

26TH JANUARY -
8TH FEBRUARY 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

- 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)
- 12/02 Confirmation Class (Upper Parish Room - Presbytery)
- 03/03 6pm Altar Servers Formation (Presbytery - Upper Parish Room)
- 03/03 7.30pm - FHC Parents #3 Meeting (Cassidy Centre)

Pope Francis' reflection



Are we aware that being apostles concerns every Christian? Are we aware that it concerns each one of us? Indeed, we are required to be apostles – that is, envoys – in a Church that, in the Creed, we profess as apostolic

The experience of the Twelve apostles and the testimony of Paul also challenges us today. They invite us to verify our attitudes, to verify our choices, our decisions, on the basis of these fixed points: everything depends on a gratuitous call from God; God also chooses us for services that at times seem to exceed our capacities or do not correspond to our expectations; the call received as a gratuitous gift must be answered gratuitously

It is a call that concerns both those who have received the sacrament of Orders, consecrated persons, and all lay faithful, man or woman: it is a call to all. You, the treasure you have received with your Christian vocation, are obliged to give it. It is the dynamic nature of the vocation, the dynamic nature of life.

FORTY DAYS !

No, not those which commence on March 5th - the Forty Days of Lent but rather 40 days from Christmas. As the Missal puts it "Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ ". This year February 2nd falls on a Sunday and so we all have the opportunity to mark the Presentation of the Lord which is prefaced by the Blessing of Candles with a procession. This custom goes back a long way and is marked in many countries by celebrations of religious or secular nature. It coincides with the halfway point between the Winter equinox and the Spring when the light begins to return. Even in France it is also a feast for Crepes -the golden colour and shape of which are reminiscent of the Sun.

This day has gone by various names - the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The " Hypapante"- the encounter of the infant Jesus and Simeon and the Presentation of the Lord. In 1969 this last title was restored to the Calendar and may be found in your Missals under Feast of Our Lord. St Luke's Gospel tells of Simeon meeting the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and his reaction which is prayed as a night prayer at the end of the day- " Now Master, you can let your servant go in peace just as you promised, because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to your people Israel " Nunc Dimittis.

**From the Desk of
FR JOHN**



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Maintenance or Mission?

changing our mindsets...



New parish of Brighton and Hove from 11th February 2025

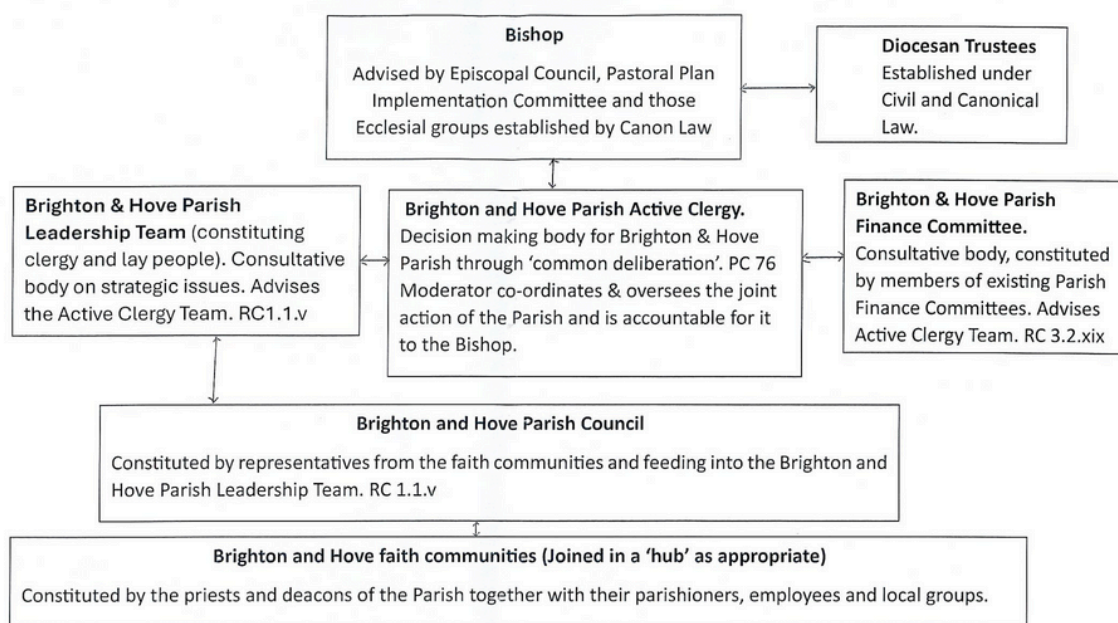
What will change? How are we going to work together?



