

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 11 March, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 10	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 11	4th SUNDAY OF LENT 'Lætare' (B) Gospel: John 3:14-21 Mass Book p166	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon 12	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 13	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 14	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Thurs 15	<i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 16	<i>Feria</i> Stations of the Cross	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	<i>Mary Ann Pool, R.I.P.</i> -
Sat 17	St Patrick, Bishop Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>John McEvoy, R.I.P.</i> <i>Justina Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 18	5th SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: John 12:20-30 Mass Book p173	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Lucila Ayala, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass
During Lent Stations of the Cross Fridays, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for married couples in the parish; Our Lady's lamp for the unborn

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Mon 12 Mar	8 pm	Church	Parents Meeting –First Holy Communion	Mrs Janet Silva
Fri 16 Mar	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (8) 'Why link with the Liturgy?'	Fr Bruno
Sat 17 Mar	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion class (4)	Mrs Janet Silva
Wed 21 Mar	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	S.V.P. Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Wed 21 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Meditate – The conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus contains rich teaching. God loved us so much that he gave his only Son for our salvation. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross so that we may have life.

Act – Find a quiet time and the opportunity to speak about your faith, in a humble but truthful manner, to someone you think will be receptive to your words.

Mother's Day – Sunday March 11th

A blessed and very Happy Mother's day to all our

To believe this is to embrace God's light. Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night, but light shone from their meeting.

Pray – Father, I thank you for your immense love in sending your Son so that we may have life. May I walk in the light always and draw others to the light of Christ by word and example.

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother” St Therese of Lisieux

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS IN THE PARISH

Fridays, 9-10am, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fridays, 6pm, **Stations of the Cross**

Confessions after weekday Masses, Saturday 6.15-6.45 pm (before 7 pm Mass) after Sunday Masses.

NO 10 AM MASS WEDNESDAY as there is the diocesan Lent retreat day for priests at Worth Abbey.

FOODBANK - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. Tinned vegetables, meats, fish etc. welcomed as well as rice, sauces, UHT milk and toiletries. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK (*TRIDUUM*) SERVICES

Holy Thursday (29th March)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday (30th March)

Stations of the Cross, 12noon

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday (31st March)

Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday (1st April)

Masses 10 a.m. & 12 noon

Church Open

The Church is kept open during the week (approx. 8 am – dusk) for prayer, lighting a candle and visits to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

DEANERY

Fr David Maskell & Fr John Pearson, R.I.P.

Fr David Maskell, Parish Priest of Corpus Christ, Henfield and Fr John Pearson, Parish Priest of St Erconwald, Walton-on-Thames, were both called back to God this week. Fr David, some parishioners may recall was the Parish Priest at St Mary Magdalen 1990-1997. Please remember them both in your prayers.

Mothers on this Sunday. Thank you for the gifts that you have made of your lives to your children and family.

“If you put all the love of all mothers into one heart it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children” – St Louis de Montfort

DIOCESAN

LOURDES LIVE 2018, Sun. 8th April, Worth Abbey

As part of the Lourdes Pilgrimage fundraising activities the Pilgrimage Choir and Musicians will be holding a concert. The concert will allow people the chance to experience a little bit of Lourdes here in our diocese and join the celebration of the new CD “Deep Within”. Copies of **Deep Within** CD (£10) as well as previous CDs will also be available. There will be refreshments & a Raffle as well. Tickets £10 per adult (children go free). For further info or online ticket purchases contact: sahnicholls@hotmail.co.uk , or we have a few tickets for sale in the parish office.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (Sch Yrs 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more info go to www.ablourdes.org.

OTHER

“If you search the Scripture, you will find there was only one reason why our blessed Lord came to earth: in order to do away with sin. He took our sins upon himself, as if he were guilty. All the prophecies about him, particularly Isaiah, speak of him as being made one with the transgressors, identifying himself with sinners. Why did he take sin upon himself? Because he's the new Adam. We have received an inheritance of weakness from the first Adam. The second Adam, Christ, came and he starts a new humanity. In order to do that, he must blot out sin. So he becomes our stand-in, our representative. He takes our place as if he were guilty of blasphemy, as if he were the sinner” [Ven. Fulton Sheen, *A Voice from Calvary*].

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

When you go to confession begin by saying:

“Bless me, Father for I have sinned. It is x weeks/months/years since my last confession.” *You can then pause a moment then say: “These are my sins ...”*

Here in great simplicity you say your sins. One way of remembering them is to recall the act of contrition we say at the beginning of Mass where we acknowledge sins we have done: “in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do.”

St Theresa's Catholic Church, Southwick, presents:

An Eastertide Concert Series

He is Risen; He is Risen, Indeed!

Saturdays 7pm on April 7, 14, 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12. List of Concerts include: Piano, Trumpet, Flute, Soprano etc. See poster in Church Porch for more information. Tickets on the door at £10. Enquires to James Johnston on tel: 07805 616 665 or email: westsussexpianotuner@gmail.com

Then the Priest may offer some advice. Then he gives you your penance to do. After which you say an act of contrition such as, "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner" or "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace I will not sin again".

The Priest then says the words of absolution after which you are free to leave. Remember to say your penance before leaving the church.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' John 3:16