

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 March, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	28 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	1 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 Parish Mass Book p.155	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Giussani, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Tom Gilligan, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	2 <i>2nd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Iain Campbell, R.I.P</i>
Tue	3 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	4 <i>2nd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierrette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P</i>
Thur	5 <i>2nd week of Lent</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Gwen Patterson, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Armando's Intentions</i>
Fri	6 <i>2nd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross [in the Church]
Sat	7 <i>2nd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> [Vigil Mass] 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	8 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: John 2:13-25 Parish Mass Book p.158	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (D'Souza family)</i> 12 noon <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before 10 a.m. weekday Mass
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

In today's gospel we hear of the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It is an Epiphany, a revelation on the mountain, of the eternal beauty and glory that is Jesus Christ. We could say that Peter, James and John catch a glimpse of God the Son as he is in heaven and Peter says "it is wonderful to be here" and he wants to stay there. Who among us would not like heaven here on earth? With the reality of sin though that is not possible. It needs to be atoned for and forgiven, and that means the Cross of Jesus. We Christians have come to know that heaven is real yet access there comes through the Cross, through Jesus' Cross and through the crosses that we have to carry. With the Transfiguration maybe Jesus was preparing Peter, James and John. Soon they would be experiencing the horror of the Cross but Jesus wanted them to know that that would not be their final vision of Him. After the Cross there is the Resurrection. As it was for Jesus may it be for us as well. God bless you this Lent, Fr Bruno.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these will be on Friday at 7 pm in the Church.

Last Sunday's Collection: £512.12, 2nd: £84.90

A & B NEWS - SPECIAL EDITION

Please pick up your free copy of the A & B News in the porch which has important information about the diocesan Golden Jubilee on the 5th July at the Amex.

GENERAL ELECTION 2015

The Bishops have written a joint letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies available in the porch and at www.catholicnews.org.uk.

THANK YOU

We have received a letter from the Friends of the Holy Land thanking us for our crib Offering of £343.50. This will make a real difference to some of the neediest people there. Copies of their newsletter are in the porch.

PLEASE SAY A PRAYER for Joseph O'Donnell, a member of a parishioner's family, who died this week. May he rest in peace and grace be given to his family.

Lenten thought: Starve your sin, not your bin.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Fri 6 March	2-3pm	Church	Women's World Day of Prayer	Chris Rodrigues, 553585
Sat 7 March	11 am	Church	Choir Practice	Charles Wookey

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Brateman, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Dennis Palmer.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year our parish is hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer which is on Friday 6th March at 2pm & has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. All are welcome; women, men & young people and we hope you will be able to join us & the other churches in the Preston Park area. After the short service there will be refreshments. If you could make a cake (or some small cakes) this would be much appreciated - we also need some volunteers to read a few short passages & help with the refreshments. If you can help in anyway cake making, reading or serving refreshments please contact Chris Rodrigues 01273 553585 (Cakes can be dropped into the priests house on Friday morning up to 11.30 if necessary).

CHURCH TRANSFIGURED: Renewing Ourselves & Our Parishes in the Light of Christ

Sat 14th March 10am-3.30pm at Card. Newman Catholic School. Hosted by the Wellspring Community: talks, Q&A, Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation. For info email: admin@wellspringbrighton.or.uk or call 07975 845 193

A DAY WITH MARY

Westminster Cathedral - Saturday 21st March, 2015.
A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Starts at 9.45 with procession & Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea / coffee provided. See poster in church porch for details.

Please keep the upcoming Synod on the family in your prayers. Here is the final part of a rather concise and brief summary of our teaching on marriage.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MARRIAGE (5/5)

The Church in so many ways reaches out to those broken and hurt by the breakdown of marriage in our society and by the widespread confusion of what it means to be male and female. No-one is turned away. The first mercy and true compassion is offering to sinners the truth of Christ as the light by which to live. The greatest help for those who struggle is to point out with charity the way of Christ, the only way conducive to virtue and true joy.

The Church has nothing, can do nothing, is nothing, without Christ, her Head and Bridegroom. She is the servant of the Word of God (cf. *Dei verbum*, n. 10). Her pastors therefore have no power whatever to change what He taught about the nature and goods of marriage and have the duty to promote and defend that truth for the good of every person and society.

[Teaching taken from 'confraternityccb.org.uk].

A PRAYER FOR LENT [St Joseph the Sudite]

'Stretching out Thy divine hands upon the Cross, Thou hast joined together that which before was divided, and by Thy mediation Thou hast offered as a gift to the Father the nature of mortal man, that was under condemnation. Therefore we sing the praises of Thy sinless Crucifixion.'

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 30 July - 7 Aug 2015. Application forms available from Fr. Bruno or can be downloaded from the Lourdes website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01403 740 110

UGANDA HANDS FOR HOPE

A former parishioner, Joseph Cummsky, who founded and works for this charity, is grateful for the prayers and support we give him. He invites us to look up the charity on their website, www.onlinehope.org, and on Facebook. This is a non-profit organisation working with the residents of Kampala's informal urban settlements. They provide assistance to the most vulnerable, focusing mainly on the needs of local women and children.

HEALING & FORGIVENESS - A Retreat

Friday 13th March - Sunday 15th March - This retreat explores the stages of forgiveness, and how better understanding of those processes can help us to focus our efforts to forgive more effectively - for ourselves & for those around us. Cost £185 residentially / £98 non-residentially. Email: enquiries@stcuthmans.org / Tel: 01403 741220. St Cuthman's Retreat & Meeting Centre, Cowfold Road, Coolham, RH13 8QL.

CALLING MARRIED COUPLES

Marriage Encounter is a weekend away to explore where you are going & to enliven your relationship, bringing you closer & deepening your commitment to your lifetime together. Marriage Encounter is for anyone who believes they made the right choice on their wedding day & every day after. This is not relationship counselling or a retreat. The weekend is presented from a Catholic Christian perspective but any married couple is welcome to attend. There are spaces available on the weekend at Park Place (Wickham, near Fareham, Hampshire) on 19-21 June. For information & online booking visit www.wwme.org or contact Chris & Mary Farrall - 02380 275 401

FROM THE SAINTS

'Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same Everlasting Father, who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings' [St Francis de Sales].