

# 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 15 February, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	14 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Conrad Emmanuel Vance, R.I.P</i>
Sun	15 <b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Hugh Hartnell, R.I.P.</i>
	Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 Parish Mass Book p. 137	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	16 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	17 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	18 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY – Beginning of Lent</b> (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)	10.00 a.m. <i>Ada Niemiec, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	19 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Fri	20 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John Cullen, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	21 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00 p.m. <i>Aniela, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	22 <b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Albert &amp; Frances Southorn, R.I.P.</i>
	Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 Parish Mass Book p. 152	7.00 p.m. <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intentions of T. Rogers</i>
		7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intentions</i>
		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon <i>Angela Mathias, 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 10 a.m. Thur. & Friday 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

In today's gospel reading we hear of our blessed Lord reaching out and touching a leper and curing him. Since catching that terrible disease no one had probable touched him, and yet today Jesus does. Mother Teresa once said that 'If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.' Adapting this we could say - if we can't reach out to one hundred lonely people, then reach out to just one. We begin Lent this week and I pray that this will be a season of renewal and grace for all of you. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these will be on Friday at 7 pm in the Church. We will use St Alphonsus' meditations this week.

### 'WALK WITH ME' Lent Prayer booklets

These prayer booklets are available today & cost £1 each - on sale in the Church porch. This popular prayer booklet guides you & your family on a Lenten journey of prayer. Also available is a calendar for Lent for children (50p)

*"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do" [Blessed Mother Teresa]*

Last Sunday's Collection: £ 538.06, 2<sup>nd</sup>: £ 111.62

The second Collection this weekend is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid envelopes available in porch)

### THANK YOU TO FR OLIVER

I am very grateful to Fr Oliver Heaney being able to cover for me this Sunday. Do make him feel welcome as he returns to St Mary's and you his former dear parishioners.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this week. This day is a day of fasting and abstinence (meaning one normal meal and two significantly smaller ones and all meat-free). Ashes will be imposed at the two Masses on the day. Lent is the most important season of the year for us to do penance.

### PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the Parish or have moved to a new address recently can you please fill out a parish registration form - these are in the Church porch.

## **PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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
Mon 16 Feb	8pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion meeting	
Wed 18 Feb	1pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Sat 21 Feb	11 am	Church	Choir Practice	Charles Wookey

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Dennis Palmer.

### **CRIB COLLECTION 'THANK YOU'**

Our crib collection this year raised £343 which will be sent to designated families in the Holy Land. Thank you, and keep them and all living in that region in your prayers.

### **SING MOZART'S REQUIEM**

It is not too late to join singers from St Mary's and St Thomas More's to learn this polyphony. Simply come along to the practices Saturday morning, 11 am in St Mary's. For further information please contact Charles on [c.wookey@btpopenworld.com](mailto:c.wookey@btpopenworld.com)

### **CAFOD: "Call of Creation" – 18<sup>th</sup> February Evening of discussion & reflection**

A reflection on God's call to good stewardship of creation and our response. Martin Brown from CAFOD will lead this based on the teaching of The Bishops' conference of England & Wales. Starts at 7.30pm on Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> February St Joseph's Church Hall, Milton Road, Brighton, BN2 9TR. Refreshments will be served. The event is free & open to all

### **CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MARRIAGE (3/5)**

The Church's discipline is built upon the doctrine of the faith, and gives practical expression to it. To introduce a discipline at odds with a doctrine thus implicitly undermines the doctrine. The discipline of not admitting to the Sacraments divorcees who have entered a subsequent civil 'marriage' follows directly from the doctrine of Marriage and the Eucharist as the Church has received it from Christ and His Apostles. Unless an annulment has recognized the invalidity of the original marriage, then the state of life of divorced and 'remarried' Catholics 'objectively contradicts the union of love between Christ and the Church signified and effected by the Eucharist' (Pope St John Paul II, *Familiaris consortio*, n. 180). However sorrowful for their sins they may be, the divorced and 'remarried' remain 'one flesh' (cf. Gen. 2: 24; Mt. 19:5) with their original and only spouses. Therefore, their second 'marriages' cannot participate in the one flesh union of Christ and His Church that is signified and effected by the Eucharist.

### **FROM THE SAINTS**

"No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it" [St. Maximilian Kolbe]

### **A LENTEN THOUGHT**

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 -grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the 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 that do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness. (*Mother Teresa of Calcutta*)

### **PASTORAL LETTER**

There is a Pastoral letter from Archbishop Peter Smith for this weekend. Copies are available in the church porch.

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 30 July - 7 Aug 2015. Application forms available from Fr. Bruno or can be downloaded from the Lourdes website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01403 740 110

**'ENCOUNTER' EVENING FOR CATHOLICS AGED 15-30.** CRAWLEY, FRIDAY FEB 27<sup>TH</sup>. at St. Wilfrid's School, Crawley (RH11 8PG) at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be Monsignor Tony Barry who will be talking about the meaning of Lent. Live music, adoration and a chance to meet other young Catholics. Entry is free, there's no need to book and new people are always very welcome. Search 'Two:42 Catholic Young Adults' on Facebook.

**DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING – 21<sup>st</sup> February** 10.20am to 4.20pm at St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR. The day will include Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & the Ministry of Healing. Please bring a packed lunch.

### **Couples preparing for marriage**

2 sessions looking at the Sacramental, theological & faith aspects of Marriage are now arranged for Friday 20 March, 7pm in the Cassidy Centre at St Mary's & also Saturday 25 April 11.30-1pm at the Sacred Heart. This is separate from the Marriage preparation sessions.

### **HISTORIC WINCHESTER – Coach trip**

Enjoy a day visiting Historic Winchester. Coach trip on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Few seats available at £28 – see Fr Bruno or call David Alfred on 540038 to book your seat.