

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome in the parish

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 16 February 2014

	Mass proper	Intention
Sat 15		7.00 p.m. <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 16	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:17-37 Parish Mass Book p. 136</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Michael Welch, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 17	<i>Mass 'pro defunctis/for the dead'</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Jeff Scott, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 18	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>John McDonald, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 19	<b>Mass at St Mary's House</b>	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 20	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Maureen &amp; Andrew Clingan</i>
Fri 21	<i>Feria</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>June Mascarenhas, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 22	<i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle, Feast</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Liz Davies)</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Jeff Scott, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 23	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:38-48 Parish Mass Book p. 139</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> Midday <i>Pierette Barbara Alallah, R.I.P.</i>

**There is Adoration 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday before Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.**  
**Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.**

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

We are still hearing from our Lord's Sermon on the Mount today. There is a noticeable deepening though in the teaching which the people hear. One of the things Jesus says is that he has not come to do away with or abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfil them. In him and in his words we finally have the fullness of God's saving word given to us. Still today his words remain 'the source of all saving truth and moral discipline' [VII, *Dei Verbum*, 7]. The Church uses the expression 'the deposit of faith' to name these saving truths she has received from Christ himself and which she is charged to preserve unaltered until the end of time. May we pray for the grace to love the Lord, to love all his saving words, to receive the grace to live them in our lives and ultimately find salvation. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

### SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

I shall be away this day doing my younger sister's wedding. Fr Oliver will kindly come and hear confessions and say the evening Mass. Its intention is for the repose of the soul of Fr Jeff Scott.

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION £511.32

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION (Lourdes fund) £235.20

[This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: 'Catholic Education Service']

### FR JEFFREY HAYDN SCOTT, RIP

Please continue to pray for Fr Jeff, for the repose of his soul. His Requiem Mass is on Monday 17 February, at 11.30 am, at St Dunstan's, Shaftesbury Road, Woking, GU22 7DT. I shall be attending and Fr John Collins will say a special Mass for him here on Monday morning for those unable to make it to Woking.

### NEW 'PARISH MASS BOOK'

We have run out of the 'disposable' Missalettes and in place the 'Parish Mass Book' will be available for you. Take time to learn your way around it. The 'Ordinary' of the Mass (the unchanging parts which are the same at every Mass) are at the front of the book whereas the 'Propers' (those prayers and readings proper to each Mass) are in the main body of the book. The page numbers for the 'Propers' are in the newsletter (see above) and will be on the boards in the Church.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
w/c 17 Feb			<b>School half terms</b>	
Sat 22 Feb	7.30 pm	Sacred Heart, Hove	Rejoice evening	See poster in the porch
Wed 26 Feb	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club (Yrs 7-11)	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 01 March	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Class	
Sun 02 Mar	9.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class	
Mon 03 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> HC meeting	Charles Wookey

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsett, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bernard Regan and Gerard Stone. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### ALL 100 CLUB MEMBERS

After last week's underwhelming response this notice appears again: 1) If you are happy to be contacted by email please send your email address to 'stmarysprestonpark@yahoo.co.uk'. This helps with communication. 2) Gentle reminder: Renewals are now due for Feb., some outstanding for January. Please send cheques - payable to 'St Mary's Church' - to the parish office. Thank you.

### THANK YOU FROM ST ANNE'S DAY CENTRE

They have written to thank us for the £150 raised from the recent Coffee Morning. Thank you to all concerned,

### SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"I am more sinful and flawed than I ever dared believe, more loved and welcomed than I ever dared hope" [Elyse M. Fitzpatrick].

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dominic James Price who was baptised last Saturday and to the twins Isobella and Emelia Thomas who became daughters of God this Saturday.

#### WORD STUDY: 'RIGHTEOUSNESS'

*Dikaiosune* (Gk): denotes the uprightness and faithfulness of God and his people. The word is part of a distinctive covenant vocabulary found throughout the Bible. It is used 7 times in Matthew and 85 times in the rest of the NT. (1) God's *righteousness* is characteristic of his being (holy) and revealed through his saving deeds and the care of Israel. God is righteous because he perfectly fulfils his covenant with Israel as a divine Father. The NT builds on this foundation: God now demonstrates his *righteousness* through the saving work of Jesus Christ. The New Covenant is ratified by Jesus' obedience to the Father and is proclaimed in the gospel. (2) For God's people, *righteousness* is a New Covenant gift from Christ. It is first given in Baptism and received by faith. It denotes one's restored relationship with God as an adopted son or daughter. This gift of *righteousness* can increase through love and obedience to God's covenant Law.

### PRAYER 'FOR FINE WEATHER'

*Almighty ever-living God, who heal us through correction and save us by your forgiveness, grant to those who seek your favour that we may rejoice at the good weather for which we hope and always use what in your goodness you bestow for the glory of your name and for our well-being. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### REJOICE EVENING

Saturday 22nd February, 7.30pm (tea & coffee from 7.00pm), Sacred Heart Parish Rooms, Norton Road Hove, BN3 3BF. Guest speaker David Matthews, a well-known Catholic speaker on scripture; praise & worship; prayer ministry. Donations only. All welcome.

### THE DIVINE LIFE REVEALED

A Day Conference exploring friendship, knowledge and life in Christ the Word of God. **Saturday 8th March, 10am-3.30pm @ The Friary, Haslett Ave West, Crawley, RH10 1HR** (note: change from previous venue). Speaker: Fr John Farrell, OP (Provincial of the Dominican Order, Theologian and National Speaker) Part of the Diocesan Jubilee. Day includes talks, Q&A, Mass, Adoration, reflection. Donation-only event. Please bring a packed lunch.

### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 24 July - 01 August. Application forms are available in the porch and can be downloaded from the Lourdes website: 'www.ablourdes.org.' If you are a nurse some funding is available.

### TIPS ON BECOMING A SAINT

We are called to forgive, not to keep grudges or resentments, to bless and not to curse: "Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called - that you might inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:9). What do we do if we catch ourselves cursing others? ... The three 'R's'

**1. Repent:** "Oh, Lord, there I go again. I'm sorry Lord. I repent of that reaction; I repent of the thoughts, the judgments, the anger, the words I uttered."

**2. Revoke:** "I revoke all those negative, unkind thoughts, Lord. I un-think them, and I un-say those words."

**3. Replace:** "I replace those 'curses' with a blessing, Lord. I forgive him/her, and I bless him/her, and I ask that you bless him/her, Lord." [V. Flynn, *7 Secrets of Confession*]