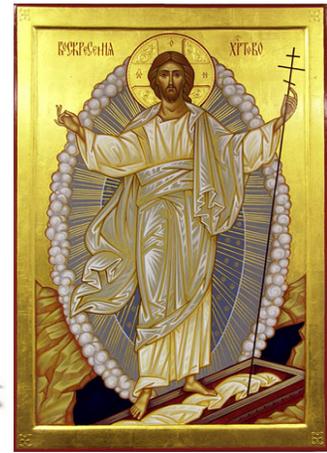


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church, to our parish and to Mass

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 11th May, 2014 - Month of Mary

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	10		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. Betty Cooney, R.I.P.
Sun	11	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – Good Shepherd		10.00 a.m. Molly Bradley, R.I.P.
		<i>Gospel: John 10:1-10</i>	Parish Mass Book p.262	12 noon For the people of the Parish
Mon	12	<i>The Carthusian Martyrs</i>		10.00 a.m. Special Intention (Maura Fiorakis)
Tue	13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>		10.00 a.m. Jeff Thomson, R.I.P.
Wed	14	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur	15		[REQUIEM MASS] [Traditional (Low) Mass]	12 noon Sheila Laurence, R.I.P. 7.00 p.m. Fr Mark Elvins, R.I.P.
Fri	16	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. Private Intention
Sat	17	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 p.m. In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. Holy Souls
Sun	18	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)		10.00 a.m. For the people of the Parish
		<i>Gospel: John 14:1-12</i>	Parish Mass Book p.265	12 noon In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs Fernandes)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Friday.
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. & at call.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

I came across this summary of today's gospel which draws out a good lesson for us: 'The Liturgy of the Fourth Sunday of Easter presents to us one of the most beautiful images that has portrayed the Lord Jesus since the earliest centuries of the Church: the Good Shepherd. The flock's attitude to the Good Shepherd, Christ, is presented by the Evangelist with two specific verbs: "to listen" and "to follow". These terms suggest the fundamental characteristics of those who live out the following of the Lord. First of all by listening to his word, from which faith is born and by which it is nurtured. Only those who are attentive to the Lord's voice can assess in their own conscience the right decisions for acting in accordance with God. Thus the following of Jesus derives from listening: we act as disciples only after hearing and inwardly accepting the Master's teachings in order to put them into practice every day. On this Sunday, therefore, it comes naturally to remember to God the pastors of the Church and those who are training to become pastors.' I pray for you all and may God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£489.23

2nd COLLECTION

£94.23

2ND COLLECTION FOR FUTURE PRIESTS

Another name for this Sunday is 'Vocations' Sunday. Today the Bishop has asked for a special Collection to be taken up in the diocese to help with the education of Future Priests. It takes around 7 years, and £140,000, to train one man to the priesthood. Pray for the 5 men currently in training for the priesthood for our diocese.

POPE FRANCIS ON VOCATIONS

"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community ... Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. Let us invoke the intercession of Mary who is the woman of the 'Yes'. Mary said 'Yes' throughout her life!" [Regina Coeli, 21.vi.2013]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mon 12 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. meeting	Charles Wookey
Mon 12 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1)	Fr Bruno
Sat 17 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Class	John Stone
Sun 18 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	1 st Holy Communion Preparation	Janet Forte
Sun 18 May	12pm Mass	Church	Baptism of Valentina Selwyn	
Mon 19 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (2)	Fr Bruno
Sat 07 June	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bp Kieran	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11-17 MAY, 2014

Today we enter 'Christian Aid Week'. The Christian Aid Week Service will be held at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church on Sunday 11 May, at 6 pm. The speaker is Juda Armani from the Christian Aid Head Office. Please support Christian Aid in the envelopes provided. Next Sundays 2nd collection is for this charity.

ST MARY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These are in the process of being cleaned and repainted. 8 so far have been sponsored by parishioners, 6 are left. It costs about £400 to have each one cleaned and repainted. Are there other individuals or families who would like to sponsor/pay for a station to be restored?

GOING TO MASS ON SUNDAY?

'It is a well-known fact that children do not like eating vegetables, and parents spend a disproportionate amount of their time trying to persuade their offspring that they are (i) good for them, (ii) essential if they want to be taller/shorter/stronger/ cleverer ...

Of course, you can have a thousand well-meaning explanations and arguments, but what it comes down to is this: I am your mother/father, and I know what is best for you, and you will eat these darned things or you will have no chocolate cake.

Perhaps this is a little too autobiographical, but this is the basis and reason for our Sunday Mass obligation. We are children and do not necessarily know what is best for us. We can be selfish and self-centred and want a cosy religion, turning up when we want to, doing what we want in our own way and on our own terms. But the worship of God is His right and due, not ours. It gives us His grace and puts us in the presence of the angels and saints.

The obligation is there to stiffen our resolve and strengthen us when our faith is weak. We must attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. If we wilfully do not do so then we must go to confession as soon as possible. Our mother, the Church, knows what is good for us, what will help us grow up, strong in the faith. And sometimes she just tells us to get on and do it' [Fr Bede Rowe].

A PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY

Almighty God, you have given Saint Anthony to your people as an outstanding preacher and a ready helper in time of need. With his help may we follow the Gospel of Christ and know the help of your grace in every difficulty. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St Anthony, loved and honoured by the Divine Child: obtain what we ask of you.

St Anthony, powerful in word and work: obtain what we ask of you.

St Anthony, attentive to those who invoke you: obtain what we ask of you.

DAY FOR PRAYER AND HEALING

Chilworth Abbey is hosting a day for prayer and healing Sat. 17 May, 10.20 - 4.20 pm. The theme is the transformation brought about by the life of faith. The Catholic Lay Evangelist Derek Williams will speak. Holy Mass will be offered, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch, the Address is St Augustines Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR.

ASSISTANT SCHOOL CHAPLAIN required

A full or part time Assistant Lay Chaplain is required to join the Chaplaincy team at St George's Weybridge, from September 2014. We are seeking a Catholic who has a passion for working with young people and who has the talent and skills to augment our Chaplaincy team. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Headmaster's P.A. or by visiting 'Employment Opportunities' on our website at: www.stgeorgesweybridge.com. Applications must reach the College by 16 May.

A QUOTE

'All that we call human history ... [is] the long, terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy' [C.S. Lewis].

PSALM 23 – The Lord is my shepherd

'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever' [King James Version].