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*Diocese of Arundel and Brighton*  
*In the Pastoral Care of Bishop Richard Moth*

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**CHURCH TIMETABLE 31st AUGUST to 7th 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.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society: Marie's story:**

*"I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity."*

Blessed Frederic Ozanam

This month is Awareness Month at SVP England and Wales and this week we would like to share with you a story highlighting the work of an SVP Conference; just one example of the ways in which our members assist people in need.

"Marie was introduced to St Vincent's in Leeds by an SVP Conference member. She was in a desperate state, with rent and council tax arrears and bailiffs knocking at her door. Marie was 21 years old, six months pregnant, alone and very frightened. In addition, she was having problems getting sick pay from her company and received only £40 for the whole of March.

An SVP debt worker at St Vincent's negotiated with her rent and helped Marie set up a financial plan, so she could see her situation more clearly. A week later Marie visited again, desperate as she had no money left for electricity or food. The SVP managed to get her a small amount of funding to help with the electricity payments and offered her a food parcel. She broke down in tears and admitted how desperate she felt - she said she had no one to help her, except for St Vincent's. The debt worker at St Vincent's asked Marie if she would like to have a chat with a counsellor, which she agreed to. Since seeing a counsellor, Marie has taken more control of her life and can finally see light at the end of the tunnel."

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.

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

**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.

**Monica Rideout** died on Sunday. Please remember her in your prayers.

**Deacon Gerard Irwin**, aged 61 years of Haywards Heath, died suddenly on Sunday. RIP.

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