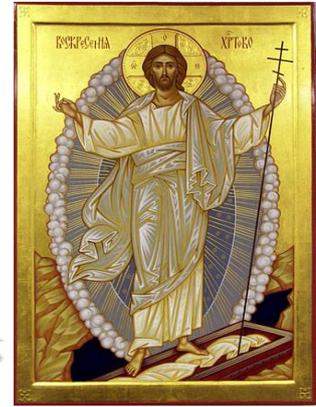


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 03 May, 2015 - Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	2 [Vigil Mass]	7.00pm Holy Souls
Sun	3 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Gospel: John 15:1-8 Parish Mass Book p 268	10.00 a.m. Pro Populo- for the people of the parish 12 noon Peggy Conner, R.I.P
Mon	4 <i>The English Martyrs</i>	10.00 a.m. Babs Bamin, R.I.P.
Tue	5 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	6 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. John Berry, R.I.P
Thur	7 <i>Eastertide</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. Jonathan & Roger Chandler, R.I.P 7.00 p.m. In Thanksgiving for Armano
Fri	8 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. John Berry, R.I.P.
Sat	9 <i>Eastertide</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. Private Intention 7.00pm. Bernard Hatrell, R.I.P.
Sun	10 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Gospel: John 14:1- 23 Parish Mass Book p 270	10.00 a.m. Pro Populo - for the people of the parish 12 noon Holy Souls

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. Wednesday - Friday
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

'On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the liturgy presents us with the Gospel passage of John in which Jesus, speaking to the disciples at the Last Supper, exhorts them to remain united to him like the branches to the vine. It is a truly meaningful parable as it expresses with great effectiveness that Christian life is a mystery of communion with Jesus: "Whoever remains in me", says the Lord, "will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). The secret of spiritual fruitfulness is union with God, union that is realised especially in the Eucharist, also rightly called "communion".' Please keep in your prayers the 19 children in the parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion on Sunday 21 June this year. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

THANK YOU TO FR OLIVER

I am very grateful to Fr Oliver for coming to say our weekend Masses this week. He is being kept busy in his 'retirement'. Please be sure to greet him warmly when he comes. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £534.71,
 2nd Collection Education of Future Priests: £207.57

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

We are now in one of the most beautiful months of the year, May, and it is right that we call it the month of Mary. If you have flowers at home you are very welcome to bring them to our Lady's statue in the church.

The Education of Future Priests - Thank you for your donations last Sunday and keep praying for more vocations to the priesthood in the diocese.

CAFOD - NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Cafod has launched a £3 million emergency appeal following the devastating earthquake that has hit Nepal. In response to this, our 2nd collection today will be for these much needed funds. **Please give as generously as possible.**

After our 10 am Mass this Friday 8 May a Sister who runs an orphanage in Belarus will be selling religious artefacts / icons made there. Monies raised will go to the orphanage. Do come and have a look if you can.

May is the beautiful month of Mary. Begin and end each day with a 'Hail Mary'

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, 540038
Thur 7 May	8pm		RCIA	Fr Bruno
Fri 8 May	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation for parents	Fr Bruno
Sat 9 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Candidates meeting	John Stone
Sun 10 May	9.30am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Comm. Meeting	Janet, 01273 552900

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Janine Monti.

REJOICE!

An evening of Prayer & Praise - with a short talk. Saturday, 9th May 2015 in the Parish room, Sacred Heart Church, Norton Rd, Hove, BN3 3BF. Tea/Coffee: 7pm for 7.30pm start until 9.30pm (Sunday Vigil Mass in Church 6pm). No charge, Donation only. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Signup sheet!

Did you know if all the parents who send children down signed up for just 1 week we would have enough people for the year 😊 We work from a set of Liturgy books which provides the Reading, questions to ask & an activity for the children too. If you'd like to team up with someone that's ok too. Signup sheet is in the Porch
Thank you in advance

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone who supported our quiz night on Friday 24th April. We had 7 enthusiastic teams. Everyone had a good time & we raised £130.50 for CAFOD. From the Social Concerns Group

ST MARY'S PRE-SCHOOL -OFSTED REPORT

We are very pleased to say that following a recent Ofsted inspection, St Mary's Pre-school has been found GOOD in all areas! Congratulations to Sally & her hard working staff. The full report is available online to read.

Flower Arranging Workshop

Would you like to have a go at flower arranging? If so why not come along on Saturday 16th May 10am - 12 noon at the Crowhurst Community Centre, Knoyle Road. Flower arranging tips from St John's Flower Team. Take away your arrangement & Fairtrade drinks provided. Fee: £10 to cover the cost of all materials, see posters in porch for booking details or ring Chris (01273 553585) if you are interested.

Important Date for Your Diary DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

AMEX STADIUM - 5th JULY 2015

Starts 10.00 am - Mass celebrated at 3pm

Our New Bishop will be there as will be Cardinal Cormac.

Activities / talks all day

A Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love,
I pour out to you, my Saviour,
The memories that haunt me,
The anxieties that perplex me,
The fears that stifle me,
The sickness that prevails upon me,
& the frustrations of all the pain that weaves about me.
Lord,
Help me to see your peace in my turmoil,
Your compassion in my sorrow,
Your forgiveness in my weakness,
And your love in my need.
Touch me, O Lord
With your healing power and strength.
Amen

Part-Time Parish Administrator Required

The Parish of St Joseph's and St Francis is seeking to recruit a Parish Administrator for 16 hours/week. Duties to include basic bookkeeping and accountancy and general secretarial work. This is a permanent part-time post. For full details please apply in writing, to St Joseph's Church, 6 Wellington Road, BN2 3AA enclosing a CV to Canon Kieron O'Brien. Closing date 16th May, 2015.

MISSIO - Can you Help Organise or Collect?

This year the organiser of the Missio (APF) collections for the parish (Edmund Mahony) will be retiring from the post & a replacement is needed. Missio is the new international name for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith which supports missionaries in the third world countries. There are about 50 Parish members who have red boxes at home which they fill with odd change for the missions. Is there anyone in the parish who could take on the responsibility for organising those who collect money from the red boxes & then pay the cash into the Missio bank account? We also need more promoters to go round & collect the money from the boxes - Are there any volunteers for this? The time & effort required for organising or promoting is small but rewarding. If you would like a red box please contact the parish office. This is a good charity to support. Loose change added up makes a difference.

READERS

Would anyone like to join our (too) small group who say the readings or bidding prayers at Mass? We especially need help at the 7pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays

'We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials' [St Teresa of Avila]