

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome in the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 02 March 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 01		7.00 p.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Sun 02	8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) <i>Gospel: Matt 6:24-34 Parish Mass Book p. 142</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Jain Campbell, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Ann Tingley, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 03	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Constance Alice Grummitt, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 04	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Denis Anthony Barrin, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 05	ASH WEDNESDAY – <i>Beginning of Lent</i> DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Jeff Scott, R.I.P.</i> 7.30 p.m. <i>For the people of the parish</i>
Thurs 06	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John Cullen</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention [Low Mass, 1962 Missal]</i>
Fri 07	<i>Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Trevor Simmons, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 08	<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 10.00 a.m. <i>Fr David Rhys, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Nancy Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 09	1st SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Gospel: Matt 4:1-11 Parish Mass Book p. 151</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday before Mass
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.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Kieran has prepared a Pastoral letter to be read at all Masses this Sunday. Paper copies are in the porch.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings this week deal with the reality of God's providence. He has not left us alone but at all times is close to us and providing for us. Jesus tells us to look at how the birds in the sky are cared for and then tells us how much more dear we are to the Father. He is calling us to deeper trust in God. Behind the pursuit of money as a highest goal is the thought: 'I, and I alone have to provide for myself. God cannot help me.' Our Lord instead is calling us to a deeper trust in Him. This is not however a call to laziness; after all birds fly away from cats and don't wait for the worms to come to them but they are ever paying attention and busy. So Our Lord is calling us to do our work faithfully and to the best of our abilities but also to trust more deeply in Him and providence. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£480.61

2nd COLLECTION

£79.74

ASH WEDNESDAY

This is the first day of Lent and is this week. This day is a day of fasting and abstinence (meaning one normal meal and two significantly smaller ones and all meat-free). Ashes will be imposed at the two Masses on the day and in the schools also. Lent is also the most important season of the year for us to do penance.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This is on Friday. Please take an envelope from the back of the Church in which to place your gift for CAFOD and return it next Sunday in the retiring collection. It is possible to Gift aid your contribution.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these will be on Friday's at 7pm in the Church. The whole family are welcome.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 03 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st HC meeting	Charles Wookey
Fri 07 Mar	2 pm	St John's Church	Women's World day of Prayer	See below & poster in porch
Fri 07 Mar	7 pm	Church	Lenten Stations of the Cross	
Sat 08 Mar	12.15 pm	Church	Baptism of Selena Angelini	
Mon 10 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation (1)	Fr Bruno
Wed 12 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	Peter McDermott, 550187
Mon 17 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation (2)	Fr Bruno

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

'WALK WITH ME'

These popular prayer booklets guide you and your family on a Lenten journey of prayer. There are readings and prayers for every day of this season. Booklets are available today and cost £1 each and are on sale in the church porch. Also available is a calendar for Lent for children.

OLIVEWOOD ARTICLES FROM BETHLEHEM

Over the weekend of 15/16 March a gentleman from the Holy Land will be here to sell articles which have been made in Bethlehem. There will be Rosaries, Crucifixes and other things as well. Monies raised will go back to help the people over there.

CHARITY MUSICAL EVENING

Charles and Hugo Wookey are doing a charity concert of violin and piano music by Mozart and Cesar Franck to raise money for the Children's hospital respiratory unit. It is on Saturday 15th March at 7.30 pm at the Unitarian church, New Road. All welcome. Admission free.

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

When you go to confession you begin by saying:

"Bless me, Father for I have sinned. It is x weeks/months/years since my last confession. These are my sins ..."

Here in great simplicity you say your sins. One way of remembering them is to recall the act of contrition we say at the beginning of Mass where we acknowledge sins we have done: "in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do."

Then the Priest may offer some advice. Then he gives you your penance to do. After which you say an act of contrition such as, "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner" or "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace I will not sin again".

The Priest then says the words of absolution after which you are free to leave. Remember to say your penance before leaving the church.

A FIRST PRAYER UPON WAKING UP

'I adore you, O God, and I love you with all of my heart. Thank you for having created me and for making me a Christian.'

EASTER DUTIES

As Catholics we have the obligation to receive the Eucharist at least once in the year, and also at least once a year to go to Confession especially if aware of grave sin on our part. This is called doing our 'Easter Duties' and should take place during Lent or the Easter Season.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRI. 7TH

The theme of this year's Women's World Day of Prayer is "Streams in the Desert" and has been prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. The service is at 2 pm on Friday 7th March at St John's Church, Knoyle Road and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome to take part in this interdenominational service. If you are free on Friday 7th you will be most welcome to come along.

THE DIVINE LIFE REVEALED

A Day Conference exploring friendship, knowledge and life in Christ the Word of God. **Saturday 8th March, 10am-3.30pm @ The Friary, Haslett Ave West, Crawley, RH10 1HR.** Speaker: Fr John Farrell, OP (Provincial of the Dominican Order, Theologian and National Speaker) Part of the Diocesan Jubilee. Day includes talks, Q&A, Mass, Adoration, reflection. Donation-only event. Please bring a packed lunch.

WORTHWHILE THEATRE PRODUCTION

Brighton Deanery are delighted to be hosting RISE Theatre and their exciting, original play 'Soldier to Saint' at Cardinal Newman Catholic School on Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm. The play is inspired by the true story of Saint Alban, Britain's first Christian Martyr - a compelling tale of courage, friendship and sacrifice. The performance is suitable for ages 12+. For tickets please see Fr Bruno.

MARRIAGE CARE

Relationship difficulties? Caring and professional help is available from Brighton MarriageCare. Tel: 0800 3893801

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"All events that take place in this world, even those apparently fortuitous or casual, are comprehended in the order of divine Providence, on which fate depends" [St Thomas Aquinas].