

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

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**CHURCH TIMETABLE 2nd to 9th SEPTEMBER 2017**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	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> .
<b><u>Neighbourhood MASSES</u></b>	Saturday - Holy Cross Chapel at 4.30pm - TN21 0TS Sunday - St Peter's, Rotherfield at 8.45am - TN6 3LS Sunday - St Thomas', Mayfield at 10.00am - TN20 6BU Sunday - Heron's Ghyll at 11.30am - TN22 4BY Sunday - Wadhurst at 10.30am - TN5 6DQ Sunday - St Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am and 5.45pm - TN1 2LY
<b><u>Weekday MASSES</u></b>	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday MASS at 9.00am. Morning Prayer 8.45am.
<b><u>Reconciliation [Confession]</u></b>	Saturday 5.00pm to 5.30pm and on request.
<b><u>Baptism</u></b>	Sundays at 12 noon, unless during the MASS. By appointment with Fr Kevin.
<b><u>Marriage</u></b>	By appointment with Fr Kevin. In this Diocese one year's notice is required in normal circumstances. A Marriage Preparation Course is also required.

**Altar Servers:** We have had a wonderful group of servers over the past 2 years, but a change of circumstances in many families means the numbers are falling. Please could any young person, who has made their First Communion and would like to train, contact any of the parents helping or Fr Kevin. We urgently need volunteers.

**Please Note:** The Vigil MASS next Saturday, 9th September will be at 4.00pm because of Crowborough Carnival.

**Red Box Collection** time has arrived again, so would all box holders please bring them to Church for counting. The last day for collection of boxes will be Sunday, 17th September.

**Fr Kevin** will be away from the Parish from Monday, 18th September until Friday, 6th October. There will only be weekend MASSES during this period. Funerals will be covered by one of the Priests from the Deanery.

Fr Jim Hurley will celebrate the MASSES on 23/24th September. A Kiltegan Father will be making the Annual Mission Appeal, 30th September and 1st October and celebrating the MASSES.

**2017 Deanery Plan Questionnaire**: You are no doubt aware of the challenges facing our Diocese with an ageing clergy, a fall in vocations and a fall in regular MASS attendance, meaning that we are likely to see a significant reduction in the number of Priests available to support Parishes over the coming years.

Our Mayfield Deanery, along with all the other 12 deaneries in the Diocese, will be affected. At present we have 5 Parish Priests and 8 churches. In all likelihood, over the coming years, the number of Priests in our Deanery will fall to just 3, with little prospect of adding to this number. This will mean that weekend MASSES may not be possible in some of our churches and we need to plan for this eventuality.

The Questionnaire will be available next weekend.

**Coffee and Cake - Monday, 4th September**: 10.30am to 12.30pm in All Saints Coffee Bar in aid of Nicky Schellander - 'Chance to beat Cancer' as seen on 'Hospital' BBC2.

[www.gofundme.com/nickys-chance-to-beat-cancer](http://www.gofundme.com/nickys-chance-to-beat-cancer)

**St Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells** invites you to share in 'Life in the Spirit' Seminars beginning 11th September at 7.45pm. Please see poster in Church porch for a list of topics and dates.

**First Communion 2018**: Children in Primary School Year 3 and older are invited to join the Parish First Communion Preparation Programme. Please pick up a form from the alcove in the Church porch.

**Confirmation 2018**: Candidates wishing to enrol must be going into Year 10 only. Please contact Jane Ward tel: 652101 or Michael Cantwell tel: 664853 or pick up a form from the Church porch.

**Our Parish SVP Group** have been asked to fund a project for the SVP in St Mary's Parish, Kolakalur, Guntur Diocese, Andhra Pradesh. The project is to provide a milk buffalo to each of 5 poor landless Catholic families in an agricultural community. Grass and dry fodder are readily available and the milk from the buffaloes will provide curd, butter and butter milk for the families own use and a modest income from the sale of milk to a local co-operative.

**Note: Donations can be put into the wall box under St Theresa's statue.**

**St Vincent de Paul Sunday**: Weekend 16/17th September - Special collection and SVP Coffee Morning after 9.30am MASS.

**Church Organist**: Is there an organist in the Parish, who is willing to play at MASS once a month? Please contact Fr Kevin if you are able to help.

**All Saints Church**: There is a preparation meeting on Friday, 27th October, 2017, probably from 10.30am to 3.00pm with a break for lunch, to prepare for next year's Women's World Day of Prayer in March. If you would like to join myself and the ladies of the other churches in the area for this Ecumenical Day, you would be most welcome. Please contact Mary Lelliott 01892 662603.

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