

# 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

- **12/02** Confirmation Class (Upper Parish Room - Presbytery - St Mary's)
- **12/02** 7 - 8.30pm Youth Club (St Mary's Church Hall)
- **03/03** 6pm Altar Servers Training (Presbytery - Upper Parish Room)
- **03/03** 7.30pm - FHC Parents #3 Meeting (Cassidy Centre)
- **08/03** 9.30am Children's Fhc Meeting #7 (Cassidy Centre)
- **08/03** Eucharistic Minister Training & Formation 11am (St Mary's Church Hall)

### Pope Francis' reflection



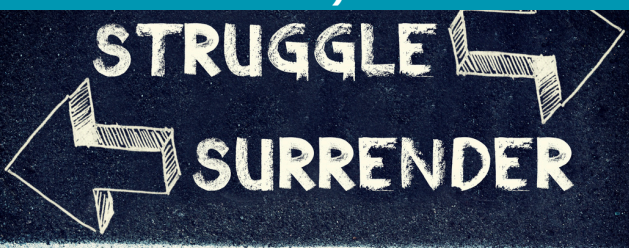
**Sharing the faith is the "oxygen" that invigorates and purifies. Without apostolic zeal, faith withers**

The church does not proselytise, but rather she grows by 'attraction' to the beauty of God's love. Evangelisation "does not begin by seeking to convince others, but by bearing witness each day to the love that has watched over us and lifted us back up. We are the ones who announce the Lord, we do not announce ourselves, nor a political party or an ideology. Put people in contact with Jesus without convincing them. Let the Lord convince them.

## CAST THE NET OUT & GO!

For us, we learned that following Jesus is a relationship. Every day he invites us to commune with Him, which requires us to "throw our nets" to align with Him. Following Jesus, comes at the cost of full surrender because it means leaving things behind and letting go of control of what we think is best for us. When we look at Jesus inviting people to know Him, He regularly convicted them in their most vulnerable areas, whether it was to give up their status, possessions, or whatever that was preventing them from fully devoting themselves to Him. By faith, the disciples surrendered despite their uncertainties, and Jesus assured them of what He would do with and through them..

Faith that is not used and practiced is as good as dead. It just sits in the boat collecting spiritual dust. Jesus told the disciples to cast their nets and GO! We have to put our faith into action and believe God for great things! If you want to catch the big things from God, you have to go out to the deep end. You have to step out into uncharted territory! God has what you need waiting for you if you will step out and go where He is calling you to go. What are you believing God for? What are you stepping out into the "deep?"





# Maintenance or Mission?

changing our mindsets...



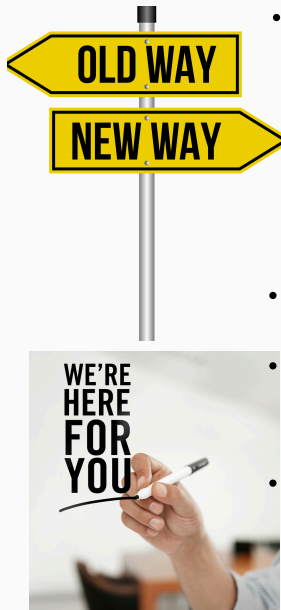
## New parish of Brighton and Hove from 11th February 2025

### New beginning, new opportunities!

The countdown is over and the new parish has been established! Perhaps you woke up and saw no changes: the churches you go to are still there, the same "old" parish priests still reside in their presbyteries. **Has anything changed then?** No, visible changes are not what you/we should expect straight away. The Bishop doesn't intend to close any churches down. He expects that our communities will be thriving and full of the zeal for mission. **The power is in us! So let's have a look at what will change:**

#### Sacramental Pathways:

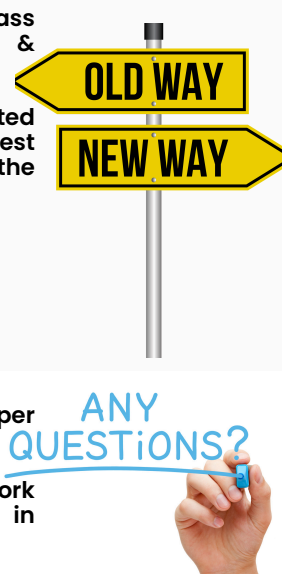
- FHC continues at St Mary's for both our communities  
Whilst we have sufficient Catechists
- Baptism preparation at St Mary's
- Confirmation at St Mary's (depending on the number of candidates)
- RCIA at St Mary's



- FHC will move from a group approach to an individual approach (focus on maturity of the children), the preparation will finish with assessment of a child's readiness to receive Jesus
- Baptism preparation will entail 2 or 3 sessions
- Confirmation will start in year 9 as part of the Youth Club and will continue through year 10
- RCIA will entail a spiritual growth and experience  
The preparations will be the same across the East Brighton Hub

