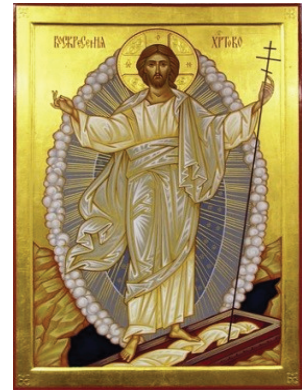


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 15 April, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 14	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Teresa Anthony, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 15	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 Mass Book p.262	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Edward Cecil Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 16	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Lety Alfred, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 17	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 18	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Kathleen Hogarty, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 19	Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 20	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sat 21	<i>St Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop & Doctor</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Margaret Hattotuwa, R.I.P.</i> <i>Sidney & Anastasia Morris, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 22	4th 'Good Shepherd' SUNDAY OF EASTER Gospel: John 10:11-18 Mass Book p.265	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Denis Anthony Bamin, R.I.P.</i>

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

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for a private intention; Our Lady's lamp for Peace in Syria

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 18 Apr	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	S.V.P. Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Wed 18 Apr	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 20 Apr	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (10) 'What can we do?'	Fr Bruno
Sat 28 Apr	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion class (6)	Mrs Janet Silva

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Meditate – In this encounter with the risen Jesus the disciples are reassured about his identity, and see his wounds. Jesus explains how the scriptures had prepared for his coming and for the events of his death and resurrection. The disciples must now witness to these things beginning from Jerusalem and then to all nations. Luke will tell us all about their mission in the Acts of the Apostles.

Pray – Lord Jesus, you showed yourself to the apostles at Easter. You speak to us today through your gospel. You

St John's Seminary, Wonersh - Can you help?

The Seminary, near Guildford, Surrey (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years) is looking for some help with the cost of redecoration & refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ years. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary - which closed in 1970.

The Seminary operates on a very tight budget and there are

come in mysterious ways in our worship and prayer. Open our hearts and minds to receive your grace and mercy. And offer these gifts to others.

Act – How should I witness to Jesus in the world of today? What should my priorities be? How do I need to change?

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

JOHN HARRISON, R.I.P.

John's Requiem is this Monday 16 April, at 12 noon, at St Thomas More's (where he and Judy were married). Please pray for John and his widow Judy and all the family during this time. May he rest in peace.

IRENE SHORT, R.I.P.

A former parishioner Irene Short, died on Tuesday 10th April. May she rest in peace. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements T.B.A.

FOODBANK - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. Tinned vegetables, meats, fish etc. welcomed as well as rice, sauces, UHT milk and toiletries. Thank you.

ECHOES – Parish based formation in the faith

The penultimate session is this Friday 20th April, 7-8.15 p.m. in the Cassidy Centre. This 10th session is titled 'What can we do?' and looks at what we call 'the pedagogy of God' that is how God leads and teaches us and taking this as our first principle in catechesis.

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another fun-filled: Quiz Night!

Friday 27th April 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Tickets on sale after 10am Sunday Masses or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899). Tickets can also be bought on the door.

St Vincent's Tower House Update

This Community Centre in Preston Park has started a new Memory Café on Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm. This is a warm and welcoming place providing snacks, company, music and art as therapy to people experiencing dementia, with their carers and family if necessary, in Brighton & Hove. This is in addition to lunches and other activities we also provide on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For further information please ring our Parish contact Luke on 01273 556927

no funds available for this much needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. If you can help in any way they would be most grateful. Cheques can be made payable to 'St John's Seminary' & sent to Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0QX.

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ROSARY ON THE COAST – Sun April 29th

After this lay led initiative in Poland and Ireland the 'Rosary on the Coast' is coming to Britain. The faithful are invited to gather along the coast of Britain on Sunday 29 April at 3 pm to pray for 'faith, life and peace' in our nation. This communal witness to the truth of faith in Christ and to the power of prayer will do much good for our country. Visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk for details and a map of locations where people will be gathering. It also has words of support from our Bishops and even the Pope. I shall be on the Brighton beach opposite the Brighton Fishing Museum and the Old Ship Hotel from 2.45 pm. Do come with your families and rosaries.

St Theresa's Catholic Church, Southwick, presents:

A Concert Series: He is Risen; He is Risen, Indeed!

Saturdays, 7 p.m., on April 7, 14, 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12. List of Concerts include: Piano, Trumpet, Flute, Soprano etc. See poster in Church Porch for more information. Tickets on the door at £10. Enquires to James Johnston at westsussexpianotuner@gmail.com or Tel: 07805 616 665

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PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110.

REDSHIRTS HELPERS – (School Years 10-11)

Online applications are now open. For more info go to www.ablourdes.org.

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The Faith Companion – Translating Faith into Life – a Catholic perspective.

'The Faith Companion' is a two-monthly magazine aimed at accompanying Catholic parishioners on their faith journey. If you have ever been inspired during Mass but were unsure how that translates into daily life, then The Faith Companion can help. Each edition of The Faith Companion will be packed full of features including articles on the Catholic Tradition, exploration of prayer, faith stories, and much more. The Faith Companion is a Community Interest Company and as such exists to serve the Catholic community, which means legally we have to give back 65% of our profits to the Church. Our goal is that this money is used to raise funds for the laity; to firstly help those whose financial means might not otherwise allow them to access our

or Thomas at Tower House on 01273 549604.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

A new parish website was launched this week with the address: www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk It is a work in progress. Currently the home page, Mass times, Daily readings and Newsletter are up and running.

Tradition by attending courses, study days, retreats and pilgrimages; secondly, to provide a fund for education, adult and spiritual formation and training for the laity. So The Faith Companion is much more than a magazine, but a way of disseminating the faith to all and providing the laity with the means to become empowered children of God. The first edition will be launched April 29th for more information or to order a copy go to www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk or call 01403 541184

“You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun” St. Josemaria Escriva