

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

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CHURCH TIMETABLE 7th to 14th SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday MASSES Saturday Vigil MASS 6.00pm.
Sunday Morning MASS at 9.30am with
Children's Liturgy [during term time].

Weekday MASSES There will be no weekday MASSES until Monday, 16th September.

Emergency Sick Calls and other Pastoral matters please contact Anthony Moffat tel: 653956/mob: 07836559110.

Access to Parish Property - Church/Parish Room/Priest's Garage and other Health and Safety matters please contact Peter Hamerton tel: 655932/mob: 07786752440.

First Communions 2020: Children not attending St Mary's School - Parents please collect a form from the alcove in the Church porch and when filled, please return to the Priest's Cottage letter box. Thank you.

Confirmation Programme 2019-20: Letters have been sent to prospective years 9 and 10 candidates. If you have not received one and would like to join us, please pick up an invitation letter and registration form from the porch at the back of Church. Note to **everyone** inc those who received forms through the post – please return the registration form to Father Kevin .

The confirmation programme run at St Mary's involves 3 retreat weekends which are both spiritually and life enriching for both candidates and leaders, incorporating the application of Catholic Social Teaching, the 10 commandments and sacraments into our daily lives.

It is a commitment for both candidates and leaders. The leaders have willingly committed many years to this programme but it is time for some of us to step aside and allow other enthusiastic and perhaps more energetic people to take the programme forward.

So we would like to invite those who feel they could join the programme as a leader to contact Father Kevin and to come along to a weekend session .

Note: Fr Kevin will be away from the Parish from Tuesday, 27th August until Friday, 13th September. Fr Maximilian, a Priest from the Ukraine, will celebrate the MASS for the two weekends.

Sunday Altar Servers: When altar servers are not available to serve at MASS on Sundays, anyone who is willing and able is welcome to help the Priest. Please speak to the Priest before MASS.

Calling all Ministers of Holy Communion: Bishop Richard will be leading a Day of Reflection on Saturday, 28th September from 11.00am to 4.00pm at Mayfield School. All Ministers are expected to share in a day of reflection each year. Please note the date in your diary and sign up if you wish to attend.

An invitation from St Augustine's, Tunbridge Wells to a 7 week course to deepen our understanding of our faith. The course starts on Monday, 30th September with a 7 week DVD course, 'Drink from the Wells of the Church'. Over the 7 weeks, the course aims to give all Catholics the opportunity to examine more deeply the teachings of the Church. Please see poster in our Church porch for more details.

Facts about the St Vincent de Paul Society; What We Do in Numbers:

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

St Vincent de Paul

The focus of our work at the St Vincent de Paul Society is visiting and befriending people living in isolation and poverty. The people we visit could be refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people staying in hospitals or care homes, people with mental health issues or offenders. Conference members work on the ground, face to face with the people they help. Here are a few statistics highlighting the work of the SVP:-

- Last year almost **10,000** members visited over **80,000** beneficiaries
- **Over 28,000** of the people we visited were the **elderly** in their own homes
- Across the Society members have made over **430,000** visits

If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with the President of your local Conference.

Red Box time has come round again, so would box holders please bring boxes in for counting as soon as possible. The last day for collection will be Sunday, 29th September.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - Friday, 4th October 2019: Come and hear Naomi Dring, CAFOD Programme Support Officer for Peru, Colombia and Bolivia, talk about the work of CAFOD's partners in that region and how they are responding to climate change and other environmental issues. Saturday, 21st September 9.45am starting with coffee and croissants at St Francis and St Anthony Parish Room, Haslett Avenue, West Crawley RH10 1HR.

Please confirm if you are coming by email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or tel 01483 898866.

Funeral Service for Clare Manning - to be held on Tuesday, 10th September at 11.00am in St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, followed by a private cremation service for the immediate family.

Crowborough Carnival - Saturday, 14th September: As usual the Saturday Vigil MASS will be held at 4.00pm.