

# 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 March, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	14 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Joseph Pirolli, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	15 <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – Laetare Sunday (B)</b> Gospel: John 3:14-21 Parish Mass Book p166	10.00 a.m. <i>Tom McEvoy, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	16 <i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Mary Ann Pool, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	17 <i>St Patrick</i> [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	18 <i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Justina Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	19 <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Alexander John Ambrose Reid, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>To the Sacred Heart, in reparation</i>
Fri	20 <i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Alice Radcliffe, R.I.P.</i> <b>7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross [in the Church]</b>
Sat	21 <i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Claire, R.I.P.</i> [Vigil Mass] 7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Sun	22 <b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> Gospel: John 12:20-30 Parish Mass Book p173	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention (C.Needham)</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. weekday 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

When we come into St Mary's we see prominently displayed Jesus on the Cross in the sanctuary. The Cross is not something hidden away and rightly so. In today's gospel from John Jesus talks about the healing and salvation which will come to us when we see him lifted up on the Cross. It is for love of me and you that he is there. In talking of Christ St Augustine said, 'You would be lost, had he not come.' But God has come and come for our salvation, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may not be lost but may have eternal life." Pray before a crucifix this week thanking Jesus for saving us. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

#### MOTHERS DAY

A blessed and very happy Mother's day to all of our Mothers today. Thank you and God bless you all.

#### CHILDREN'S FIRST CONFESSIONS

Our 16 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in June will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time after our 10 am Mass next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers.

*"The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness" Pope Francis*

Last Sunday's Collection: £555.23, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll.: £85.82  
 CAFOD Family Fast Day £64.38  
 This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> coll. is for The Comboni Missionaries

#### DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sun 22 March	3pm	Sacred Heart, Newhaven
Mon 23 March	7.30pm	St Theresa's, Southwick
Tues 24 March	7.30pm	St Joseph's, Elm Grove
Fri 27 March	7.30pm	St Mary's, Preston Park
Sun 29 March	3pm	St John the Baptist's

Priests will be available for confession at all of the above Reconciliation services in these days leading up to Easter.

#### PARISH ACCOUNTS

The Parish Accounts for 2013-14 have been put together and are on the notice board in the porch. If you would like to help by giving by standing order or gift aid please contact the parish office. Thank you.

#### FROM THE SAINTS

'I have practised self-forgetfulness. I have tried not to seek myself in anything' [St Therese of Lisieux].

## 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 Mar	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion meeting	Janet Forte/Charles Wookey
Wed 18Mar	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Fri 20 Mar	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Marriage preparation meeting	Fr Bruno
Sat 21 Mar	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's preparation for 1 <sup>st</sup> Confession	Fr Bruno & Janet
Sat 21 Mar	11.30 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 McLaughlan & Dennis Palmer.

### A DAY WITH MARY – Next Saturday

Westminster Cathedral – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Starts at 9.45am with procession & Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea / coffee provided. See poster in church porch for details.

**'ENCOUNTER'** Evening for Young Catholics (15-30) - ENCOUNTER evenings are proving really popular. We have live music, adoration and some brilliant talks, and we usually get a lot of people. Everyone is welcome. It's totally free, just turn up! It's a great way to explore your faith & make new friends. The next one is on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH11 8PG). Search 'Two:42 Young Adults' on Facebook for more info.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's Women's World Day of Prayer last Friday, either by coming and/or providing such lovely cakes for the refreshments.

The collection made during the service, which is for the work of Women's World Day of Prayer and for projects run by Christian charities worldwide, amounted to £215.10. The "leftover" cakes were enjoyed with our tea & coffee after 10am Mass on Sunday and raised £16 in donations for Mary's Meals.  
*Chris Rodrigues*

### REDSHIRTS 2015

Calling all students in school years 10 or 11. Would you like to spend 10 days this summer in the south of France? Would you like to meet other young people from around the diocese? Would you like to deepen your faith & understanding of God in your life? Would you like to make a difference in other people's lives? If you have said yes to any of the above then being a Redshirt in 2015 could be just the thing for you! Dates are Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July - Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. If you are interested please email Ray Mooney at [abredshirts@gmail.com](mailto:abredshirts@gmail.com) Further information can be found on [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org) Fr. Bruno happy to help sponsor anyone for this.

### FIRST PRAYERS

*Jesus, I love you. Come into my house and it will become your house. Amen. Mary, help me, cheer me up. I come to you with my sorrow, and I trust in you. You understand me, and you love me. Amen.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these are on Friday at 7 pm in the Church.

### RECENTLY MARRIED?

A new initiative is being launched in Brighton aimed at recently married Catholic (and 'half' Catholic couples). Lara Merk, the pastoral assistant at the Sacred Heart, is arranging get-togethers for these couples every 2 months or so for friendship, prayer, a meal and some short teaching input. If you are interested please contact her directly at 'lmsacredheart@gmail.com'.

### Preston Park Preschool Assistant required

We are looking to appoint a Preschool Assistant for the preschool in the Church hall. The post is for 4 mornings a week (16 hours). Applicants should have some knowledge of the EYFS and some experience of working with preschool children. A level 2 qualification in Early Years education is desirable, however training will be available. Please apply in writing to: Sally McLaughlin, c/o Priest's House, 5 Surrenden Road, Brighton, BN1 6PA – for an application pack. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

*Preston Park Preschool also collects Sainsbury's Active vouchers – We would be very grateful for any you may have because they help us to obtain much needed equipment. Just pop them in an envelope addressed to the preschool and pop them into the Priest's house. Thank you.*

**World Youth Day 2016** – World Youth Day is a huge Catholic Youth event (16 – 35s). This time it will be held in Krakow in July 2016 and it is expected that Pope Francis & a few million others will come! The Arundel & Brighton Diocese is hoping to take a large group there. The coach will leave the UK on Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 & get back Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the group will be staying in a 3 star hotel on the edge of the city. You can find out more & download an application pack here : [www.yaab.co.uk/programmes-projects/world-youth-day-2016arundel-brighton/](http://www.yaab.co.uk/programmes-projects/world-youth-day-2016arundel-brighton/)

### Church Mice

