

12TH - 25TH
JANUARY 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

- 12/1 6pm - Leadership Team Meet
- 13/1 7.30pm - FHC Parents #2 Meeting (Cassidy Centre)
- 15/1 Confirmation Class (Upper Parish Room - Presbytery)
- 26/1 5pm Parish General Meeting on Parish Vision (Parish Hall)
- 29/1 7 - 8.30pm Youth Club (Parish Hall)
- 01/02 9.30am Children's Fhc Meeting #6 (Cassidy Centre)
- 03/02 6pm Altar Servers Formation (Presbytery - Upper Parish Room)



Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – something which happens every 25 years – with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”.

The Jubilee will offer people across our global family of faith an important opportunity to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

In order for everyone to share in the celebration of the Holy Year, the following diocesan churches have been designated as special places of pilgrimage, where Holy Year Indulgences may be gained.

- Arundel Cathedral Arundel**
- Worth Abbey, Crawley**
- St Joseph's, Guildford**

Jesus' call to renew our baptismal mission

At the very beginning of his public life, Jesus expressed his understanding of the mission he had to carry out. In the synagogue of Nazareth, he applied to himself Isaiah's description of the messianic mission: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

In the months that followed, he preached ceaselessly the coming of God's kingdom or reign into our midst. 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose'

Jesus came to save all people and to call them into God's kingdom. What he did once and for all is now accessible to all people of every age. But there is a sense in which his mission continues. The Church exists to carry on that mission. Through the sacraments and its preaching, the Church makes Christ present in today's world as the one who still calls to conversion, forgives sin, heals, and proclaims the law of love. The Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus in his earthly ministry, continues to lead the Church in its continuation of his saving mission. At the end of each Mass, we are sent back into the world, instructed and strengthened for the Christian mission.



Visit our 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!**

Formation Training Dates for Your Diaries

Book your space by emailing the parish office for:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

of both parishes -

8th March 2025

11am-1pm

Lead by Canon David Parmiter

How to... build a missional community

What is a missional community?

Here's our working definition: **Missional Community** is a flexible term to describe a group of Christian disciples who form community with a particular missionary purpose. A common commitment to prayer and living out the Christian faith together are the basis for their mission as a community. Mission can be to a particular place, a particular age group or subculture, or around a particular mark of mission e.g. care for environment, social justice.

More recently we have sought to describe some of the principles of missional community. Missional community is not really a form but what happens when a group of people intentionally set out to share life and ministry together with a common set of values inspired by the gospel.

OUR PRIORITIES:

Christian community that is small enough to enable us to be "one another", to adapt quickly to the changing world around us, to be participative and foster belonging. So, our plan is to build our parish that is Community of communities, where we grow in small groups, sharing our pray life with others.

Christian community that is open: open to the leading of the Spirit, to building the Kingdom in partnership with others, to conversation and dialogue as means of doing mission with others, to discipleship as a journey together into which we invite others as co-learners.

Our mission is the long-term goal that your community aims to achieve.

Our mission is the overarching statement we use to describe what our community does, not how our community does it. As a church, we're working on building the church through missional communities. They're a bit like small groups, they're a bit like house churches but aren't really either.

We believe that the primary image the scriptures give us for the church is family, the primary purpose of the church is to make disciples and the mission of the church is to do that all over the world.

Leading people to the chief end of glorifying God and enjoying Him forever will accomplish the types of missional communities we long for our churches to be. Places where the love of God flows freely from those experiencing the love of God given to them freely.

Keep in your prayers.....

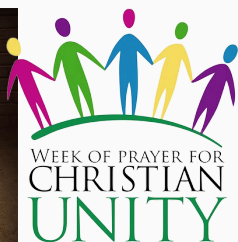
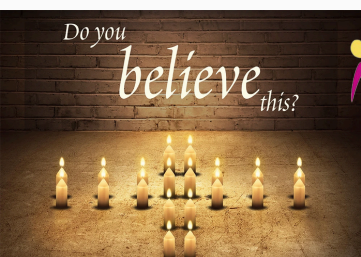


Please Join us in Pray for the Sick

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

Eileen Phillips, Trudie Wood, Norah Golden, Sally Badrick, George Kelly, Margaret Barrow, Philomena Lefebour, Yolanda Lane, Joan Lout, Mary Josephine Hollett, Maureen Johns, Maud Biltcliff, Kathleen Gibbs, Joseph Eccles, Olivia Wilkinson, Simon Gardner, Palmina Coppola, Elsie Lawlor, Lucila Ayala, Evelyn Bullock, John Malcolm Hunter & Noah Saltern-Ghent



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 18th-25th January

As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

22nd, 29th December - 5th January 1st Collection: £1499.17 Gift Aid: £381
Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £185.74 Christmas Crib Collection: £119.95
Carol Service in Aid of Mary's Meals & The Martletts £373.18

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?

Join us for our North Brighton Parishes General Meeting

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025
at 5pm in St Mary's Church Hall
5 Surrenden Road BN1 6PA



Discover our future together in faith

Let us share our Vision with you and join us to be a part of the journey

Let's unite to share ideas and **build a stronger community** in our churches

All are welcome to attend



Join us after the First Friday of the Month 10am Mass

FOR LECTIO DIVINA

with Tea, Coffee, Conversation & sometimes Cake!



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: January



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 February - Formation
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
brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk

KEEP CALM AND BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

Important dates

2nd February - Presentation of the Lord
5th March - Ash Wednesday
17th April - Maundy Thursday
18th April - Good Friday

19th April - Easter Saturday

20th April - Easter Sunday

8th June - Pentecost

22nd June - Parish First Communion Mass

27th June - Brighton Deanery Confirmation Mass (Arundel Cathedral)



CCRS SOUTH

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

Beginning
Tues 14 Jan 2025

3.45 - 5.45pm

Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Hove



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)



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).

SILVER CLUB



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: 12th & 19th January



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

12th - 25th January 2025

This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

SATURDAY 11th January

9.15-9.45am Confessions

10am Mass - The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 12th January -

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm- Fr Frederick Hopper, R.I.P.

10am Mass - The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

St Thomas More - Mass 10am - For the People of
the Parish

12noon -Fr David Barnes, R.I.P.

MONDAY 13th January

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 14th January

10am Mass - The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

WEDNESDAY 15th January

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -
Theresa & Patrick (F.P)

10am Mass - The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

1pm - Funeral - Mrs Ellen (Evelyn) Rodgers, RIP -
Woodvale Crematorium

THURSDAY 16th January

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

FRIDAY 17th January

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am - Holy Souls

Saturday 18th January

10am Mass - The Repose of the Soul of
Vassula Ryden

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 19th January -

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm-

Sandra Kilpatrick, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish

10am Mass - For the People of the Parish

12noon - Fr David Barnes, R.I.P

MONDAY 20th January

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 21st January - St Agnes

10am Mass - Sabina Aleluy Gutierrez, R.I.P.
(21st Anniv)

WEDNESDAY 22nd January

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

NO 10am Mass

THURSDAY 23rd January

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 24th January

10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Saturday 25th January

9.15-9.45am Confessions

10am Mass - The Fleet Family

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 26th January -

3rd 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 -Jean Witts, 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
PHONE/WHATSAPP: 07895 825296



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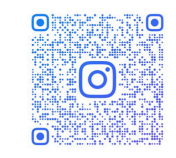
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