

St Mary's Catholic Church

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**All of them were
 filled with
 the Holy Spirit!**
 Acts 2.4



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 May, 2016 - Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	14 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	<u>PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)</u> Gospel: John 20:19-23 Parish Mass Book p.294	10 a.m. <i>Terry D'Silva, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	16 <i>Week 7 Ordinary Time</i>	10 a.m. <i>Priests' Intention</i>
Tue	17 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	18 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Private Intention (C.Needham)</i>
Thur	19 <i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. <i>Maurice Taylor, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>Charles Duperois, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	20 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. <i>Jonathan Chandler, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	21 <i>Saturday votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i> 7 p.m. <i>Priests' Intention</i>
Sun	22 <u>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)</u> Gospel: John 16:12-15 Parish Mass Book p.81	10 a.m. <i>Daphne Moffatt, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday & Friday
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

This is the resume for today found in the useful Magnificat pocket missal: 'By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace in order to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. And he reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. St Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (St Cyril of Alexandria). A blessed Pentecost Sunday to you and God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. This year 15-21 May is Christian Aid Week and your donations would be much appreciated in the envelopes distributed around the church. If you complete the gift aid slip attached then Christian aid can reclaim the tax. Envelopes may be left with the retiring collection. Thank you.

Last Sunday's Collection: £ 533.46,
 2nd collection World Communications Day : £111.76

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - this Saturday

This coming Saturday, 21 May, we have a parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT. The coach leaves St Mary's at 10.15 am returning at 4.45 pm. The day will include Mass (at 12 noon) talks, Rosary, visit of the shrine, lunch (please bring your packed lunch), Benediction, free time and the opportunity to gain the Jubilee year of Mercy plenary indulgence. We still have a few spaces on the coach and others are free to drive and park there. There is space for children to run around. Fr Bruno will be doing a sponsored cycle there and back for the SVP and our parish Lourdes fund. Please pray for the success of the day and ask Our Lady for fine weather.

FR DOMINIC ROLLS, R.I.P.

Fr Dominic's Vigil Mass will be at Dorking, where he was Parish Priest, this Tuesday, 17 May, at 7pm. The Requiem Mass for him will be at Worth Abbey the next day, Wednesday 18 May, at 12 noon. There is a moving article about him in this week's Catholic Herald. Pray for him and for more priests in the diocese. May he rest in peace.

'In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph' [Our Lady of Fatima]

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
Wed 18 May	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP	Luke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Sat 21 May	See over	Pilgrimage	Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation	Parish Office
Wed 25 May	8-9pm	Church	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting	Janet Silva

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, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

THE BISHOP IN BRIGHTON

This Wednesday, 18 May, our bishop, Richard Moth, will be at the Brighthelm Centre, North Road, Brighton, BN1 1YD. Starting at 7.30 pm, at the invitation of Brighton Voices in Exile, our local charity helping refugees, he, and others, will be talking about our response to the Refugee Crisis. It will include updates on provision, projects and testimonies. All Welcome.

A Marian Afternoon & May Procession with Fr Gerrard Hatton, this Saturday 21st May, at St Mary Magdalen Church, Upper North Street, Brighton. Starts at 2pm & ends after Procession at 6pm. See flyers in porch for more details - All welcome.

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF CORPUS CHRISTI with carpet of flowers, Wed. 25 May, 9.30am - 8pm and Thursday 26 May from 9.30am with Solemn Mass and procession to Arundel Castle at 5.30pm. Refreshments in Cathedral Centre.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND IN BRIGHTON

This takes place this year Sat 25th - Sun 26th June at Cardinal Newman School. Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for people of all ages, with separate streams for children, teens and young adults. There will be Mass, talks, times of praise and worship, Reconciliation, workshops, etc. See poster in porch for details or visit the website 'www.celebrateconference.org/brighton'

The Mercy Walking Pilgrimage, Arundel to West Grinstead, 16th and 17th of July 2016. This will be organised in a very similar way to the successful Jubilee Pilgrimage that walked last year from Arundel Cathedral to the Amex for our major Diocesan Celebrations. More information to follow.

Quiz Night Thank you - Many thanks to everyone who supported our quiz night on Friday 6th May. We had another record turn-out with 9 enthusiastic teams. Everyone had a good time and we raised £220 for Christian Aid. From The Social Concerns Group.

FOODBANK - Thank you for the donations we have received for our local foodbank which operates from St Georges RC Church. They are in need of tinned, dried and jarred goods on a regular basis. If you can spare any of these items please leave them in the box in the porch

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

This prayer was given to Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope John Paul II) when he was a boy from his father. He prayed it every day: 'Holy Spirit, I ask you for *the gift of Wisdom* to better know You and Your divine perfections, for *the gift of Understanding* to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith, for *the gift of Counsel* that I may live according to the principles of this faith, for *the gift of Knowledge* that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You, for *the gift of Fortitude* that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You, for *the gift of Piety* that I may always serve Your Majesty with a filial love, for *the gift of the Fear of the Lord* that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God. Amen.'

Preston Park Preschool Temporary Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a temporary assistant to work on a 1:1 basis with an individual child. You will work closely with the team. Term time, 15 hrs per week - 5 mornings 9.15-12.15 Job shares welcome. Knowledge of early years development desirable. Position subject to DBS checks. Start date asap for further details & application form contact Sally McLoughlin c/o Priests House, 5 Surrenden Road, BN1 6PA. or email parish office. **Closing date this week, 20th May 2016.**

MISSIO - RED BOX - Many members of the parish have a Red Box in their homes. It's a way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. If you have one which hasn't been emptied for a while please could you bring it along to Mass next weekend or the weekend after? You can also download the Red Box app for your phone available from the Missio website: RedBox@missio.org.uk

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL GIFT AID DONORS - On 6th April 2016 some changes to tax allowances became effective. Please remember that you must have paid sufficient Income/Capital gains tax that is at least equal to the amount reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations to charities. If you have paid insufficient tax you will have to repay the shortfall. If you need tax advice please contact either your tax office or professional tax advisor.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Asher and Lisa Vance's firstborn, Gabriella, who was baptised and became God's daughter this Saturday.

And finally ... A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

"The greatest things on earth are done interiorly in the hearts of faithful souls" [St Louis de Montfort]