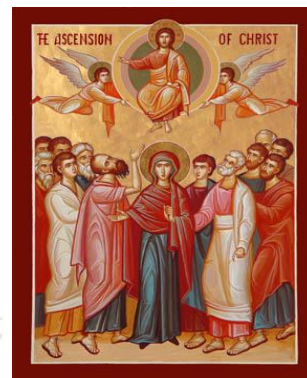


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 17 May, 2015 - Month of Mary

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	16		[Vigil Mass]	7.00pm <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	17	<u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B)</u> Gospel: Mark 16:15- 20 Parish Mass Bk p 273/6		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon	18			10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue	19		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	20			10.00 a.m. <i>For all those in hardship</i>
Thur	21		[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Juraj Terek</i>
Fri	22			10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving for Angela Needham</i>
Sat	23		[CONFIRMATION MASS] [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention (Bamin)</i> 3 p.m. <i>For the Confirmandi</i> 7.00pm. <i>Kate Walsh, R.I.P</i>
Sun	24	<u>PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)</u> Gospel: John 20:19- 23 Parish Mass Book p 290		10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>

Confessions 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. before 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

I found the following meditation on the Ascension in the Magnificat pocket missal: *'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him. He sent his beloved for us. He sent his Only Begotten Son to walk among us - the tired, the weary, and the weak - because he knew we could not help ourselves. His beloved teaches us to focus our gaze on the heavens and is our only salvation. He is the one who would be born of a Virgin and walk this earth completely sinless and submissive to the point of death on a cross so that we may have eternity. ... Jesus is the living gift of our heavenly Father's eternal love for all of us.'* God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

The Brighton deanery confirmations will take place here at St Mary's next Saturday. Please keep in your prayers the 7 young people from the parish who will be confirmed that day: Aaron Andrews, Lawrence Coyle, Annie-Rose Foley, Declan Foley, Liam Marsh, Ava Rowbothan & Zoe Apollo Schubert.

Last Sunday's Collection: £487.55

CAFOD - Nepal: £451.49 (Grand Total £1393.64)

This week's collection is for World Communications Day - prayer cards are in the Church porch

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP RICHARD MOTH

Please keep in your prayers our new bishop, Richard, who will be installed at Arundel Cathedral Thursday 28th May.

Christian Aid Week - 10th-16th May

This last week, 10-16 May, is Christian Aid week & your donations would be much appreciated. Envelopes are distributed around the church. If you complete the gift aid slip attached, they can reclaim the tax. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONER'S FORM

If you have never filled in a 'New Parishioners Form' please pick one up from the church porch, fill it in and drop it through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Arthur Scott Blake who was baptised and became a child of God this Saturday.

May is the beautiful month of Mary. Begin and end each day with a 'Hail Mary'

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 18 May	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. meeting	Janet
Wed 20 May	1 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP meeting	Luke Fernandes

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Monica McLaughlan & Janine Monti.

Requiem Mass – Kathleen Chiosso, R.I.P.

Please keep in your prayers Kathleen Chiosso who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Thomas More's, 1pm, this Friday 22nd May.

ON PRAYER – Words from Blessed Mother Teresa
'I believe there is no one who needs God more than I do. I feel so useless and weak. Because I cannot rely on myself, I rely on him, 24 hours a day. My secret is simple: I pray; I love prayer. The urge to pray is always within me. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is ready to receive God's gift of himself. We would so love to pray properly, but then we fail. If you want to pray better, pray more. If we want to be capable of loving, we must pray.'

GOING TO LOURDES THIS YEAR?

A donor has offered to help fund one pilgrim from the parish, able-bodied or sick, to go to Lourdes this year and the Parish also has funds to sponsor a young person (17-35) to go as a helper (30 July - 7 Aug). If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

Important Date for Your Diary DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

AMEX STADIUM – 5th JULY 2015

Starts 10.00 am

Mass celebrated at 3pm

The Diocese will take over the whole Stadium using all the space in & around it.

There will be: Keynote speakers, School choirs, Art & Craft exhibition, Prayer spaces & activities, children's activities & liturgies, Family activities & events, Displays & exhibitions, Theatre events & Cinema screening, Bands playing etc.

The cost of getting in is absolutely free!

The **Jubilee pilgrimage** (walking from Arundel to the Amex) will be taking application forms up until June 9th but please get in as soon as possible to help with the planning. The cost is £50 the whole way, £25 for part of the way. It starts Friday 3rd of July with Bishop Richard commissioning the pilgrims and finishes at the Amex on Sunday. Note that your luggage is transported by a van so you don't have to carry it. Please see Fr Bruno if you are interested.

PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

*Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,
hold me firmly lest I fall. I am nervous when I'm
walking and to thee I humbly call.*

*Guide me over every crossing,
watch me when I'm on the stairs, let me know you are
beside me, listen to my fervent prayers.*

*Bring me to my destination safely every single day,
help me with each undertaking, as the hours pass away.*

*And when evening falls upon us, and I fear to be alone,
take my hand, O Blessed Mother,
once again and lead me home.*

'Life is Beautiful'

Rhoslyn Thomas, who works for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be giving a talk this Tuesday, 19 May, at St Mary Magdalen, Upper North St.. There will be Mass at 6.30pm followed by a quick shared supper (if you bring a plate of food (which doesn't require heating)) at 7pm and then Rhoslyn's talk will follow – "Life is Beautiful" – All are welcome.

"RETREAT DAY" for Grandparents Saturday 20th June 10am to 4pm

Led by Fr Stephen Ortiger, OSB., at Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex, RH10 4SB. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking & more details from Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152 or Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

WINDSOR Coach Outing - Tuesday 13th October
Departing St Mary's at 10am & returning 6pm. **Seats available** cost £28. Contact David Alfred 01273 540038.

Urgent – Accommodation needed

A young Italian lady is anxiously looking for accommodation in this area. Ideally staying in someone's home or with a family. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Bruno if you can help.

Marriage Preparation Course

Please note June 6th is now full. Spaces still available for Sat. 21 Nov. Please contact Angela Fishenden on either 01273 386593 or 01273 859703 (8.30-4pm) to book.

SVP VISITS

The parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society are happy to visit any housebound in the parish. If you know of any please send their names & Tel no's to the Parish Office. They will be contacted before they are visited.

AND FINALLY ... 'It is better for people to confess their sins than to harden their hearts.'

'As sailors are guided by star to the port, so are Christians guided to Heaven by Mary' St Frances Cabrini