

St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome in the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 09 March 2014

	Mass proper		Intention
Sat 08		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Nancy Hart, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 09	<u>1st SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 4:1-11 Parish Mass Book p. 151</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 10	<i>1st week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 11	<i>1st week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Mick Walshe, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 12	<u>MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE</u>		8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 13	<i>1st week of Lent</i> [Traditional (Low) Mass]		10.00 a.m. <i>Arthur Stevens, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Cyril Williams, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 14	<i>1st week of Lent</i> <u>CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY</u>		10.00 a.m. <i>Justina Eckert, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sat 15	<i>1st week of Lent</i> [Vigil Mass]		10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Kevin Gaskin, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Sun 16	<u>2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 17:1-9 Parish Mass Book p. 155</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Tom Gilligan, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Mary Jane Pool, R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday before Mass
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

One of the particular features of Lent is that each day has its own prayers and readings for Mass. These guide and lead us through this holy season. The first Sunday of Lent is always the Sunday in which we hear of the temptations of Our Lord in the desert. The Church has seen this as Jesus showing us that as he was tempted before beginning his public ministry so we too should not be surprised if in turn we too are tempted and obstacles come our way whenever we set out to do God's will and follow Jesus. The devil leaves us alone if he sees we are not on the way to heaven but as soon as we set out to become followers of Jesus he will do all he can to stop us on the way. The way Our Lord deals with the temptations teaches us how to deal with them: Things alone cannot satisfy us but the Word of God can; Trust and have faith in God; and bow down not to the world but to God alone. With the Lord on our side we ought to have no fear. Have courage and God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£518.24

2nd COLLECTION

£98.03

[Next Sunday 2nd Collection for Cafod Fast Day]

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This is this Friday. Please take an envelope from the pews or the back of the Church in which to place your gift for CAFOD and return it next Sunday in the retiring collection. It is possible to Gift aid your contribution.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these will be on Friday's at 7pm in the Church. This is a traditional devotion for Lent.

FR KEVIN GASKIN, R.I.P.

Fr Kevin, who was brought up in this parish and ordained a priest in St Mary's in 1962, died peacefully on Wednesday morning. Please say a Hail Mary for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.

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
Mon 10 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation (1)	Fr Bruno
Wed 12 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	Peter McDermott, 550187
Fri 14 Mar	All day		CAFOD Lent Fast day	
Sat 15 Mar	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation group meeting	Fr Bruno
Sat 15 Mar	7.30 pm	Unitarian church	Charity Musical Evening	See details below
Mon 17 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation (2)	Fr Bruno
Sun 23 Mar	9.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	First H. Comm. Children's meeting	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsett, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

CARE ASSISTANT REQUIRED

An experienced care assistant is required for St Mary's House care home in Preston Park Avenue. For further details please contact Diana Maple on 01273 556035.

NEW HEAD FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Francis of Assisi Primary School in Crawley are looking for a new head. See poster in porch for details.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR

These are now available for collection from the church porch.

OLIVEWOOD ARTICLES FROM BETHLEHEM

Next weekend [15/16 March] a gentleman from the Holy Land will be here to sell articles which have been made in Bethlehem. There will be Rosaries, Crucifixes and other things as well. Monies raised will go back to help the people over there.

CHARITY MUSICAL EVENING

Charles and Hugo Wookey are doing a charity concert of violin and piano music by Mozart and Cesar Franck to raise money for the Children's hospital respiratory unit. It is on Saturday 15th March at 7.30 pm at the Unitarian church, New Road. All welcome. Admission free.

INTO SILENCE: THE INNER COMPASS

The Wellspring community have organised a morning seminar exploring Ignatian Spirituality in Brighton on Saturday 29 March. Call 07975 845193, visit their website or see poster in porch for further details.

DID YOU KNOW?

The custom of '*bona opera*/good works' for Lent comes from St Benedict (480-547). In his Rule [Ch. 49] he says that during Lent the monk should add to the usual measure of his service something by way of private prayer and abstinence from food or drink. This is so that each will have something of his own will above the assigned measure to offer God with joy at Easter.

PRAYER 'MORNING OFFERING'

'Eternal Father, I offer you everything I do this day - my thoughts, works, joys and sufferings. Grant that, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus in the Eucharist, my life this day may be of service to you and to others. And with Mary and the whole Church I pray especially for the Pope's intentions. Amen.'

POPE'S MISSION INTENTION FOR MARCH

'That many young people may welcome Our Lord's call to give their lives to the proclamation of the Gospel'.

QUOTE

"[The Catholic Church] is the only large attempt to change the world from the inside; working through wills and not laws" (GK Chesterton).

DEEP WATERS

Deep Waters is a Catholic prayer group for young adults that meets in 'The Upper Room', St Joseph's Church Hall, Milton Road, Brighton at 7pm on Thursdays for food, socialising and discussion. The group is hugely encouraging for young adults to help them meet other young Catholics and grow in their Catholic faith. Look at their website or find them also on Facebook.

WORTHWHILE THEATRE PRODUCTION

Brighton Deanery are delighted to be hosting RISE Theatre and their exciting, original play 'Soldier to Saint' at Cardinal Newman Catholic School on Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm. The play is inspired by the true story of Saint Alban, Britain's first Christian Martyr - a compelling tale of courage, friendship and sacrifice. The performance is suitable for ages 12+. For tickets please see Fr Bruno.

MARRIAGE CARE

Relationship difficulties? Caring and professional help is available from Brighton MarriageCare. Tel: 0800 3893801

AN INTRODUCTION TO CATECHESIS

The diocese is putting on a morning for new/recent catechists in Worthing on Saturday 29 March. It will be led by David Wills, the diocesan Adult formation adviser. See the poster in the porch for more details.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"The whole of the Christian life consists in making this journey [to Heaven] well and it was to that end that our Lord directed all his deeds" [Bossuet].