

# 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 17 April, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	16 [Vigil Mass]	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Dennis Bamin, R.I.P</i>
Sun	17 <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> Gospel: John 10:27-30 Parish Mass Book p268	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Lety Alfred, R.I.P (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
Mon	18 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Mrs Iris Lawlor</i>
Tue	19 [Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	20 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Georgette Estelle Olson, R.I.P</i>
Thur	21 <i>Eastertide</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Priests' Intention</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Mary, Zygmunt &amp; Rakowicz family</i>
Fri	22 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Christian &amp; Jeanne de Buyer</i>
Sat	23 <i>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i> Vigil Mass	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Dick &amp; Betty Morris (53<sup>rd</sup> W/Anniv)</i> <b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Wellbeing of Dennis Batchelor</i>
Sun	24 <b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> Gospel: John 13:31-35 Parish Mass Book p271	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>John Brendan D'Arcy, R.I.P</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning 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

This Sunday is often referred to as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' as the gospel reading always comes from John chapter 10 where Jesus refers to himself as 'the Good Shepherd.' It is the most common painted/carved image of our Lord found in the catacombs outside Rome. One of the images is found on the cover of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (also reproduced at the top of this newsletter). The image represents certain aspects of the catechism and of our faith: Christ is the Good Shepherd who leads and protects his faithful (the lamb) by his authority (the staff), draws them by the melodious symphony of the truth (the panpipes) and makes them lie down in the shade of the 'tree of life', his redeeming Cross which opens paradise. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

#### PARISH MISSION IN SHOREHAM

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be in St Peter's, Shoreham, this week for a parish mission. See the poster in the porch for details. The main events will be Monday to Thursday at 7.30pm, with talks and a healing service. The Friars are well know and real witnesses to gospel joy and the love and transforming power of Christ in our lives.

Last Sunday's Collection: £480.02, 2<sup>nd</sup> coll: £94.76  
 This weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the Education of Future Priests - Please pray for vocations.

#### The Education of Future Priests

This week is Vocations Sunday and we have a Bishop's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Education of Future Priests. At present our Diocese has 3 men in training for the priesthood and a number of others considering starting in September. It takes 6/7 years training and in 2015 the cost was in the region of £157,000 per person. Please help by giving generously to this collection (Your donation can also be gift aided). Please also pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese because without priests parishes must merge and we would be without the sacraments and the Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Dick & Betty Morris who this Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> April) celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary. God Bless you!

**PARKING** - Please be aware of the parking restrictions around our Church. Parking attendants are very much around and a number of our congregation have already received parking fines or narrowly missed them recently

*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song" [JP II]*

## 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, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Mon 18 April	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion meeting	Janet Silva/Charles Wookey
Wed 20 April	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes 01273 556927
Sat 23 April	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Pre Booked - Marriage Care Course	Marriage Care 0800 3893801
Wed 27 April	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Dennis Batchelor, Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

**PARISHES SURVEY** - After our own parish survey (Thank you to those who responded) the priests of the deanery of Brighton and Hove have decided to do this in all the parishes of our city. It's intention is to help us focus together on the opportunities & challenges that face us, in the time ahead, in living and sharing our Catholic faith. Please take a questionnaire (from the Church Porch) and return to the parish office by the end of April. Thank you for your participation.

**Special Collection for the People of the Ukraine - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.** Pope Francis has launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe. The Holy Father hopes that the Churches of Europe will unite generously for this collection.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** A coach will depart from St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. & return at 5.00 p.m. Spaces still available. The cost is £6 per person, which includes tea/coffee & a donation to the Church/Shrine, but please bring a packed lunch. The SVP are funding the cost of the Coach for this pilgrimage. Fr Bruno will be cycling there and back again (a 40+ mile round trip). You can sponsor him & monies raised will be split between the Parish SVP & the parish Lourdes fund to send one of our young parishioners to Lourdes. You don't have to go on the trip to sponsor Fr Bruno.

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another: **Smile Quiz Night!** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 p.m. in the Cassidy Centre. Tickets are just £5 which includes a glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or email on [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899). Tickets can also be bought on the door.

**CAFOD's Inter-Continental Breakfast Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - More details to follow next week

*"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible" [St. Francis of Assisi]*

### **A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Father of us all, in the name of Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve, grant us the grace of many new vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. Give us men after your own heart who, following the example of the Good Shepherd, are willing to joyfully lay down their lives in your service and for your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.*

*Holy Mary, our hope, pray for us.*

*St Philip Howard, pray for us.*

*St John Vianney, pray for us.*

*St John Paul II, pray for us.*

### **BRIGHTON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7 p.m., Newman College Lecture Theatre.**

This is a fundraising event, to raise money, to send some Cardinal Newman students to Lourdes as Red Shirts volunteers this summer. The Choir will be singing a number of musical pieces including Rhythm of Life and Steal Away. Newman students will also showcase some of their musical talents, including; Newman Voices, the Chamber Choir, the String Orchestra & the Brass Ensemble. See poster in porch for further details.

**OPEN MORNING - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - The Towers Convent School, Henfield Road, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, BN44 3TF.** For more information see poster in church porch or go to [www.thetowersconventschoolorg](http://www.thetowersconventschoolorg).

**Mary's Meals** - The parish has received a thank you, from Mary's Meals, for our recent donation of £482.37.

### **Local Foodbank**

Another car boot full of food and toiletries was dropped off at the local foodbank this week. They were very grateful. Thank you to those who left provisions in the porch. Feeding the hungry is one of the 7 corporal works of mercy and is a simple and loving thing we can do. It is as simple as putting an extra item in our shopping basket and then putting it in the church porch. They asked in particular this week for: Rice, tinned meat, tinned fruit, UHT milk, long-life milk, jam/preserves in addition to the usual. Conversely, if you are in need of finding food for yourself and your family see the notices in the porch to see about being helped by the foodbank. Thank you.

**QUOTE:** 'All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone' [Blaise Pascal].

**And finally ...** 'What do you get if you cross a Jehovah's Witness and a Catholic? Someone who loves knocking on doors but then panics and is at a complete loss of what to say when the door opens.'