

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
*Diocese of Arundel and Brighton*  
*In the Pastoral Care of Bishop Richard Moth*

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**CHURCH TIMETABLE 8th to 15th DECEMBER 2018**

**Sunday**

Saturday Vigil MASS 6.00pm

Sunday Morning MASS at 9.30am with Children's Liturgy for those able to sit and participate during term time only.

**This Week's  
MASS Times**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am MASS.

Advent Morning Prayer 8.45am. Adoration 8.30am to 9.00am

No MASS on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

Indian Prayer Group - Wednesday 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

**Reconciliation  
[Confession]**

5.00pm to 5.30pm Saturday and other days on request.

**Baptisms**

By appointment at 12 noon Sundays, unless during MASS.

**Weddings**

By appointment with Fr Kevin. In this Diocese one year's notice is required in normal circumstances. A Marriage Preparation Course is also required.

**Today:** Christmas Flower Appeal and collection.

**Friday:**

1. Jason Lowrie's cremation service at 11.30am. RIP.
2. St Mary's School Fair 3.15pm to 5.00pm. Do come along and support us.
3. Bishop Richard's Pastoral Planning Meeting at 7.00pm in the school hall at Mayfield Girls' School. All Parishioners are invited to attend. Do come along.

**The Deanery Celebration of Forgiveness** will be at St Philip's Church, Uckfield on Sunday, 16th December at 3.00pm. Do come along and make your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

**Tuesday 18th December:** School Carol Service at 2.00pm in Church, marking the end of term. All are welcome.

**Wednesday 19th December:** Deacon Jack's Ordination to the Priesthood in Arundel Cathedral at 7.00pm. All are welcome. The Parish bus will leave St Mary's at 4.30pm.

**Thursday 20th December:** Fr Jack's first MASS here at St Mary's at 10.00am. All are welcome. Coffee served after Mass in the Parish Room.

**Friday 21st December:**

1. Christmas Church Cleaning after Morning MASS [9.30am] We are looking for volunteers to help prepare our Church. If you are able to help, please could you sign up on the rota at the back of Church. Please bring your own cleaning materials. Thank you in anticipation.
2. 6.00pm MASS in the Syro-Malabar Rite for the local Indian community.

**Saturday 22nd December:** Flower decoration in the Church.

**Sunday 23rd December** - 4th Sunday of Advent: - Fr Jack's first Sunday MASS at 9.30am, followed by an extended Coffee Morning and cutting of a celebration cake. Savouries and sweet cakes welcome.

**SVP Sudan and South Sudan Emergency Appeal:** Donations in the wall box under St Theresa's statue. Thank you.

**Pa-Rum-Pa-Pa-Rum - A Christmas Sing-a-long:** Thank you to everyone who came along to support and enjoy our wonderful Parish Sing-a-long on Saturday afternoon. So many people helped to make it such a special occasion. Thanks to all who contributed with performances, assistance, inspiration, stall-holding and just being there; but thanks in particular to Lucy Tipp for once again co-ordinating this lovely event and making it possible. We are sure it was enjoyed by all and it raised almost £2,000 for our Parish funds. A Merry Sing-a-long Christmas to one and all!

**Vacancy for Foundation Governor at St Mary's School:** Are you looking for a new challenge or an opportunity to give something back to the Parish community? If you are, then we may be able to help! We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Board of St Mary's School for a Foundation Governor.

Being a Governor is a challenging, but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to our Parish community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

If you are interested in learning more about the role, please contact our clerk, Angela, by email [clerktogovernors@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk) - or speak to our Chair of Governors, Lorna Buckwell.

**Volunteer Trained** Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Welcomers and Sacristans are needed for the Christmas MASSES. Please sign up on the list near St Theresa's statue.

**Parish Christmas Cards** are now ready for delivery. Could our Neighbourhood Contacts please collect this weekend - 8/9th December. Thank you.

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