

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 04 March, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 03	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Special Intentions (M. Ashing)</i>
Sun 04	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) – Readings Yr A Gospel: John 4:5-42 Mass Book p158/162	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Pierrette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 05	<i>Feria</i>	9.15 a.m.	<i>In thanksgiving</i>
Tue 06	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 07	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 08	<i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 09	<i>Feria</i> Stations of the Cross	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	<i>Nancy Hart, R.I.P.</i> -
Sat 10	<i>Feria</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Brian Jackson, R.I.P.</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 11	4th SUNDAY 'Lætare' OF LENT (B) Gospel: John 9:1-41 Mass Book p166/170	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass

During Lent Stations of the Cross Fridays, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Kathleen Cullen, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for Thomas Cullen, R.I.P.

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 07 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 09 Mar	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (7) 'Who are we?'	Fr Bruno
Sat 10 Mar	11 am	Church	Choir practice for Pentecost service	
Mon 12 Mar	8 pm	Church	Parents Meeting – First Holy Communion	Mrs Janet Silva
Fri 16 Mar	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (8) 'Why link with the Liturgy?'	Fr Bruno

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL (Year 'A' readings)
'On this third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy again presents one of the most beautiful and profound passages of the Bible: the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman

woman, let us also open our hearts to listen trustingly to God's Word in order to encounter Jesus who reveals his love to us and tells us: "I who speak to you am he", the Messiah, your Saviour.'

represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks. She had 'five husbands' and now she lives with another man; her going to and from the well to draw water expresses a repetitive and resigned life. However, everything changes for her that day, thanks to the conversation with the Lord Jesus. Like the Samaritan

'There are some who pass through life as through a tunnel, without ever understanding the splendour, the security and the warmth of the sun of faith' - St Josemaria Escriva

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

LENTE DEVOTIONS IN THE PARISH

Fridays, 9-10am, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays, 6pm, **Stations of the Cross**

Saturdays, **Confessions** Saturday after 10am Mass, 6.15-6.45 pm before 7pm Mass and also at call.

FOODBANK - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. See the list on the noticeboard of items especially needed.

ICON PAINTING CLASS

Next class will be on Friday March 16th, as planned.

ECHOES – Parish based formation in the Faith

The next session (the 7th of 11) will be **this Friday 9th March**, 7-8.15 p.m. in the Cassidy Centre to replace the session that was cancelled last week because of the freezing weather. This session is titled 'Who are we?' and is about who we are - each of us - in terms of the mission of the Church. Anyone wanting to learn more about the faith in a small friendly group welcome on a come and see basis. Materials will be provided. A copy of the course book is in the porch for you to look at.

DEANERY

St John the Baptist – Phone number updated. The new number for St John the Baptist is 01273 087839. Fr Peter Fitch, at St John The Baptist, is the main hospital chaplain. If you know anyone in hospital who needs the sacraments please contact Fr Peter or tell Fr Bruno.

Train to be an RE Teacher

Are you a graduate with a string desire to inspire young people and transform lives through exploring some of life's biggest questions? Have you considered becoming a Secondary School RE teacher? The University of Sussex offers full and

CHURCH / HALL HEATING

The boiler which provides the heating for the church and hall packed up this week, the coldest week of the year. Engineers are only able to come on Wednesday to fix it.

MONDAY MASS AT 9.15 am as I have to go to a friend's funeral in Guildford later in the morning.

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EASTER RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY

Worth Abbey & The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (29th March-1st April) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. The retreat will be centred around participation in the Triduum liturgy from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, with a programme of talks by the monks, discussion, prayer & reflection and fellowship. Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk' - a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact TOC@worthabbey.net or fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. You can also find more information via Facebook.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (Sch Yrs 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more info go to www.ablourdes.org.

ST JOHN VIANNEY GROUP

A group for men, aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place from 4-7.30 pm **this Sunday, 4th March** at The Presbytery, Ireland's Lane, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1QX. For more details contact Fr Con Foley on Tel. 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

OTHER

Catholics in Healthcare – Men & Women of Conscience – Saturday March 10th.

A one day conference for juniors and students of the healthcare professions (doctors, nurses, midwives, medical students, nursing students etc.) at The National Shrine of the Martyrs of England & Wales at Tyburn Convent. 11.15am – 5.30pm approx.. For more details contact them on: facebook.com/CMAEnglandandWales or Events@CatholicMedicalAssociation.org.uk

Prayer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

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O Mary, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, “beautiful sanctuary of God among men”, Mother of Christ and our Mother, pray for us. Give us an ardent love of the Eucharist. Renew constantly in our hearts the spirit of thanksgiving, adoration and praise. Model of fidelity in love, help us to become, through the Holy Spirit, a living offering to the glory of the Father, for the salvation of the world. Make us joyful witnesses and lovers of Jesus Christ. Draw to him many adorers to love him and to make him loved in the Eucharist, the fruit of the Cross. Pray with us to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers so that his Kingdom may come and that all men may one day receive the Bread that gives Eternal life. Amen.

To have sinned is not fatal; but to fail to acknowledge it is as it cuts us off from the people of God