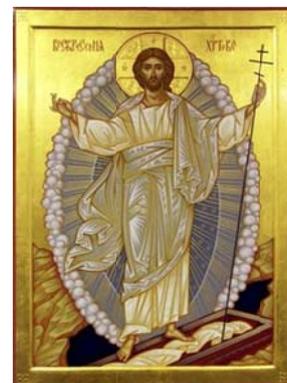


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 14 May, 2017- Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	13	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	14	<u>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u> Gospel: John 14:1-12 Parish Mass Book p265	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon	15	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. <i>Ann Parks, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	16	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	17	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m. -
Thur	18	[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri	19	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	20	<i>Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Special Intention (Maureen Ashing)</i>
Sun	21	<u>6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u> Gospel: John 14:15-21 Parish Mass Book p268	10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning's Mass

Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus spoke of the need to pray for workers for the harvest (Matt 9:37-38). Prayer is essential for the life of the Church. Last Sunday in his pastoral letter Bishop Richard asked for every one of us and every parish as a community of believers to pray for vocations to the priesthood. He asked for a monthly holy hour where prayers are made for this intention. This is in hand and should be every first Friday before our 10 am Mass. He also spoke about praying the rosary together. Is there someone among the parishioners of the parish who would like to lead the Rosary on a monthly / weekly basis in the church to pray for vocations?

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers and best wishes go to Alan Pillant who is to be confirmed at our 12 noon Mass this Sunday. If anyone would like to know more about receiving the sacraments or becoming a Catholic please see Fr Bruno.

NO MASS WEDNESDAY MORNING

The priests of the diocese are away at an in-service meeting Tuesday and Wednesday this week. There will be no Mass here Wednesday, but there is still Mass at St Mary's House.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Bishop Richard; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the children of the parish preparing for their First Holy Communion.

My Rosary ...

What comfort just to clasp it, my Rosary so dear:
 each mystery brings fresh courage, and drives away all fear.

In prayer so oft repeated, yet never growing old,
 I read the wondrous story, of God's own love untold.

Each chapter forms a garland, to place at Mary's feet;
 Fair buds and full-bloom roses, exhaling fragrance sweet.

The Crucifix which crowns it reminds me day by day,
 To bravely bear my crosses, along earth's rugged way.

I hope when life is ended, and death shall set me free
 Still twinned around my fingers, will be my rosary.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14-20 MAY

Christian Aid Week is this week. Your donations would be much appreciated in the Christian Aid envelopes provided. Please complete the 'Gift Aid' slip included if you can. Thank you.

'The Blessed Virgin is the Queen of heaven and earth, quite true, but she is more mother than queen' Saint Therese of Lisieux

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
Mon 15 May	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents First Holy Communion Meeting	Charles Wookey & Janet Silva
Wed 17 May	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Sun 21 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion Class	Mrs Janet Silva

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Penny Gurowich, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

SVP APPEAL

The SVP are renewing their fund raising campaign for collection boxes. The initial campaign two years ago was very successful and we thank all who have continued to fill their boxes with loose change. They now hope to reach out to any new parishioners or indeed anyone else who does not already have a box. If you would like to support your parish St. Vincent De Paul in this way, then please contact Joel Brett on 01273 501991 (or speak to him after the Sunday 12 noon Mass, which he usually attends), and he will be pleased to arrange a box for you. Thank you.

Why not consider joining the 100 Club?

It's a great way to raise funds for the parish & 3 cash prizes every month. Annual subscription is just £30 or bi-annually £15 x 2. Contact Mary Cornelius on 01273 558812

Quiz Night - Many thanks to everyone who supported the quiz night on Friday 5th May. Our seven teams battled it out with great enthusiasm. Everyone had a good time and we raised £200 for Christian Aid which is a great result. **Thank you, from The Social Concerns Group.**

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE

The diocese is hoping to arrange for a British Sign Language course (Level 1) to start soon here in Brighton. It will run for 2 hours a week, on Tuesdays 11.30-1.30 p.m. for 30 weeks, after which is an official qualification is given. It can only happen in Brighton if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable. If interested please call Margaret Fraher, the diocesan Inclusion Adviser asap on 01293 651196. Thank you.

FOODBANK BOX - Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Special items needed at present are tinned food/fruit/beans/ravioli etc., sugar and toiletries.

FAITH - "Faith is the finding of a 'You' that upholds me and gives me the promise of an indestructible love. I can entrust myself to meaning that knows me and loves me like the child who knows that everything he may be

ON SILENCE - *from Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

'We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness, God is the friend of Silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grow in silence; see the stars, the moon and sun, how they move in silence. Is not our mission to give God to the poor in the slums? Not a dead God, but a living, loving God. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within - words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.'

CELEBRATE BRIGHTON - 15-16 JULY 2017

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)
Theme this year 'Seek First His Kingdom' Matt. 6:33

Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young & old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Wide range of workshops, drama, praise & worship, speakers, opportunities for Confession plus Mass celebrated on both days. There will also be youth streams with their own activities & workshops. For more information go to www.celebrateconference.org/brighton or email celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com or call them on 01444 450203. See Poster in porch for price details etc

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - Shrine Activities

Marriage & Family Pilgrimage Week, 12-20 August. Pre-booking essential. Free entry, donations welcome, only accommodates tents. Activities for all ages in the company of fellow pilgrims at the National Shrine of Our Lady. For more information email: family@walsingham.org.uk or call 01328 820658

Travel Bureau - Come to Walsingham, England's Nazareth. For parish groups, families or individuals. Contact: TravelBureau@walsingham.org.uk or call 01328 820217 for details, quotes and arrangements.

Chilworth Day of Praise and Healing, around the theme The Kingdom of God a Hidden Treasure, given by Fr Joseph Edattu, VC, Saturday 20th May 2017.

The day begins with Mass at 10.20 am. Two talks will divide the Day, with refreshments and lunch, the Divine Mercy Devotion, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with the Sacrament of Healing and departures at 4.20 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch, and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR. Online

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'Pray the Rosary every day' Our Lady of Fatima