#### Structure of the communities:

- The Sunday Mass 6pm, 10am & 12noon
- The appointed Parish Priest resides in the Parish
- The Leadership team is for 1 Church /Community
- Individual Finance committee per parish
- Admin work performed each church



- The Moderator of the new Parish is Fr David Parmiter with current Priests working for the newly formed 'Parish'
- Mass Times will not change so far.
- The New Leadership Team for the whole Parish, containing reps from all the communities will be established - No Parish Council
- New single website for the 'Parish' with links to our current Church websites
- no boundaries, just one parish

Parishes, Priests, Catholic lay staff - none of them are supposed to be just Sacramental assembly lines, where we start with the raw material in order to create "good Catholics" which are spit out at the end - but it can certainly feel that way. So many people to get prepared for baptisms, weddings, Confirmation, etc. So little time and people to help us get them prepared. **We get stretched thin, as staff, and then fall back on the classes, videos, etc. that never seem to change anything. Stuck in a cycle which maintains the status quo, we don't know what to do.**

Furthermore, **we can't just give out the Sacraments incognito or without hope that there is some kind of living faith that will be carried out.** So, what are we supposed to do with all of this? How can we change things?

Well, I believe there is a lot we can do and I hope to make a few practical suggestions that can help us shift from seeing Sacramental formation as forms and classes into relationships and conversions. Of course, I can't answer all the issues in one article. But, I do hope this can give us a starting point to launch into something better.

**Remember, our goal is conversion of hearts, not just getting folks through the process!**

**There Are No Magic Wands That Change A Parish, it is a hard job and and needs team work!**

Keep in your prayers.....



#### Please Join us in Pray for the Sick

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

#### Death Anniversaries

Molly Hathaway, Irene Jane Platts, Eileen Rabbets, Ena Andrews, Reg Short, Barry Wells, Ruth Cormick, Violet Abernathy, Clare Ivin, Margaret Howell, Ella McLean, Maxine Ainscough, Mildred Carroll, Paul Smythe, Anne Claydon, Mary Hayhurst, Marjohn Grist, Pierrette Atalla, Reginald Canneaux, Angela Merricks, Alfred Smith, Ernest Webber, Peter Tinsley, Jean Witts & Claire Anscough

#### FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

26th January & 2nd February

1st Collection: £1256.17 Gift Aid: £301

Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £156.86

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

#### Mass Intentions - Saint Mary's

Masses are booking up quickly this year, especially the Vigil & Sunday masses. So if you have any special dates required, be safe and book them now! As this newsletter goes to press our next available Vigil Mass is in Mid March & the next Sunday masses would be the end of April!

# What's on in our churches?



**Youth Club of North Brighton Churches**

**St Mary's Church Hall**  
5 Surrenden Road

**WEDNESDAY**  
**12TH FEBRUARY**

**7pm - 8.30pm**



## 2025 Important dates

- 5th March - **Ash Wednesday**  
10am & 7pm Masses
- 17th April - **Maundy Thursday**  
6pm Mass
- 18th April - **Good Friday**  
3pm The Passion
- 19th April - **Easter Vigil** 8pm  
incl. RCIA Baptisms
- 20th April - **Easter Sunday**  
10 & 12noon
- 8th June - **Pentecost 11AM Mass** at  
St Mary's With International Food  
Festival in Hall after the Mass
- 22nd June - **St Mary's Parish**  
**First Communion Mass**



**BRIGHTON & HOVE PARISH**  
SIGN UP VIA THIS QR CODE TODAY

**FORMATION & TRAINING DAY FOR Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

FOR CURRENT & NEWLY INVITED MINISTERS

**8TH MARCH 2025 - 11AM - 1PM**

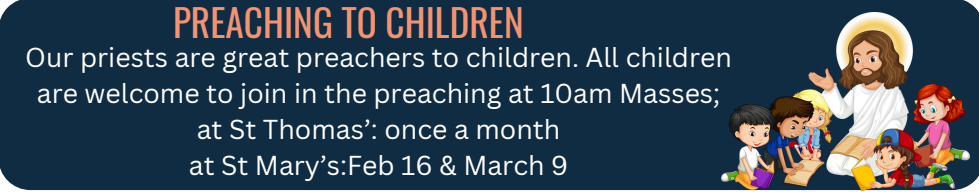
BEING HELD AT  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL**  
5 SURRENDEN ROAD, BRIGHTON, BN1 6PA

Lead by  
**CANON DAVID PARMITER**



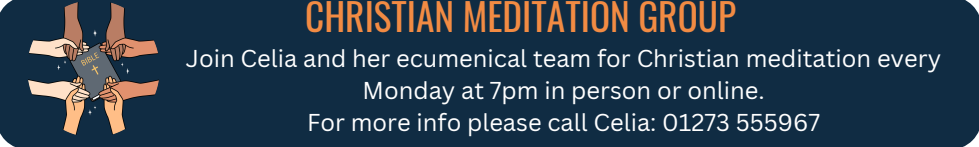
## SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

