

St Mary's Catholic Church

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

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 06 April 2014

	Mass proper		Intention
Sat 05		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Terence Walsh, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 06	5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Gospel: John 11:1-45</i> Parish Mass Book p. 170		10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Emily Fernandes, R.I.P. (10th Anniv.)</i>
Mon 07		REQUIEM MASS	10.00 a.m. <i>Marie Teresa Cowan, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 08	<i>5th week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Paul Michael James, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 09	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 10	<i>5th week of Lent</i>	[Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Marie Treacy, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>The Gregory Family</i>
Fri 11	<i>5th week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Harry Connett, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat 12	<i>5th week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For the families in the parish</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>John Cullen</i>
Sun 13	PALM SUNDAY (A) <i>Gospel: Matt 26:14-27:66</i> P. Mass Book p. 176	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs D'Souza)</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Tuesday & Thursday before Mass (Funeral Mon)
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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

The great Lenten Sundays reach their high point today in the sustained account of the raising of Lazarus. More than any other story in the Gospel, this brings us to the threshold of the Easter mystery and its message of new life, of a reality beyond death. Jesus had restored the daughter of Jairus and the son of the widow of Nain, but the Lazarus account is different. Mary's words, "Lord, if you had been here our brother would not have died" is the cry of all the bereaved down the ages, the desperate sadness of our human condition confronted with mortality; "Lord, help, can you do something?" Here in the most extraordinary of all his "I am" sayings, he declares himself "the Resurrection and the Life" and then shows his oneness with the Father - the source of all life - by exercising his power over death. We are powerless before the inevitability of death but Jesus is not. Lord, help us to say to you like Martha: "Yes, Lord I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world" the one who can heal us and give us eternal life. God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£421.25

2nd COLLECTION - Easter flowers

£147.11

POPES PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

"That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness; that governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources".

PASSIONTIDE

This Sunday we enter what is called 'Passiontide'. It is the last two weeks before Easter. One of the things which marks this season is the veiling of statues and crucifixes.

TRIDUUM MASS/SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper - 7.30pm
 Good Friday Stations of the Cross - 12 noon
 Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm
 Easter Vigil, Saturday Evening (19 April) - 8pm
 Easter Sunday - 10am, 12 noon

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
Sat 12 Apr	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Elizabeth Lily Baxter	
Mon 14 Apr	7 pm	Church	Lent Reconciliation Service	

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.

CHOIR PRACTICES FOR HOLY WEEK

All are welcome to come and join the choir. Every voice helps (hopefully). Practices are Saturday 12th, 11am and Wednesday 16th, 8pm. These will be in the church.

DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tue 08 Apr	7.30pm	St Joseph's, Elm Grove
Wed 09 Apr	7.30pm	OL of Lourdes, Rottingdean
Thur 10 Apr	7.30pm	St Peter's, Hove
Sun 13 Apr	3.00pm	St John the Baptist's
Mon 14 Apr	7.00pm	St Mary's, Preston Park

Priests will be present there for individual confessions.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Mary's SVP society will be collecting your "Projects" Tins after Masses over the next two weekends. The monies collected from these Tins help us to support our Twins and our Sponsored Students in India and some local projects. Please be generous. If you would like a member to collect these Tins from your house then please contact Terry Sharpe on 541050. The parish SVP society are also looking for new members to replace our long-serving Treasurer and President. If you are interested please again contact Terry.

MEN'S WEEKEND AT WORTH ABBEY

This year's parish men's weekend of light spiritual refreshment will take place from Friday evening 9th May to lunchtime on Sunday 12th May. Cost is approx. £100 including food. If you would like to come please contact Francis Lacy-Scott (01273 671190) or Charles Wookey (01273 554954 or 'c.wookee@btopenworld.com').

A LENTEN REFLECTION

"At the heart of St. Ignatius' "Spiritual Exercises" is what he calls the *agere contra* principle--to "act against" those things that trouble us. Let's say I have a tendency toward overindulging in food, sex, or alcohol. I must find a way to actively battle against that tendency, to actively fast from food, for example. Let's say I'm tempted to badmouth people or be too critical. I need to act against that by, for example, praising people throughout Lent. I might alternatively choose to write a thank-you note, or a note of praise, each day during Lent. In Ignatius' view, sin is like a bent stick that we need to bend back in the other direction--that's the *agere contra* principle" [Fr Robert Barron].

LOOK AT A CRUCIFIX EVERY DAY

THINK - how much Our Lord must have loved me to suffer those nails, those thorns, those bleeding wounds, such humiliations, such heartbreak. Think about this for at least a minute.

ASK YOURSELF - if he loves me that much, what will I do for him today? Start going to Mass on weekdays? Spend more time in prayer? Obey right away when it is hard? Study when I don't feel like it? Eat what is on the table whether I like it or not? Be kind to those who are not kind to me? *What can I do to love God more today?*

PRISON CHAPLAINCY - CAN YOU ASSIST?

Every Saturday morning volunteers from local parishes join around 20-30 inmates for Mass at Lewes Prison. We would like to increase the number of chaplaincy volunteers. Jesus said that anyone who visits the prisoner visits him (Matt 25:36). Please prayerfully consider whether you might like to assist the chaplaincy team in the pastoral support of prisoners. Full training and supervision is provided. For further information please contact the Catholic Chaplain at HMP Lewes on: 01273 785216.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Concerns Group invites you to their Smile Quiz Night on 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 four maximum. Feel free to come along and join a team. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 6th April or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642

'MEN OF GOD BUILDING THE KINGDOM'

'Harvesters' is a national Catholic Men's Network that seeks to encourage and equip men in their faith. They have a retreat this July (25-27) led by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the Papal Household and someone always worth going to see and listening to. Visit 'www.harvesters.org.uk' for details.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

CAFOD have written to thank the parish for the £619.72 raised during the recent Lent Fast Day. Well done.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever" [Tillotson].

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish a happy and recuperative holiday to all teachers and students this Easter.