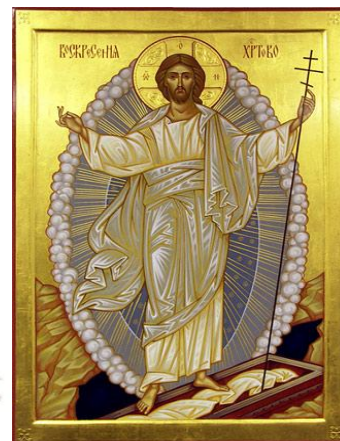


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 12 April, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	11 [Vigil Mass]	7.00pm Pro Populo- for the people of the parish
Sun	12 <u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY/2nd OF EASTER</u>	10.00 a.m. Anthony D'Souza, R.I.P
	Gospel: John 20:19-31 Parish Mass Book p 259	12 noon John Cullen, R.I.P
Mon	13 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	14 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	15 REQUIEM MASS	11.30 a.m. Mary Hayhurst, R.I.P
Thur	16 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. Brenda Ann Watts, R.I.P
	[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7.00 p.m. Private Intention
Fri	17 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. Lety Alfred, R.I.P.
Sat	18 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. Albert Southern, R.I.P
	[Vigil Mass]	7.00pm. Pro Populo-for the people of the parish
Sun	19 <u>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</u>	10.00 a.m. For the deceased of the D'Souza family
	Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 Parish Mass Book p 262	12 noon John Brendon Darcy, R.I.P

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Thursday & Friday
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. Due to Hall Floor renovations this is cancelled this week

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Saint John Paul II gave the name 'Divine Mercy Sunday' to this second Sunday after Easter. To those of us who have experienced it to receive mercy is a wonderful, life-restoring gift. In a way it is a 'resurrection.' Something that we have lost is returned, something that is dead returns to life. St Thomas Aquinas said that 'Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being.' We see this in today's gospel reading. It is the day of the Resurrection itself, Easter Sunday, and the disciples of Jesus have locked themselves into a room. They are afraid and probably ashamed of themselves. They let the Lord down, they had run away and abandoned him at the first moment of danger. How ashamed they must feel. But the risen Jesus comes to them in their room and his first words are not words of reproach but words of forgiveness: 'Peace be with you!' This is mercy in action, a restoring of their relationship and of peace between them. May each of us come to find again the deep freedom and joy which God's mercy gives us most of all through the forgiveness of our sins in confession. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places: £279.26

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.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

"The Resurrection of Jesus is not the happy ending to a nice story, it is not the 'happy end' of a film; rather, it is God the Father's intervention there where human hope is shattered" [Pope Francis, 16th April 2014]

FUNERAL THIS WEDNESDAY

The Funeral of Mary Hayhurst is this Wednesday at 11.30am. Please keep Mary, her husband John & their extended family in your prayers at this time.

NB - There is no 10 am Mass on Monday.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 15 Apr	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	smyclub.co.uk
Thur 16 Apr	8 pm		RCIA meeting	
Sun 19 Apr	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion Meeting	Janet, 01273 552900
Wed 22 Apr	6.30-8.30	Cassidy Centre	Talk on St Teresa of Avila	Rosie 07984880078

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, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan, Janine Monti & Dennis Palmer.

EASTER CANDLE

Many thanks to Dick and Betty Morris who paid for our Easter Candle this year. They have done so in memory of Sid and Anastasia Morris, Dick's parents, who loved St Mary's so much.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bertie Bacharew and Grace Todardo who were baptised on Saturday. 2 new children of God!

The Social Concerns Group invites you to:

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 24th April 7.30pm in the Cassidy Centre - £4 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets on sale after 10am Sunday Masses (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead 01273 556899)

Important Date for Your Diaries ! DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

AMEX STADIUM - 5th JULY 2015

Timetable for the Day

10am Bishop & Archbishop Open Festival
10.30am Speakers throughout the morning, workshops, Diocesan Showcase & Marketplace, Fairground rides, Youth stream, School choir contest and much more. Lunch to buy on site or bring a picnic!
2pm Choirs, Servers and others prepare for Mass
3pm Mass with Bishop Richard, Archbishop Peter & Cardinal Cormac.

Shortly we will be putting a notice in the church porch regarding a **FREE** coach which will be departing from St Mary's to the Amex Stadium & returning after the Mass.

Festival Walking Pilgrimage

Join the 2 day walking pilgrimage on July 3rd from Arundel Cathedral, across the South Downs Way to the Amex Stadium, arriving on July 5th for the Festival. The Parish banners will be blessed & then brought on the pilgrimage for the 50th celebrations.

For more info contact Patrick Reeve on 07720432958 or patrick.reeve61@gmail.com

FROM THE SAINTS - St Francis de Sales

'Never do anything in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Commend all to God and then lie still and be at rest in His Heart.'

Mary's Meals: We have been sent a report on our sponsored school "Behsao Primary School" in Senjeh, Liberia, thanking the Parish for its continued support. The report is in the Church Porch for you to read.

Brighton & Hove Third Order of Carmelites

Cordially invite you to a talk about 'Teresa of Avila and Christian Life Today' by Professor Peter Tyler - Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality, St Mary's University, Twickenham, at **The Cassidy Centre, St Mary's Church** on Wednesday, 22nd April 2015 at 6.30pm. There is a suggested donation of £5. Brighton & Hove Third Order of Carmelites usually meets every third Saturday of the month in the Cassidy Centre. For further details please phone Rosie on 07984 880073.

RECENTLY MARRIED?

A new initiative is being launched in Brighton aimed at recently married Catholic (and 'half' Catholic) couples. Lara Merk, the pastoral assistant at the Sacred Heart, is arranging get-togethers for these couples every 2 months or so for friendship, prayer, a meal and some short teaching input. If you are interested please contact her directly at 'Im sacredheart@gmail'.

FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS (FCJ)

VOCATIONS WEEKEND - Broadstairs, Kent 22nd-24th May 2015, for young women considering the vocation to religious life. For more information or to book a place, contact : Sr Lynne fcj : lynnefcj@hotmail.com

MENS WEEKEND AT WORTH ABBEY

8-10th May 2015. As in previous years, there will be a men's weekend of light spiritual refreshment at Worth Abbey from Friday evening 8th May to Sunday lunchtime 10th May. Cost is approx. £105 per person. Please let Francis Lacy Scott (01273 671190) or Charles Wookey (01273 554954) c.wookey@btopenworld.com know if you would like to come.

Accommodation Appeal: from time to time we are asked if any parishioners have rooms to rent. Do you? if so please email your info to the Parish Office - stmarysprestonpark@yahoo.co.uk

"To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer!" - as said by a computer technician.