

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 13 March, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	12 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Claire Hill, R.I.P</i>
Sun	13 5th SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Gospel: John 8:1-11 Parish Mass Book p176	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (St Anthony)</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	14 <i>5th Week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Tue	15 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	16 <i>5th Week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Thur	17 <i>St Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland, Feast</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Thomas McEvoy, R.I.P</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Jim Maguire, R.I.P</i>
Fri	18 <i>5th Week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sat	19 <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>For the Victims of Abortion</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Jim Murtagh, R.I.P</i>
Sun	20 PALM SUNDAY (C) Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 Parish Mass Book p184	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. 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

'We have reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which the liturgy this year presents to us the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves an adulterous woman condemned to death. St John the Evangelist highlights one detail: while his accusers are insistently interrogating him, Jesus bends down and starts writing with his finger on the ground. St Augustine notes that this gesture portrays Christ as the divine legislator: in fact, God wrote the law with his finger on tablets of stone. Thus Jesus is the Legislator, he is Justice in person. And what is his sentence? "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens consciences to a greater justice - that of love - in which consists the fulfillment of every precept' [Benedict XVI]. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

EASTER FLOWERS - Next Sunday's second collection will be for flowers for St Mary's this Easter.

HOLY WEEK LEAFLETS - Are in the Church Porch with information and times of Masses during Holy Week.

Last Sunday's Collection: £556.05, 2nd coll: £79.35
 CAFOD Family Fast Day: £493.02

LENT

- # **Rosary** at 9.30 a.m. before Monday morning Mass.
- # **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be for 1 hour (8.50-9.50 a.m.) before **Friday** morning Mass. **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be said at 9.40 a.m.
- # **Stations of the Cross** are at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings.
- # **Confessions** after all Masses this Weekend.

HOLY WEEK (TRIDUUM) SERVICES

- # **Holy Thursday**, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30 p.m.
- # **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.
- # **Holy Saturday (26th March)**, Easter Vigil Mass, 7 p.m.

The Parish of St Thomas More invites you to: Music, readings and reflections for **Good Friday** featuring Karl Jenkins **REQUIEM** - 7pm Friday 25th March at St Thomas More Church, Braybon Ave, Patcham. With parishioners from St Thomas More's and St Mary's. **ADMISSION FREE** with a retiring collection for charity

"There is no virtue an example of which we do not find on the Cross" [St Thomas Aquinas]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Tue 15 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation candidates class	Fr Bruno
Sat 19 Mar	11.15 am	Church	Baptism of Joseph James Hickey	
Wed 23 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

Brighton Voices in Exile - We have received a thank you for the donation of £500 from Brighton Voices in Exile, who are one of the charities to benefit from last year's Christmas Fair.

Children's Liturgy - KS1 (Years R,1 & 2).

The Signup Sheet for After Easter to the end of the school year is in the porch - 10 slots only to fill please.

Date for your Diary - Saturday 21st May

Parish Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. Further details to follow.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, OCTOBER 2017

Sacred Heart Parish in Hove is preparing a Holy Land pilgrimage for 18-35s during the October half term of 2017. It is open to people from around the Diocese and will be a comprehensive pilgrimage, taking in areas including Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jaffa and many others. It will be a fantastic chance to make some new friends and to learn more about our faith in the land where it all started! You can download an application pack via the Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HolyLand2017](https://www.facebook.com/HolyLand2017). For more information, contact YPPHL2017@gmail.com.

The Veiling of Images in Passiontide

In these last two weeks of Lent there is an ancient custom of veiling crucifixes, statues and images in our churches (except for the Stations of the Cross). Among other things this comes from the gospel of John where we are told that as Jesus went up to Jerusalem towards his Passion 'he no longer walked about openly' (Jn 11.54). He 'veils' his divinity as he allows himself to be taken for an ordinary sinner and die for us. Another reason is that during these days we not only recall an event that happened once in the distant past but that in the liturgy this event is again made present. In the Church's liturgies of Holy Week the very real Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord are again made present and actual to us today.

A Morning Prayer - St Patrick's breastplate

I arise today through God's strength to lead me,
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
God's host to secure me - against the snares of devils,
Against temptation of vices, against inclinations of nature,
Against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near,
Alone and in a crowd.
Saint Patrick

Social Concerns Group - Next meeting

Wednesday 16th March 8.30pm at Liz Woodhead's 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899. All most welcome

Housebound & Missing Mass? If you have access to the internet you may be able to watch a live streaming of masses at the Sacred Heart, Hove via: churchservices.tv or the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Worthing, via: mcnmedia.tv. Both are free to view, as are other churches on website.

YOUNG ADULTS EASTER RETREAT @ Worth Abbey celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Thursday (24th March) - Easter Sunday (27th March). For more info or to book, contact TOC@worthabbey.net / 01342 710318. See poster in porch.

A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage, 29 July - 4 August, 2016

This year, for the first time, there is an online application form for all helpers & pilgrims (with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims) on the website <http://www.ablourdes.org>. For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging, please call the Pilgrimage Office to chat through your concerns, and they will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way, by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30th April 2016.

FOODBANK BOX - Thank you for your generous donations to those in need. All is appreciated. Thank you!



Gestures during Mass

You may have noticed that there are many gestures that we do at Mass. We stand, we sit, we genuflect, we kneel, we strike our breasts and bow our heads. I'm sure you can find others. One other little gesture during Mass you may have noticed is that before we hear the gospel reading we trace a little cross on three places on our bodies - our forehead, our lips and our heart. What this means is that we are asking the Lord to be in our minds, in our words and in our heart.

"We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives" [St John Vianney]