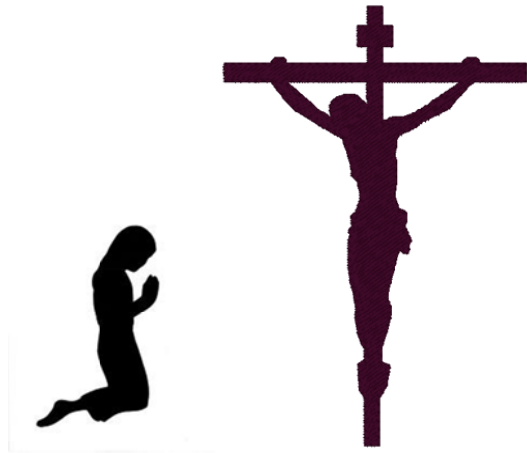


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to Mass and to the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 13 April 2014 - Holy Week

Mass proper				Intention
Sat	12	[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m.	<i>John Cullen</i>
Sun	13	<u>PALM SUNDAY (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Matt 26:14-27:66</i>	10.00 a.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs D'Souza)</i>
Mon	14	<i>Holy Week</i> Parish Penitential Service	12 noon	<i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Tue	15	<i>Holy Week</i> (Confessions after Mass)	10.00 a.m.	<i>Marie Cowan, R.I.P.</i>
Wed	16	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE	7.00 p.m.	-
			10.00 a.m.	<i>Edward Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
			8.15 a.m.	-
<u>EASTER TRIDUUM</u>				
Wed	16	<i>CHRISM MASS</i> [Arundel Cathedral]	6.00 pm.	<i>Priest's personal Intention</i>
Thur	17	<u>MAUNDY THUR., MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u> <i>(Watching & praying at the Altar of repose until 10 p.m.)</i>	7.30 p.m.	<i>Letitia Alfred, R.I.P. (7th Anniv.)</i>
Fri	18	<i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i> (Confessions after)	12 noon	-
		<u>CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</u> <i>(Confessions after & church open for prayer until 8pm)</i>	3.00 p.m.	-
Sat	19	<u>EASTER VIGIL</u> Parish Mass Book p.216	8.00 p.m.	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Sun	20	<u>EASTER SUNDAY (A)</u> <i>Gospel: John 20:1-9</i> Parish Mass Book p.251	10.00 a.m.	<i>Rosalie Marsh</i>
			12 noon	<i>For the people of the Parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.
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. (Not Holy Saturday)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Well we have now arrived at Holy Week. I am looking forward to celebrating this week with you in my first year here as your priest. Holy Week begins today Palm Sunday with Jesus going up to Jerusalem greeted joyfully by the crowd. It is a moving experience to go up the mountain with Jesus accompanying him on his ascent. On this day, throughout the world and across the centuries, young and old acclaim him, crying out: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" In our Lord's self-giving love this week, culminating on the Cross, he is opening for us the door to fellowship with the living God. It is to this height that he wants to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads

to the living God. This is the ascent that matters. This is the journey that Jesus invites us to make. God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION £493.94
2nd COLLECTION £86.37

[Good Friday collection is for the Holy Places]

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This is this Monday evening at 7 pm. Priests will be available for individual confession and absolution.

FOLLOW THE CROSS

Churches Together in Preston's annual Silent Walk of Witness is on Good Friday, 18th April. It starts at St Matthias' Church, Ditchling road at 9am. All welcome.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 26 Apr	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation class	John Stone

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK

All are welcome to come and join the choir. Practice Wednesday 16th, 8pm. This will be in the church.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Mary's SVP society will be collecting your "Projects" Tins after Masses this weekend. The monies collected from these Tins help us to support our Twins and our Sponsored Students in India as well as local projects. Please be generous. If you would like a member to collect these Tins from your house then please contact Terry Sharpe on 541050. The parish SVP are also looking for new members to replace our long-serving Treasurer and President. If you are interested please again contact Terry.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: The Joy of the Gospel

Copies of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world are available at the CTS stand in the porch of the church.

CELTIC FLAMES

This exciting Irish music group who put on a spectacular show of music, song and dance are performing at the Hawth Theatre, Crawley, on Monday 21 April at 7.30 pm. Visit 'www.hawth.co.uk' for info and tickets.

COFFEE MORNING, THE FORGE, PYECOMBE

Saturday, 26 April, 10 - 4 pm, at Church Hill, Pyecombe (opposite the Church) BN45 7FR. Please read Fran Playford's (one of our parishioners) inspiring story at 'www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Fran-Playford'.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION FOR CONFESSION

'Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins; the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded thy tender heart. O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. Amen. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.

LOOK AT JESUS AS MARY DID

See his bleeding wounds.
See the nails in his hands and feet.
See the thorns in his head.
See his side open for us to enter.
See how much he loves us.
How do you think our Lady felt? How should we feel?
If Jesus loves us so much, what are we going to do for him this week?

100 CLUB - Are you due or overdue?

Please check the list in the porch. If your payment is due make cheque payable to "St Mary's Church" Thank you.

PRISON CHAPLAINCY - CAN YOU ASSIST?

Every Saturday morning volunteers from local parishes join around 20-30 inmates for Mass at Lewes Prison. We would like to increase the number of chaplaincy volunteers. Jesus said that anyone who visits the prisoner visits him (Matt 25:36). Please prayerfully consider whether you might like to assist the chaplaincy team in the pastoral support of prisoners. Full training and supervision is provided. For further information please contact the Catholic Chaplain at HMP Lewes on: 01273 785216.

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Concerns Group invites you to their Smile Quiz Night on Friday 9th May 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. The £4 ticket includes a free glass of wine or juice and light refreshments. Tea and coffee on sale. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Teams of four maximum. Feel free to come along and join a team. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 6th April or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642

SOUL BY THE SEA

Soul by the Sea presents 'The Passion of Christ, 2014' on Easter Sunday, 20 April in the grounds of St Peter's Church, Brighton, BN1 4GU at 2pm and 4.30pm. Free entry. For more info see 'SoulbytheSea.org'.

A PRAYER

'Let nothing disturb thee,
Nothing affright thee;
All Things are passing;
God never changeth;
Patient endurance
attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
in nothing is wanting;
Alone God sufficeth' [St Teresa of Avila].

FROM THE SAINTS: 'The devil does not fear austerity but holy obedience' [St Francis de Sales].