

St Mary's Catholic Church

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

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 4th May, 2014

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 03		[Vigil]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 04	<u>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Luke 24:13-35</i>	Parish Mass Book p.258	10.00 a.m. <i>Helen McCormick, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Mon 05	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 06	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wed 07	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur 08	<i>Eastertide</i>	[Traditional (low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (Maureen Fleet)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Rev. Kevin Steen, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 09	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Special Intention (Lauren Atallah)</i>
Sat 10	<i>Eastertide</i>	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 p.m. <i>In thanksgiving to our Lady</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Betty Cooney, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 11	<u>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – Good Shepherd Sun.</u> <i>Gospel: John 10:1-10</i>	Parish Mass Book p.262	10.00 a.m. <i>Molly Bradley, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, 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.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION 2nd COLLECTION

£497.39
£92.98

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

We have entered what is perhaps the loveliest month of the year, May. This month is dedicated in a special way to our Lady. During it we try to honour her, each in our own way. One of the things she said at Fatima was "Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world".

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

One of the more memorable appearances of the Risen Lord is the one we hear today in the Gospel. It is the day of the Resurrection itself and our Lord joins and walks with two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Whilst walking he opens the Scriptures to them concerning himself but something prevents them recognising him. Finally he reveals himself to them at table as he takes bread, says the blessing, breaks it and gives it to them. The Church has seen in this a gift and lesson from our Lord revealing to us something that happens every time Mass is said. In the Scriptures it is God speaking to us, illuminating the way for us and then in the Eucharist it is Jesus himself who is truly present. All we see are the appearance of bread and wine but in fact it is the risen Jesus present and giving himself to us in Holy Communion. May we never forget this gift he has given us and may God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

POPES PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Mary's guidance: that Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.
 Media: that the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"You do not have to be educated or extraordinarily talented to become holy. All you require is the grace of God and your own determination. Few people become saints because it is easier to become educated than it is to make the necessary changes in one's life to become holy" [Francis Cardinal Van Thuan, *The road of hope*].

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
Wed 07 May	7.30-9 pm	Church hall	Yrs 7-11 youth club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Fri 09 May	7.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Smile Quiz night	See notice below
Sun 11 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	1 st Holy Communion class	Janet Forte
Mon 12 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. meeting	Charles Wookey
Mon 12 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1)	Fr Bruno

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, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bradley Smith, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

The parish of St Theresa's, Southwick, are looking for a Parish Administrator to work 9hrs per week spread over 3 mornings to start as soon as possible. Please see the poster in the porch for details. Applications with CV to be sent to 'st.theresa.southwick@gmail.com' by 18 May.

ST MARY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Station IX has been cleaned and returned to its place. Its restoration has been kindly paid for by a parishioner. It costs about £400 to have each one cleaned and repainted. Are there other individuals or families who would like to sponsor/pay for a station to be restored?

GIFT AID – BOX NUMBERS 34 & 38

Two of the boxed sets of Gift Aid envelopes have been removed from the table in the porch. The numbers are 34 & 38. It is important to retrieve these so that we can record who has them as they are issued in conjunction with a Gift Aid Declaration. If you are holding these boxed sets would you please contact me, Bernard Regan, on 01273 559862.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

"Never pause to love and delight in your understanding and experience of God, but love and delight in what you cannot understand or experience of him. Such is the way of seeking him in faith" [St John of the Cross].

THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD, KENT

Sunday 11 May they are having a pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, which will provide solid food for reflection on Our Lady with good speakers and sound spirituality. See poster in the church porch for details.

RHS WISLEY GARDENS OUTING

Tuesday 27 May, coach leaves St Mary's at 10.30am returning around 6pm. Cost £27. Contact Fr Bruno or David Alfred on 540038 to reserve seat with payment.

WINTERSHALL - 'THE LIFE OF CHRIST'

The greatest events of all time, movingly recreated by an experienced cast in authentic costume will be performed 13-15 June. Visit 'www.wintershall-estate.com' for details.

PRAYER – The *Magnificat* of our Lady

*My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever. [Luke 1:46-55]*

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT – THIS WEEK

The Social Concerns Group invites you to their Smile Quiz Night this Friday 9th May 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. The £4 ticket includes a free glass of wine or juice and light refreshments. Tea and coffee on sale. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Teams of 4 maximum. Feel free to come along and join a team. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Mass or call Liz Woodhead on 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones on 505642.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP

Next meeting Monday 5th May 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome.

A THANK YOU FROM FRAN PLAYFORD

I am pleased to confirm that we raised over £1,500 at last weeks coffee morning! A fantastic amount with all proceeds going to the Trek Jordan Appeal for the new Sussex MacMillan Cancer Support Centre. The trek is not till October but I will be busy continuing the fundraising and if anyone wishes to sponsor me they still can on <https://www.justgiving.com/Fran-Playford/>. I am self funding the costs of my trek so every single penny raised will go to the cause. Thank you.

STANDING UP FOR MARRIAGE

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) have released helpful guidance on how education providers should tackle the implications of same-sex marriage. It explicitly states that: "No school, or individual teacher, is under a duty to support, promote or endorse marriage of same sex couples." See the website 'Coalition for marriage (c4m)' for more detailed explanations. The website 'Lifesitenews.com' is also good on these issues.