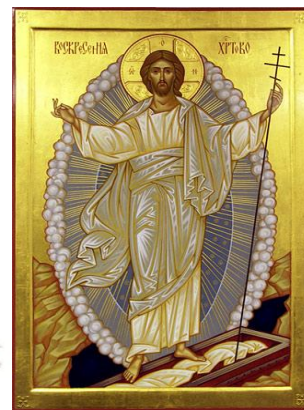


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 May, 2015 - Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	9 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Bernard Hatwell, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	10 <b>6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> Gospel: John 15:9-17 Parish Mass Book p 270	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Holy Souls</i>
Mon	11 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Gerard Tiernan, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	12 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the family of Sheila Gribbin</i>
Thur	14 <i>St Matthias, Apostle &amp; Martyr</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Fri	15 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Sidney &amp; Anastasia Morris, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	16 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
	[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	17 <b>THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 16:15- 20 Parish Mass Book p 273	10.00 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 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday 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

Today's gospel reading follows directly on from Jesus' words about us needing to be as closely joined to him as branches are attached to their vine. One of the ways of being close to and united with Jesus is personal prayer. This is something essential to the life of any follower of Christ. Here are some important sayings on prayer from the saints: 'Prayer gives us a pure heart and a pure heart is able to look at God' [Blessed Teresa of Calcutta]; 'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned towards heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy' [St Therese of Lisieux]; 'How often I failed in my duty to God, because I was not leaning on the strong pillar of prayer' [St Teresa of Avila]. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### MASS ON ASCENSION THURSDAY

There is no Thursday evening Mass in the parish this week. If you would like to go to Mass on Ascension Thursday there is a High Mass at St Mary Magdalene's, Upper North Street, at 7.30 pm.

Last Sunday's Collection: £538.58,

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: CAFOD - Nepal : £942.15 (so far)

Next wk's collection is for World Communications Day

### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

We are now in one of the most beautiful (when the weather is good) months of the year, May, and it is right that we call it the month of Mary. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer to say as is this one: 'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'

### CAFOD - NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD has launched a £3 million emergency appeal following the devastating earthquake that has hit Nepal. Thank you for your donations last week. We will also offer this Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for this appeal. Please use one the CAFOD envelopes which are in the Church porch.

### Christian Aid Week – 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May

This week 10-16 May is Christian Aid week. Your donations can be put in the envelopes distributed around the church. If you complete the gift aid slip attached, Christian Aid can reclaim the tax. Thank you.

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

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>				
<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, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Wed 14 May	7.30-9	Church Hall	Youth Club Years 7-11	'smyclub.co.uk'
Sat 16 May	10.30-3pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Induction Day	
Sat 16 May	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Arthur Scott Blake	
Sat 16 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Candidates meeting	John Stone
Mon 18 May	8pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. Meeting	Janet, 01273 552900

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Janine Monti.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Signup sheet!**

Did you know if all the parents who send children down signed up for just 1 week we would have enough people for the year? We work from a set of Liturgy books which provides the Reading, questions to ask & an activity for the children too. If you'd like to team up with someone that's ok too. Signup sheet is in the Porch. Thank you in advance

### **DEANERY CONFIRMATIONS**

Please keep in your prayers the 7 young people from the parish who will be confirmed at St Mary's Saturday 23 May. Our Dean, Fr Kevin Dring, will be doing them.

### **Flower Arranging Workshop**

Would you like to have a go at flower arranging? If so why not come along on Saturday 16th May 10am - 12 noon at the Crowhurst Community Centre, Knoyle Road. Flower arranging tips from St John's Flower Team. Take away your arrangement & Fairtrade drinks provided. Fee: £10 to cover the cost of all materials, see posters in porch for booking details or ring Chris (01273 553585) if you are interested.

### **ENCOUNTER – Evening for Catholics 15-30**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an Encounter event for young Catholics aged 15-30 held at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH11 8PG). The evening runs from 7-9pm & features live worship, music, Adoration, an inspiring talk, and the chance to get to know other young Catholics. Those over 18 usually head to the pub afterwards! The event is free and there's no need to book. For more information search 'Two:42 Young Adults' on Facebook

### **Important Date for Your Diary DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION AMEX STADIUM – 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

10 am Bishop Opens Festival  
10.30 am Speakers throughout the morning, workshops, Fairground rides, youth events, school choir contest & much more. Lunch to buy on site or bring a picnic.  
2 pm Choirs, servers and others prepare for Mass  
3 pm Mass with Bishop, Archbishop & Cardinal

### **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.*

### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Lucas Byrne and Alice McDermott who are being baptized here at St Mary's this weekend. If you would like for your child (or yourself) to be baptized see the forms in the porch.

### **“Life is Beautiful” – Pro Life Talk** Tue 19 May

Rhoslyn Thomas, who works for the society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be giving a talk Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, at St Mary Magdalen's, Upper North St. There will be Mass at 6.30pm followed by a quick shared supper (if you bring a plate of food (which doesn't require heating)) at 7pm and then Rhoslyn's talk will follow – “Life is Beautiful” – All are welcome.

### **WINCHESTER/WINDSOR Coach Outings**

**WINCHESTER** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – COACH FULL - A reminder though we leave from St Mary's at 10am & return at 6pm.

**WINDSOR** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Departing St Mary's at 10am & returning 6pm. **Seats available** costs £28. Contact Fr Bruno or David Alfred 01273 540038.

### **DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING** – 16<sup>th</sup> May

We warmly invite you to the next Day of Prayer & Healing at St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.20am to 4.20pm. Kristina Cooper will be speaking on the theme 'Come back to me with all your heart'. The day will include Holy Mass, inspiring talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & the Ministry of Healing. Please bring a packed lunch. See website for more information: chilworthbenedictines.com

### **SERMON IN A SENTENCE**

God wants spiritual fruits, not religious nuts (E Wilcox).

**And finally ...** It is said that Moses wore a wig because sometimes he was seen with Aaron and sometimes he wasn't.

*'The truly humble reject all praise for themselves, and refer it all to God'* St Alphonsus Maria de Liguori