

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 01 June, 2014

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	31		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Sun	01	<b><u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20</i>	Parish Mass Book p.272	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Mr &amp; Mrs D'Souza)</i> 12 noon <i>Claire &amp; Steven Colburn (Thanksgiving)</i>
Mon	02	<i>Ascension-tide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	03	<i>St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Wed	04	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur	05	<i>St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> [Traditional (Low) Mass]		10.00 a.m. <i>Girsh Sethna, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Rev. William Scanlan, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	06	<i>Ascension-tide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Mrs Stella Spring, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	07	<i>Ascension-tide</i> <b>[CONFIRMATION MASS WITH BISHOP KIERAN]</b> [Vigil Mass]		10.00 p.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i> <b>3.00 p.m. For the Confirmandi</b> 7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	08	<b><u>PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: John 20:19-23</i>	Parish Mass Book p.288	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.**  
**Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.**  
**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.**

### THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

Most of the year we look at the life of our Blessed Lord whilst he lived amongst us on this earth. In a way we look back to the past and keep alive what Jesus did and said and then try to apply it to our present. In today's feast of the Ascension there is something different. Here our attention is drawn not to something Jesus did but to where the Lord Jesus is now. Having risen from the dead he is no longer living in his bodily form here but has ascended to the right hand of the Father. Our Lord did not leave his body here on earth, but his risen and glorified body is in heaven. This fact reminds us of our final goal too - the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. This is the destiny of all believers. This is what God has prepared for those who leave their old life and follow him in that new life which begins in baptism. What defines us as human beings is not the depths to which we can sink - we know this all too well - but the heights to which we are called to rise. Where Christ our head has gone away his body follow. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

**£487.72**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

**£107.74**

[2<sup>nd</sup> Coll today for the Comboni Missionary Sisters]

### COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTER'S APPEAL

This weekend Sister Valeria, from the Comboni Missionary Sisters will be visiting the parish, talking about her work and making an Appeal. The Appeal will be for the support of their missionary work.

### NEXT SATURDAY'S CONFIRMATIONS

Bishop Kieran will be coming to St Mary's for our parish (and deanery) confirmations 3 pm next Saturday. Please keep in your prayers those from the parish being confirmed: Natasha Colverd, Isaac Grealish, Patrick Gracethorne, Mae Harkness, Dearbhla Lucas, Elorah Mann, Joseph McDermott, Thomas O'Sullivan, Megan Petché, Aaron Rawcliffe, Thomas Watson & Rosie Williamson.

## **PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 02 June	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. meeting	Janet Forte
Wed 04 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club, 'Park Games'	Peter McDermott, 550187
Thur 05 June	2 pm	St Bernadette's	'May' Service	
Sat 07 June	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bp Kieran	
Sun 15 June	12 pm	Mass Church	Parish First Holy Communion	

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, Verity Cross, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bradley Smith, Tony, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### **PENTECOST PRAYER VIGIL**

Saturday 7th June, 7.30pm - 9.30pm @ St Joseph's Church, Elm Grove, Brighton. With Fr. Rod Jones, Benedictine monk of Worth Abbey. Join us for an evening of prayer as we welcome the Holy Spirit more into our lives. With a talk, Eucharistic healing service, music, reflections and scripture readings. The main programme will end at 9.30pm but you are invited to remain with us until midnight in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **CELEBRATE CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE**

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is hosting 'Celebrate Brighton - Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference' 05-06 July. This weekend has something for the whole family and can provide a real and lasting boost to your faith. See the posters and flyers in the porch for more details and the booking forms.

### **SOMETHING ON PRAYER**

'By raising our gaze to God's Heaven, in a constant relationship with Christ, opening our hearts and minds to him in personal and community prayer, we learn to see things in a new light and to perceive their truest meaning. Prayer is, as it were, an open window that enables us to keep our gaze turned to God, not only to remember the destination towards which we are bound but also to let God's will illuminate our earthly pilgrimage and help us live it with intensity and commitment' [Benedict XVI, 12.ix.12].

### **ST BERNADETTE'S CLASS TEACHER**

St Bernadette's are looking to appoint a class teacher for September 2014. See the poster in the porch for details and for an application pack please contact the school office on Tel: 01273 553813.

### **FROM THE SAINTS**

'In the light of heaven, the worst suffering on earth, a life full of the most atrocious tortures on earth, will be seen to be no more serious than one night in an inconvenient hotel' [*Blessed Mother Teresa*].

'Provided that God be glorified, we must not care by whom' [*St Francis de Sales*].

### **PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

*Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
Hold me firmly lest I fall,  
I am nervous when I'm walking  
And to thee I humbly call.*

*Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me when I'm on the stairs,  
Let me know you are beside me,  
Listen to my fervent prayers.*

*Bring me to my destination  
Safely every single day,  
Help me with each undertaking,  
As the hours pass away.*

*And when evening falls upon us,  
And I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,  
Once again and lead me home.*

### **ST MARY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Thank you to those who have offered to pay and sponsor the cleaning and re-painting of our Stations of the Cross. All 14 have been spoken for and slowly-slowly they are each being restored. Thank you.

### **WINTERSHALL 'THE LIFE OF CHRIST'**

This year they are putting on a new 3-hour abridged version of the 'Life of Christ' 13-15 June. This is the greatest story of all time, movingly recreated by an experienced cast in authentic costume. It is suitable for all the family and has outstanding quality sound and music. Tel: 01793 418228, visit 'www.wintershall-estate.com' or email: 'boxoffice@Biblesociety.org.uk'

### **DIOCESAN FESTIVALS**

The parish is looking for a parishioner who will be willing to act as a point of contact for the upcoming Diocesan Festivals in 2014 and 2015. They would encourage attendance at both Festivals and act as an enthusiast for the Golden Jubilee Festival in July 2015. If anybody is interested please speak with Fr Bruno or contact the Festival Office-email 'festival@dabnet.org' or write to 'Jubilee Festival, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

### **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**

After the Confirmation Mass next Saturday there will be a celebration in the church hall. Some refreshments are being provided, but any additional 'gifts' - cakes, snacks, nibbles, drinks - would be gratefully received. Drop them to the presbytery Friday or to the hall Sat. early afternoon.