We are in the season of changes! The days are longer and another Spring will arrive soon. For our community 11th February 2025 means changes too! The structure of the parish will change and the new Parish will form. No, not immediately, will we be affected by these changes. The boundaries of our communities will disappear and we will be just one big Parish of Brighton and Hove with two Pastoral Hubs served on the East and West of M23. Fr David Parmiter will be our Moderator with other priests serving as equal parish leaders of the communities.

Our community is preparing a parish pastoral plan turning to the mission mode with new sacramental preparations - Forms in place from Easter.

BRIGHTON & HOVE DEANERY MEETING 10TH DECEMBER 2024



We can no longer pretend we can remain as we are, we need this cultural change in order to be thriving and fulfilling the call of Jesus, namely: Go and make disciples!

We need to be in this together, knowing there will be a cost to the changes! Don't worry, we are full of hope!

With everyone involved, we can energise the efforts of being full of life and focused on what really our mission is. Stay with us and let us pray that we go through this with the promptings of the Holy Spirit and with open minds!

PC = The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelising Mission of the Church; Instruction from the Congregation of the Clergy.
RC = The Roles of the Clergy in the Parishes of the Diocese, from Bishop Richard Moth

Keep in your prayers.....



Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar.

Please Join us in Pray for the Sick

Maureen Ashing, William Barrett, Pam Colburn, 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

Fr Stephen Hinde, Mary Deacon, Richard Smart, David Scroggins, Harry O'Dell Ena Wallace, Angela Wejswewka, Maria Cascado, Joseph De Pauw, Phyllis Berry, Harry Hart, Ethel Massey, Margaret Turner, Dick Webber, Pamela Walsh, Mary Teresa Larratt, Doris Baker & Barbara Winton



Pope Francis has declared 2025 is a Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit 2025)

**Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website:
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes>**

FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

12th & 19th January

1st Collection: £1,110.31 Gift Aid: £212.50

Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £146.06

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?

KALEO PRAISE & WORSHIP

"ADORATION"

A time of prayer, reflection
Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need, and for ourselves.

All welcome.

THURSDAY
30 JANUARY 2025 7PM

St Mary's Church - 5 Surrenden Road, BN1 6PA



Youth Club of North Brighton Churches

St Mary's Church Hall 5 Surrenden Road

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2025

7pm - 8.30pm
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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: 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	19th April	- Easter Saturday
5th March	- Ash Wednesday	20th April	- Easter Sunday
17th April	- Maundy Thursday	8th June	- Pentecost
18th April	- Good Friday	22nd June	- Parish First Communion Mass
		27th June	- Brighton Deanery Confirmation Mass (Arundel Cathedral)



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development


Join our CAFOD Volunteer team

Tackling global poverty; it sounds like a big task. But like most big tasks, once it is broken down into small actions and shared between a team of passionate people amazing things can happen.

Join our CAFOD volunteer team and, alongside others in your parish, share your time to call for prayer, increase awareness and raise funds to help our poorest and most vulnerable sisters and brothers. For more info contact: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or call: 07710 094448

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: 12th & 19th January



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26th January - 8th February 2025

This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

Saturday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul

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

MONDAY 27th January

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 28th January

10am Mass - For the repose of the soul of John Barr and consolation for his Family & Friends

WEDNESDAY 29th January

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -
Holy Souls

10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

THURSDAY 30th January

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes
10am Mass -Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 31st January

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -
Our Catholic Schools

Saturday 1st February

No 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 2nd February -

Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -
Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish
10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.
12noon - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY 3rd February

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 4th February

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

WEDNESDAY 5th February

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -
10am Mass Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

THURSDAY 6th February

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes
10am Mass -Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 7th February

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10am Mass - Bolesław Stanik, R.I.P.
followed by Lectio Divina

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am - Jubilee Year

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



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.

St Thomas More : Parish Priest: Mgr. John Hull

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN



TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM
PHONE/WHATSAPP: 07895 825296



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