

# 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 10 April, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	09 [Vigil Mass]	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Wellbeing of Dennis Batchelor</i>
Sun	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> Gospel: John 21:1-19 Parish Mass Book p265	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Priests' Intention</i>
Mon	11 <i>St Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Harry Connett, R.I.P</i>
Tue	12 [Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	13 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Edward Bamin, R.I.P</i>
Thur	14 <i>Eastertide</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pierette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Fri	15 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Edward Haroun, R.I.P</i>
Sat	16 <i>Eastertide</i> Vigil Mass	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Dennis Bamin, R.I.P</i>
Sun	17 <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> Gospel: John 10:27-3 Parish Mass Book p268	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Lety Alfred, R.I.P</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

#### THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

The beginning of today's gospel has the Apostles out fishing. Here is part of a commentary on this that Benedict XVI gave: 'Today too the Church and the successors of the Apostles are told to put out into the deep sea of history and to let down the nets, so as to win men and women over to the Gospel - to God, to Christ, to true life. The Fathers made a very significant commentary on this singular task. This is what they say: for a fish, created for water, it is fatal to be taken out of the sea, ... . But in the mission of a fisher of men, the reverse is true. We are living in alienation, in the salt waters of suffering and death; in a sea of darkness without light. The net of the Gospel pulls us out of the waters of death and brings us into the splendour of God's light, into true life. It is really true: as we follow Christ in this mission to be fishers of men, we must bring men and women out of the sea that is salted with so many forms of alienation and onto the land of life, into the light of God. It is really so: the purpose of our lives is to reveal God to men. And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Last Sunday's Collection: £487.79, 2<sup>nd</sup> coll: £84.06  
 Holy Places Collection: £253.60  
 Next weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> collection (17<sup>th</sup> April) will be for the Education of Future Priests - Please pray for vocations.

#### A THANK YOU FROM FR BRUNO

Thank you again to those who made the church look so beautiful during this Easter Week. Many have commented on the flowers and the Resurrection scene. Thank you also for the kind greetings, cards and gifts which I received from you over this Easter period and for your generosity in the Easter Sunday collection.

#### DONATIONS TO ST MARY'S

Thank you to those who made donations to the parish to cover the cost of the recent work that has been done in the Sanctuary. In particular may I thank the parishioner who kindly donated £30,000 which has helped us enormously to pay for the work that has been done. The next project is to look at the microphones and speakers in the church.

Please note it is the Brighton Marathon next Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April). Roads close around the Park from 7 a.m. & re-open at 10.15 a.m. You may prefer to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass or 12 noon if you need to drive.

*"The World is thy ship and not thy Home" [St Therese of Lisieux]*

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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 13 April	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	<a href="http://www.smvclub.co.uk">www.smvclub.co.uk</a>
Fri 15 April	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno
Sun 17 April	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	First Holy Communion Childrens meeting	Janet Silva
Mon 18 April	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion meeting	Janet Silva/Charles Wookey
Wed 20 April	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	L.Fernandes 01273 556927

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Dennis Batchelor, Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

### Julia Stenning, R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Stenning (Liz Humphries' daughter) who died on March 24<sup>th</sup>, following a short illness. Julia's funeral will take place in Somerset. May she rest in peace.

### DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

A parishioner has kindly donated an image of the Divine Mercy which has been placed on the Altar beneath the stained glass window in the church.

### Monsenor: The Last Journey of Oscar

**Romero** - Saturday 30 April at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Room (Norton Road, Hove): A powerful new film with rare recordings and film footage from Romero's own collection and a wide range of interviews from those whose lives were changed directly by the martyred Archbishop (+1980). A timely portrait of one individual's quest to speak truth to the rich and powerful forces of his day. Some upsetting scenes of violence would make this film unsuitable for young children.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. The SVP have arranged a parish pilgrimage for **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. A 49 seater coach will depart from St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. and return at 5.00 p.m. Bring a packed lunch. The cost is £6 per person, which includes tea/coffee and a donation to the Church/Shrine that is designated with a Holy Door for this Year of Mercy. A great opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence! SVP are funding the cost of the Coach for this pilgrimage.

Fr Bruno has been talked into cycling there and back again (a 40+ mile round trip). You can sponsor him and monies raised will be split between the Parish SVP and the parish Lourdes fund to send one of our young parishioners to Lourdes. A signup sheet is in the porch for the pilgrimage and a separate one for sponsoring Fr Bruno ... You don't have to go on the trip to sponsor.

### GARDENER WANTED -

Would suit a retired person for a few hours per week - Contact Tom Milligan on 07884 188286

### Prayer to St Bernadette





O gentle maiden of Lourdes, St. Bernadette! You endured the disbelief and ridicule of those who opposed you as well as from those who loved you. Teach us, in your holy simplicity, to welcome, honor and cherish the Blessed Virgin Mary in our lives. As was done in the grotto of Lourdes so let the healing power of God's presence within our homes and hearts become a wellspring of grace, forgiveness and mercy to all around us. Pray for us, St. Bernadette, that we, like you, might merit eternal happiness. Amen.

### Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith

In June this year, Bishop Paul Hendricks alongside the Kairos Forum UK and in partnership with the Pontifical Council for Culture, will be coordinating two events in Rome, for the Jubilee Year. These events will be creative, international and ecumenical. The activities will interweave the Gospel with the lives, stories and experiences of people of all abilities. There will also be a celebration including a differentiated, parallel programme for people who have been intellectually disabled, enabling them to celebrate and promote their vital place within the Body of Christ. For more information & details of how to book go to [www.livingfully2016.com](http://www.livingfully2016.com) or call Cristina Gangemi on 01883372114 or [cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com)

### A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage, 29 July - 4 August, 2016

This year, for the first time, there is an online application form for all helpers & pilgrims (with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims) on the website <http://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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

	<b>What do these symbols mean ?</b> The cross is our main symbol. It reminds us that Jesus died on the cross to save	
	us from our sins.	
The Dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace. The fish symbol came about because the Greek word for fish is 'ICHTHUS' letters which spell out: Jesus Christ Son of God, Saviour.		

**And finally ...** Jack had a dream in which he met Jesus. Jesus said, "Come forth, and you will win eternal life". But Jack dreamt he came fifth and won a toaster.

*"Remember: The sinner who is sorry for his sins is closer to God than the just man who boasts of his good works" [St. Padre Pio]*