

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
CROWBOROUGH**

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CHURCH TIMETABLE 28th OCTOBER to 4th NOVEMBER 2017

<u>Sunday</u>	Saturday Vigil MASS 6.00pm Sunday Morning MASS at 9.30am with Children's Liturgy for those able to sit and participate <u>during term time</u> .
<u>Weekday MASSES</u>	Morning MASS: Monday and Friday at 9.00am.
<u>This week</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> : 7.30pm Evening MASS - Vigil for All Saints Day [Holyday of Obligation] <u>Wednesday</u> : All Saints Day [Holyday] MASS 9.30am in Church with the school community in attendance. <u>Thursday</u> : All Souls Day - a day of Remembrance and Prayer for the Dead. MASS 11.00am, followed by prayers in the garden, where ashes are buried. Afterwards a light lunch in the Parish Room. <u>Thursday</u> : Evening MASS at 7.30pm for the Holy Souls.
<u>Reconciliation</u> <u>[Confession]</u>	Saturday 5.00pm to 5.30pm and on request.
<u>Baptism</u>	Sundays at 12 noon, unless during the MASS. By appointment with Fr Kevin.
<u>Marriage</u>	By appointment with Fr Kevin. In this Diocese one year's notice is required in normal circumstances. A Marriage Preparation Course is also required.
Please see notice board for neighbourhood MASSES.	

Shoe Box Appeal: A reminder that all filled boxes should be returned no later than next weekend - 4/5th November. Many thanks for your generous support. Brenda 665421/Monique 662688.

Bishop Richard and Stage 1 in the forward plan for the Mayfield Deanery: There will be a joint meeting with the Bishop, together with Parish Priests and Chairs of Parish Pastoral Teams at 7.00pm on Friday, 3rd November in Holy Cross Church Hall. This is to be followed by Parish Meetings at a later date.

Special Collection - this weekend for the Diocesan Retired Priests' Fund [Gift Aid].

Crowborough and Rotherfield Churches Together: Ecumenical prayer meetings are held at 'The Oasis' [The Community Church] near Crowborough Cross on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9am to 9.40am. Prayers are said for all aspects of our local community. Everybody is welcome.

CAFOD: As part of the DEC Rohingya Crisis Appeal, you can donate directly to CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis or by calling 08085 858 885.

Month to pray for the Holy Souls - November: Envelopes for your request to pray and offer MASS are available under St Theresa's statue. These MASSES are offered each day during November. The Morning Prayer on non feastsdays will be from the Office for the Dead.

Parish Christmas Cards Can you Help? - We are looking for more help to deliver a few Christmas cards [no more than 5] in these areas: Walshes Road, Fermor Road, Hurtis Hill, Eridge Gardens, Eridge Road [Crowborough], Jarvis Brook [Forest Rise, Forest Dene]. Please let Tilly [tel 668416] or Maggie [655226] know if you can help or see us at Church. It is important that we send the good news of Christmas to all our Parishioners and let them know about the MASS times; however we can't send 500 cards through the post. If you don't feel you can be a permanent neighbourhood contact we would still appreciate short term help.

Neighbourhood Contacts: If you still have your brown envelope from Easter, would you be kind enough to return it to the Sacristy as soon as possible. Please note we hope to have the Christmas cards ready for collection on the weekend of 9th/10th December. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Christmas Piety Stall: The Piety Stall will be open for the sale of Advent calendars, candles, Christmas cards and books on the weekend of 11th/12th November.

Pa-Rum-Pa-Pa-Pum: A Christmas Sing-a-long: Saturday, 9th December It is 6 weeks until our Parish Christmas Sing-a-long. It is an uplifting event for the community to come together at the beginning of Advent, so please make sure you put the date in your diary!

The Vigil MASS will be at the earlier time of 3.00pm. The stalls and refreshments will open immediately after MASS and the Sing-a-long will begin at 4.30pm, lasting approximately an hour and ending with the Grand Draw. We rely on the support of the Parish for donations for the tombolas and refreshments and for volunteers to help the event happen in a smooth and successful way. We are also finding it increasingly difficult to find companies and businesses that are willing and able to donate gifts, experiences or vouchers as raffle prizes. If you are able to make a donation, or know of anyone we could ask, please contact Tracy Shields on tracybshields@hotmail.com. If you are able to help in any way, or have any questions or suggestions, please contact Lucy or add your name and contact details to the list at the back of the Church. Lucy Tipp - email lucytipp@gmail.com
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Note from the Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee: Some Parishioners may have noticed that cameras have been fitted in locations within the Church premises. This is a recent installation agreed by the Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee to improve security as well as address Health and Safety considerations. It means that parts of our premises can be checked on a monitor located within the Cottage and also allows recordings to be made.

The intention is to extend this facility so that services conducted in the Church may also be seen on a screen to be fitted in the Parish Room and this will be particularly useful when the number of people attending a service is such that some have to spill over into the Parish Room.

Please contact Peter Hamerton [details at the top of this Newsletter] if you have any queries in this regard.

All Parishioner data is held under the terms and conditions of the Data Protection Act 1998. It is held on a computer database and/or manual file for Church purposes only. If you wish any personal fact relating to you to be deleted, please inform Father Kevin in writing. It needs to be in 'writing' so that a future Priest or lay person using the data, knows who does not want their details recorded.

