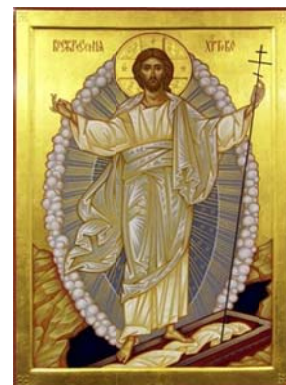


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 07 May, 2017- Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	06	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Nan Cullen, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	07	<u>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u> Gospel: John 10:1-10 Parish Mass Book p262	10 a.m. <i>Jonathan & Roger Chandler, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	08	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	09	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. <i>Mary Lock, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	10	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. <i>Irene & Leo Solomon, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	11	[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Fri	12	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. <i>Marie Jeanne Marganelli, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima (100th Anniversary)</i>	10 a.m. <i>Jonathan Chandler, R.I.P.</i>
		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	14	<u>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u> Gospel: John 14:1-12 Parish Mass Book p265	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning's Mass

Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday the 4th Sunday of Easter is called 'Good Shepherd Sunday' as the gospel reading is always from John Chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also the Sunday when the whole Church is asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Without priests we cannot have Mass nor parishes like we are used to. This Sunday we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard which we will listen to. Paper copies are available in the Church Porch for you to take home if you wish. There are also some prayer cards with a prayer for vocations on the back. Please help yourself to these and put them somewhere, e.g. a prayer corner in your homes, where you will be reminded to pray for vocations. The bishop in his letter asks parishes to have a monthly holy hour offered with the specific intention of praying for vocations. We have a holy hour each Friday before our 10 a.m. Mass and on the first Friday of each month there will be special prayers added to this to pray for vocations. The bishop also asks that the rosary be prayed for vocations. Is there someone who would like to lead the rosary in the parish once a month / week for this intention? God bless, Fr Bruno.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the intention of Tadeusz Jodlowiec (operation); **Our Lady's Lamp** for Irene Solomon, R.I.P.

This week's Second collection is for the Education of our seminarians, the Future Priests of our diocese.

Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we receive in Baptism touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life, and other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our parish, the wisdom and courage to support the people who are searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen.

DEANERY MEETING – Mass Tue am not Mon am

This Tuesday the monthly meeting of all the priests in the Brighton deanery will be here at St Mary's. Please pray for your priests and the eleven parishes we have here in and around Brighton and Hove. There will be no Mass Monday morning but there will be a Mass Tuesday at 10 a.m.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much."

You can never love her more than Jesus did" [Saint Maximilian Kolbe]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 10 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 13 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting (6)	Fr Bruno/John Stone
Sun 14 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion Class	Mrs Janet Silva

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

ST MARY'S SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

We are looking for someone to help David run this club on a regular basis. The Club meets every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Please contact Fr Bruno or David Alfred on 01273 540038 for further details.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Happy birthday to Bernard Regan who gives thanks to God for 90 years this Saturday (13 May). May Our Lady especially bless him, his family and friends on this occasion.

NEW PARISHIONER'S FORM

If you have never filled in a 'New Parishioners Form' please pick one up from the church porch, fill it in and drop it through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

SVP APPEAL

The SVP are renewing their fund raising campaign for collection boxes. The initial campaign two years ago was very successful and we thank all who have continued to fill their boxes with loose change. They now hope to reach out to any new parishioners or indeed anyone else who does not already have a box. If you would like to support your parish St. Vincent De Paul in this way, then please contact Joel Brett on 01273 501991 (or speak to him after the Sunday 12 noon Mass, which he usually attends), and he will be pleased to arrange a box for you. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14-20 MAY

Christian Aid Week is this year from 14 to 20 May and your donations would be much appreciated in the Christian Aid envelopes provided. Please complete the 'Gift Aid' slip included as this will enable Christian Aid to claim the gift aid tax. Thank you.

EMBRACE - A new initiative sponsored by the SVP to reach out to older and lonely people across Brighton. Forty volunteers are needed (they do not need to be members of the SVP), to support 200 older people across Brighton and 100 carers & their families in Brighton and Hove. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a part of this new project, please contact Vicky Hill at vickyh@svp.org

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.

By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This Saturday, 13th May, is the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared on the 13th day of each month until October when there was the great miracle of the sun witnessed by 70,000 people. The message we received at Fatima was and remains a great and timely gift to the Church in our time. She called us all to a deeper and more committed life of prayer (especially the daily Rosary) and penance in reparation for our personal sins and all the sins in the world today. One of the things she also said which we must not forget is that 'in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph'. This Saturday two of the young visionaries, Jacintha and Francisco will be canonised in Rome. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. St Jacintha and St Francisco, pray for us.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - Shrine Activities
Marriage & Family Pilgrimage Week, 12-20 August. Pre-booking essential. Free entry, donations welcome, only accommodates tents. Activities for all ages in the company of fellow pilgrims at the National Shrine of Our Lady. For more information email: family@walsingham.org.uk or call 01328 820658

Formation Retreats for Young Adults 18-35. A three part series, 1: Abide in Me, 2: Built on Rock, 3: According to your will. £80 per retreat includes 2 nights dinner / bed / breakfast / lunch and transport from King's Lynn Station. Contact: nicky@walsingham.org.uk See Poster for details
Travel Bureau - Come to Walsingham, England's Nazareth. For parish groups, families or individuals. Contact: TravelBureau@walsingham.org.uk or call 01328 820217 for details, quotes and arrangements.

Understanding CAFOD - You are invited to come & find out about CAFOD's work overseas & how we are trying to end poverty on Wed 14th June at Holy Family Church Hall Lancing BN15 9BB from 11:30-1pm. The morning will end with a simple lunch so please let us know if you would like to come (for catering purposes) by emailing arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk or calling Martin or Jo at the A & B CAFOD volunteer centre on

01483 898866.

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