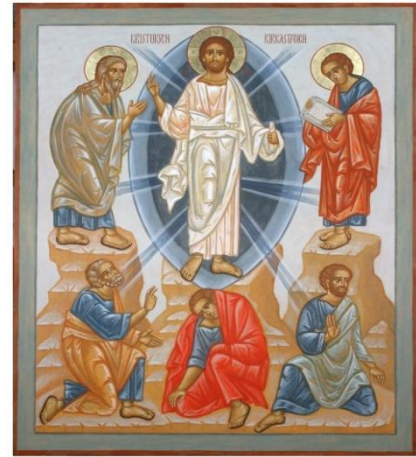


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We hope that all visitors to St Mary's will be made to feel welcome in the parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 16 March 2014

	Mass proper		Intention
Sat 15		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Sun 16	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)		10.00 a.m. <i>Tom Gilligan, R.I.P.</i>
	<i>Gospel: Matt 17:1-9</i>	Parish Mass Book p. 155	12 noon <i>Mary Jane Pool, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 17	<i>St Patrick</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Tom McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 18	<i>2nd week of Lent</i>	[Note: Early Mass]	8.00 a.m. <i>Alexander John Ambrose Read, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 19	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE <i>St Joseph</i>		8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 20	<i>2nd week of Lent</i>	[Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Alice Radcliffe, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 21	<i>2nd week of Lent</i>		7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Thomas Mulvey, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 22	<i>2nd week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Albert & Frances Southorn, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 23	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)		7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
	<i>Gospel: John 4:5-42</i>	Parish Mass Book p. 158	10.00 a.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i>
			7.00 p.m. <i>Anthony Thorpe</i>
			10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
			12 noon <i>John McDonald, R.I.P.</i>

There is Adoration 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday & 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

In today's gospel we hear of Jesus taking Peter, James and John with him up a high mountain and 'there in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light'. It was not a light shining upon him but rather light which came forth from his very being. In this moment he becomes visibly what he is and remains 'the light of the world' the light that scatters all darkness. Peter responds with inadequate but still beautiful words saying how 'wonderful it is' to be there. He wants to stay there for ever. Nothing else matters. He is willing to leave everything just to be with Jesus. Here Peter shows us how he and each one of us are made for God. He is the fulfilment of all desire and to be with him both now and after we die ought to be the goal of all that we do. St Bernadette late in her life said the happiest moments of her life were when she saw and was in the presence of Our Lady and how much she longed to see her again, which now she is. Look again to Jesus and Mary this week and God bless you. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£464.65

2nd COLLECTION

£80.63

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY (2nd Collection)

This was last Friday. Please put your envelopes in the retiring collection. Extra envelopes are still in the pews and in the porch. You can Gift aid your contribution.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these are on Friday's at 7pm in the Church. This is good preparation for Holy Week.

WOODEN ARTICLES FROM BETHLEHEM

This weekend a gentleman from the Holy Land will be selling olivewood articles which have been made in Bethlehem. There will be Rosaries, Crucifixes and other things as well. Monies raised will go back to help the people over there. Please have a look and be generous.

MASS ON TUESDAY IS AT 8AM NOT 10AM

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 17 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation (2)	Fr Bruno
Sat 22 Mar	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Candidates meeting	John Stone
Sun 23 Mar	9.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 st H. Comm. Children's meeting	
Wed 26 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church hall	Years 7-11 Youth club	Peter McDermott, 550187
Mon 31 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 st H. Comm. Parents 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, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

SENSE AND NONSENSE ON 'Assisted Dying'

An Assisted Dying Bill to legalise assisted suicide is currently before Parliament. There is often confusion about what 'assisted dying' means. The Bishops' Conference has compiled a briefing note which explains simply and clearly what the issues are, and what the Church says. Copies of this short briefing note from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales are available at the back of the Church or on the website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide-information

CARE ASSISTANT REQUIRED

An experienced care assistant is required for St Mary's House care home in Preston Park Avenue. For further details please contact Diana Maple on 01273 556035.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR

These are now available for collection from the church porch. If you would like to make your offering via Gift Aid please see Bernard Regan or Maureen Fleet.

INTO SILENCE: THE INNER COMPASS

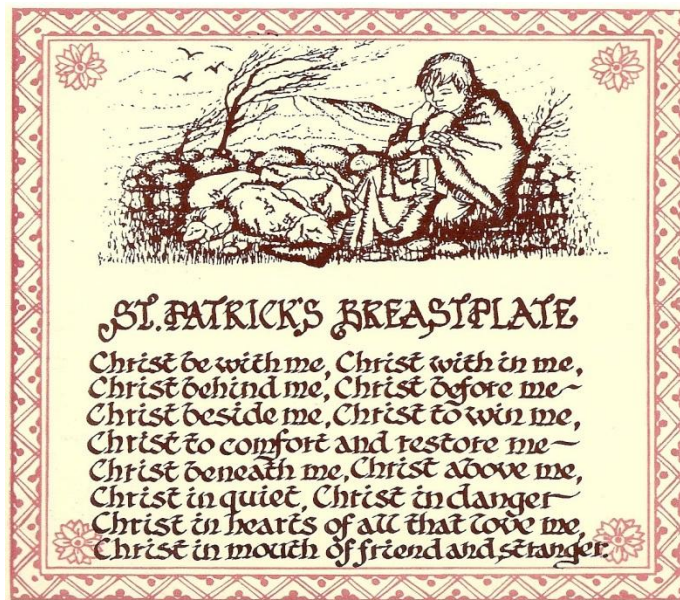
The Wellspring community have organised a morning seminar exploring Ignatian Spirituality in Brighton on Saturday 29 March. Call 07975 845193, visit their website or see poster in porch for further details.

POPE FRANCIS' 1ST ANNIVERSARY

When first elected he asked us to pray for him, so we do.

WORDS FROM THE SAINTS

St Ignatius of Loyola proposed this question to his students, "What strategy would Satan use to seduce people and get them to follow him?" He concludes: "First, Satan would lead people from a legitimate striving for security to a wrongful striving after money - greed. Second, Satan would lead people from a legitimate striving for acceptance to a wrongful striving after recognition - honour. Finally, Satan would lead people from a legitimate appreciation of their self-worth to a sinful self-indulgence. Thus, Satan's strategy is to seduce people gradually, leading them from legitimate self-striving to sinful self-indulgence".



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY ON MONDAY

CALLING MARRIED COUPLES

A weekend of discovery and renewal for your marriage. Interested? A Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for couples of any age to enrich their relationships in a relaxed and caring atmosphere. Places available on the weekend starting Friday 20 June at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham, Hampshire. For details and dates of other weekends please contact Chris & Mary Farrall on 02380 275401 or visit the website 'wwme.org.uk'.

'SOLDIER TO SAINT'

Brighton Deanery are hosting RISE Theatre and their exciting, original play 'Soldier to Saint' at Cardinal Newman Catholic School on Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm. The play is inspired by the true story of Saint Alban, Britain's first Christian Martyr - a compelling tale of courage, friendship and sacrifice. The performance is suitable for ages 12+. For tickets please see Fr Bruno.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CATECHESIS

The diocese is putting on a morning for new/recent catechists in Worthing on Saturday 29 March. It will be led by David Wills, the diocesan Adult formation adviser. See the poster in the porch for more details.

QUOTE

"Some people come in your life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons" [Mother Teresa].