

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 08 June, 2014

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 07		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 08	<u>PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)</u> <i>Gospel: John 20:19-23</i>	Parish Mass Book p.288	10.00 a.m. <i>For the People of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon 09	<i>Mass 'For the Bishop' (Bp Kieran ordained 13yrs ago)</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 10	<i>Week 10, Ordinary time - Feria</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wed 11	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur 12	<i>Feria</i>	[Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr John Lennon, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 13	<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Tess Grimes, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 14	<i>Saturday morning votive Mass to the Bl. Virgin Mary</i>	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>For the many victims of Abortion</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Ashing, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 15	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY (A)</u> <i>Gospel: John 3:16-18</i>	Parish Mass Book p.81	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Savio Dias)</i> 12 noon <i>Mass with Parish 1st Holy Communions</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday, 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 COLL. (Comboni Missionaries)

£522.90
£543.16

THE MISSIONARY SISTER'S THANK YOU

Sr Valeria and her fellow sisters from the Comboni Missionaries thank you for the kindness you showed her last Sunday and the generosity of the collection. Please remember our missionaries in your prayers.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

In the gospel given to us today we go back to the evening of the Resurrection itself and our Blessed Lord's first appearance to the Apostles. His first words to them are, 'Peace be with you.' He then repeats it, 'Peace be with you.' This is the gift he wants to give them, the gift of peace, peace which comes from him. It is also the gift he wants to give us. At Mass, just before Holy Communion, we hear these words from Jesus, 'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.' Conflict, division, hatred, isolation and so many other things are terrible things which do not come from God but are the consequence of sin. Peace, being right with God, is the gift our Lord wants to give us and he won this gift for us by the Cross. He then breathes on them giving them the Holy Spirit and they are transformed. In today's feast of Pentecost we too pray for openness to the gift of peace and the Holy Spirit so that we can say with St Paul that in Christ we are a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

THIS SATURDAY'S CONFIRMATIONS

Please keep in your prayers those from the parish who were confirmed this Saturday by Bishop Kieran: Natasha Colverd, Isaac Grealish, Patrick Gracethorne, Mae Harkness, Dearbhla Lucas, Elorah Mann, Joseph McDermott, Thomas O'Sullivan, Megan Petche, Aaron Rawcliffe, Thomas Watson & Rosie Williamson.

FR MICHAEL BENJAMIN, RIP

Fr Michael, a long serving (ordained in 1957) and well-loved priest of the diocese, died in his sleep on Friday night in St Mary's House. May the Lord receive him with mercy and give him rest and peace.

NEXT SUNDAY 1st HOLY COMMUNIONS

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 14 June	11 am	Church	1 st Holy Communion Rehearsal	
Sat 14 June	2 pm	Church	Baptism of Milo Morakot	
Sun 15 June	12 pm Mass	Church	Parish First Holy Communion	
Wed 18 June	7.30-9 pm	Preston Park	Youth Club, 'Park Games'	

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, Verity Cross, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Tony, Gerard Stone & Trudy Wood. Please also pray for their families and carers.

SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP

Next meeting Wednesday 11th June 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome.

FR DAITHI FOLEY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fr Foley, the Parish Priest at St John the Baptist's down the road, gave thanks to God for his 50 years of priesthood last Friday evening at a special Mass. I met a former parishioner of mine who was there who told me: "He married me and my husband 48 years ago." Remember to pray for your priests and for vocations.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We apologise for mentioning the 'C' word this early in the year, but the Homemade stall for the Christmas fair are already thinking about making jams, chutney's and minced meat. This can be very expensive so we are asking for donations of sugar, dried fruit, ground almonds and chopped mixed nuts. A box has been left in the porch for this. Thank you.

CELEBRATE CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is hosting 'Celebrate Brighton - Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference' 05-06 July. This weekend has something for the whole family and can provide a real and lasting boost to your faith. See the posters and flyers in the porch for more details and the booking forms.

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

This Friday we celebrate in the Church the feast of St Anthony of Padua. He is a popular Saint principally because if ever we have lost anything, such as our keys, we can say a prayer to him and he will intercede for us and help us find the lost object. Mass is said every day (except Wednesday) in the Church and if you are free at 10am it is never ever a waste of time to come to daily Mass.

BRIDGE

Mrs Sheila Curran, of St Mary's House, 38 Preston Park Avenue, would like to hear from people who would like to play Bridge with her in the afternoon (3-5pm) at St Mary's. Her phone number is: (01273) 556035.

PRAYER: 'BREATHE IN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT'

*'Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may be all holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I may love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.
Amen'* [St Augustine of Hippo].

WINTERSHALL - THIS WEEK

This year they are putting on a new 3-hour abridged version of the 'Life of Christ' 13-15 June. It is suitable for all the family and has outstanding quality sound and music. Tel: 01793 418228, visit 'www.wintershall-estate.com' or email: 'boxoffice@Biblesociety.org.uk'

DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE

As a warm up for the Diocesan Golden Jubilee next year, this year on Sunday 29th June, 10-4pm at St Wilfred's School, Crawley, RH11 8PG, there is a diocesan festival. See poster or visit www.abdiocese.org for details.

CARPENTER/JOINER

We are hoping to extend our repository in the church porch. Is there a carpenter/joiner who would be interested in making us a showcase?

'It is always springtime in the heart of those who love God' [St John Vianney].

'PROGRESS'

'It is only by slow degrees that meditation is able to soften our hard hearts, and that the history of Christ's trials and sorrow really moves us. It is not once thinking of Christ or twice thinking of Christ that will do it. It is by going on quietly and steadily, with the thought of Him in our mind's eye, that by little and little we shall gain something of warmth, light, life and love. We shall not perceive ourselves changing. It will be like the unfolding of the leaves in Spring. You do not see them grow; you cannot, by watching, detect it. But every day, as it passes, has done something for them; and you are able, perhaps, every morning to say that you are more advanced than yesterday. So it is with our souls; not indeed every morning, but at certain periods, we are able to see that we are more alive and religious than we were, though during the interval we were not conscious that we were advancing' [Bl. John Henry Newman].