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': once a month at St Mary's: Feb 16 & March 9



## 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



**ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING & FORMATION MEETINGS**  
Mondays 6 PM - otherwise stated  
In The Upper Parish Room (Presbytery)

3rd March - Training  
28th April - Formation  
Date/Time TBC - Altar Servers Summer Trip

FOR OUR CURRENT SERVERS AND NEWCOMERS  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
5 SURRENDEN ROAD, BRIGHTON  
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**KEEP CALM AND BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER**



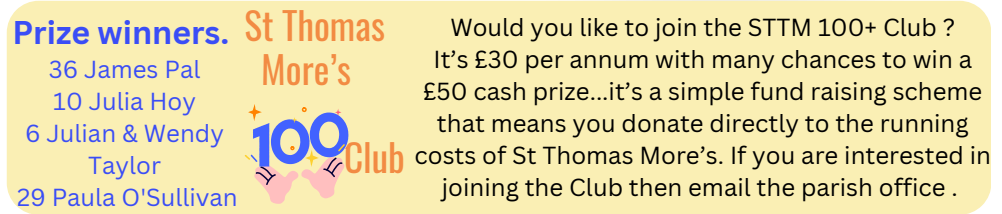
**Welcome to the Catholic Faith & to the Catholic Church**

**Rosalind & Stephen Malins**

Rosalind & Stephen will be formally received into the Church on **Sunday 16th February 2025** During the **10:00am Mass**

Please join us if you can, that day, to make this a very special St Mary's Welcome for them both

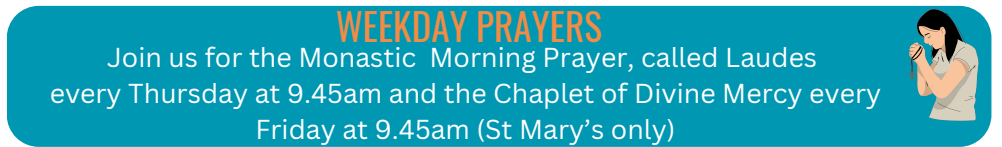
*May today there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you  
May you be confident knowing you are a child of God  
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.  
It is there for each and every one of us.*



**Prize winners. St Thomas More's 100 Club**

- 36 James Pal
- 10 Julia Hoy
- 6 Julian & Wendy Taylor
- 29 Paula O'Sullivan

Would you like to join the STTM 100+ Club? It's £30 per annum with many chances to win a £50 cash prize...it's a simple fund raising scheme that means you donate directly to the running costs of St Thomas More's. If you are interested in joining the Club then email the parish office.



## 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! on Saturday: 11am - 1pm in the Cassidy Centre

We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team to help and run the Club. Time commitment should average no more than an hour a week. For more information, please contact: Luke Fernandes (01273 556927) or Rosangela Holden (07487 722432).



## CHILDRENS LITURGY

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

St Thomas' church: we are seeking volunteers  
St Mary's:

**GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

For St Mary's Parishioners email : [brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk) & For St Thomas Mores email: [sttbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sttbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) - with the Subject line : Add me to the Newsletter

# 9th - 22nd February 2025

## This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

### Saturday 8th February

No 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

### SUNDAY 9th February -

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

10am Mass -Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

#### St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish

12noon -Timothy West, R.I.P

### MONDAY 10th February

NO 10am Mass

### TUESDAY 11th February

10am Mass - Private Intention

### WEDNESDAY 12th February

#### St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Mary Hayhurst RIP & Deacon James McEwan RIP

10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

### THURSDAY 13th February

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY 14th February

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

#### St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

For Eileen Higgins

### Saturday 15th February

10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

### SUNDAY 16th February -

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Deceased Family & Friends (C.Cullen)

### SUNDAY 16th February -

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish

10am Mass - Deceased Family & Friends of the

Donovan & Hardiman Families

12noon - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

### MONDAY 17th February

NO 10am Mass

### TUESDAY 18th February

10am Mass - Fr James Thomson, R.I.P & his Family

### WEDNESDAY 19th February

#### St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

For the sick and housebound

10am Mass Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

### THURSDAY 20th February

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY 21st February

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

#### St Thomas More-12NOON -

Requiem Mass for Wendy Woodland RIP

### Saturday 22nd February

10am Mass - Deceased Members of the

Theemas & Cyrin Families

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

### SUNDAY 23rd February -

#### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Henry Hallahan, R.I.P.

10am Mass -Special Intention- Carol, Steve &

Lottie Payne

#### St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish

12noon -For the Health & Wellbeing of Clare &

Barry McGuigan



### *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**  
**PHONE/WHATSAPP: 07895 825296**



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