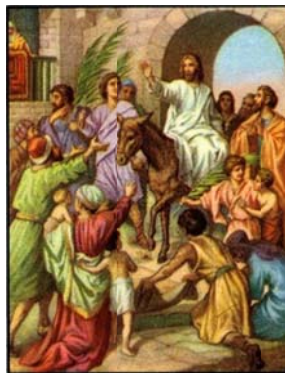


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 09 April, 2017 - Holy Week

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 08		[Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 09	<u>PALM SUNDAY (A)</u> Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 Parish Mass Book p184		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Gordon & Walter Rodrigues, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 10	<i>Holy Week</i>	(Confessions after Mass)	10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 11		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 12	<i>Holy Week</i>	(Confessions after Mass)	10 a.m. <i>Harry Connett, R.I.P.</i>
<u>EASTER TRIDUUM</u>			
Thur 13	<u>EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u> (Watching & praying at the Altar of repose until 10pm)		7.30 p.m. <i>Pro populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Fri 14	<i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i> (Confessions after) <u>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</u> (Confessions after & church open for prayer until 8pm)		12 noon 3 p.m. -
Sat 15	<u>EASTER VIGIL</u> Parish Mass book p.216		8 p.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 16	<u>EASTER SUNDAY (A)</u> Gospel: John 20:1-9 Parish Mass Book p251		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Eric Robinson, R.I.P.</i>
Confessions as above & at call			
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Wednesday 10 a.m. Mass			
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this			

HOLY WEEK

With Palm Sunday we enter once more into that week made forever holy by what Jesus did for us. We join with Christians throughout the world to recall those events again. We stand, listen and kneel in prayer and awe at the extent of God's real love for us shown in the Cross. In the garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest Jesus prayed. There he asked his disciples to keep awake and pray. It mattered to him that they were with him, that he was not alone. In a mysterious way when we go to the holy week liturgies of the Church what we call to mind is made present and we are there with Jesus. For me it was not until I went to seminary that I experienced the liturgies of Holy Week, the *Triduum*. I invite those of you who also may not have attended these liturgies before to come for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, the Good Friday solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil as night falls on Holy Saturday. They are moments of grace where we too can watch and pray close to our blessed Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

This Sunday's collection for Church flowers for Easter.
 Good Friday coll.: Peter's Pence / for the Holy Places

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the intention of a married couple praying for the gift of conceiving a child; **Our Lady's Lamp** in thanksgiving (Mira).

HOLY WEEK

- # **Confessions** during the week as above
- # **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be for 1 hour (8.50-9.50 a.m.) before Wednesday morning Mass. **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be at 9.40 a.m.
- # **Holy Thursday**, Mass of the Lord's Supper, **7.30 p.m.**
- # **Good Friday**, a day of fasting and abstinence for us
Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.
- # **Holy Saturday (15 April)**, **Easter Vigil Mass**, 8 p.m.

HOLY WEEK LEAFLETS

These are in the Church porch with information and times of services and Masses during this week.

"Mount Calvary is the academy of love" [St. Francis de Sales]

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 19 Apr	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes
Sat 22 April	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Darcey Pennick	
Sat 22 April	2 pm	Church	Baptism of Rommy Ray Hazell	

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, Marlene Sampson Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

EAST AFRICA FAMINE APPEAL - Thank you for the response to this appeal at last Sunday's Masses which raised over £300.

EASTER CANDLE

Our decorated 36" Easter candle has arrived. Is there anyone who would like to "buy" it this year (£70) as a gift to the parish or in memory of a loved one?

Claudette De Freitas, R.I.P.

Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Claudette De Freitas. The Requiem Mass for Claudette will be here at St Mary's, at 10am, on Wednesday 19th April. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

HELP IN PREPARING FOR CONFESSION

It can be difficult returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession if we have not been for a while. The important thing though is returning. In this Sacrament it is not primarily about what we do but what the Lord does. Our sins, our many sins are forgiven. We are at peace with God, our neighbor and ourselves, and grace is given to us. When you go into the confessional you kneel or sit and when the priest makes the sign of the Cross do likewise. Then you say: **"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been x years / months since my last confession. These are my sins."** Then with sorrow and simplicity say your sins. The priest may say a few words, gives you a penance to do (often a prayer) and invites you to say an act of contrition e.g. **"Lord, be merciful to me a sinner"** or a longer one such as this: **'Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins; the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded thy tender heart. O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. Amen. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.'** He then gives you Absolution and you may go in peace.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S HEALING

'Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am with all my faults and failings and with all the wounds that I carry in my heart. I thank you that you gaze on me with complete and utter love. In a moment of silence I give to you my struggles and worries Thank you Jesus that you care for my every need, please bless me with all the grace I need to cope with this day and to leave tomorrow in your hands. I pray for those who have hurt me today or in the past I pray also for those whom I have hurt Let your love flow freely in my heart to all those I meet this day. Mary, my mother, Queen of Peace, I pray that God's peace and healing love would fill my mind and heart. Amen.'

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Churches Together in Preston are organising a Good Friday Walk of Witness. It will start at 9 a.m. at St Matthias Church (Ditchling Road) and will make its way down to Preston Park via St Mary's. The walk will end by 10 a.m. with a short service in Preston Park. All ages are invited.

The Social Concerns Group invites you to ANOTHER: Smile Quiz Night!

Friday 5th May 7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Tickets on sale after 10am Sunday Masses from 16th April or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899).

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those of you registered with the parish gift aid scheme please pick up your envelopes in the church porch. The parish has to be 100% self-financing and if anyone would like to join this scheme which help us substantially each year please contact Bernard Regan or the parish office.

FOODBANK BOX

Thank you for the donations this Lent which have gone to help many of our neighbours in need. Donations can be dropped into the box in the porch at any time. Thank you.

A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage, 27 July - 4 August, 2017

There are online application form for all helpers & pilgrims (with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims) on the website www.ablourdes.org. For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging, please call the Pilgrimage Office to chat through your concerns, and they will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way, by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30th April 2017.

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus" [St John Paul II]