SUNDAY 13th October -

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Rosa Depauw, R.I.P

10am Mass - For the family Souls (D'Souza)

St Thomas More - Mass 10am

12noon - Cyril Hubert Cassidy, 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 - the minimum is £10 but is more commonly £15-£20 nowadays.

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN



TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM

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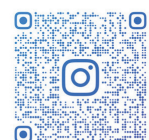
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