

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 18 February, 2018

| Mass proper | | Intention | |
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| Sat 17 | Vigil Mass | 7 p.m. | <i>In Thanksgiving (Patricia Cornell)</i> |
| Sun 18 | 1st SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 p152 Mass Book | 10 a.m. 12 noon | <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Lucila Ayala, R.I.P.</i> |
| Mon 19 | Mass at St Mary's House | 8.15 a.m. | - |
| Tue 20 | Mass at St Mary's House | 8.15 a.m. | - |
| Wed 21 | Mass at St Mary's House | 8.15 a.m. | - |
| Thurs 22 | Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal | 7 p.m. | <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Fri 23 | <i>1st Week in Lent</i> Stations of the Cross | 10 a.m. 6 p.m. | <i>Holy Souls</i> - |
| Sat 24 | <i>1st Week in Lent</i> Vigil Mass | 10 a.m. 7 p.m. | <i>For an end to Abortion</i> <i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i> |
| Sun 25 | 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 p155 Mass Book | 10 a.m. 12 noon | <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>For Nigel & Alison Measor and Family</i> |

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass

During Lent Stations of the Cross Fridays, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Fr Frank Harrington, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for the wellbeing of Jane Thompson

| PARISH DIARY | | | | |
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| Date | Time | Place | Event | Contact |
| Mondays | 6.55-8 pm | Cassidy Centre | WCCM Christian Mediation Group | Celia 01273 555967 |
| Thursdays | 2-4 pm | Cassidy Centre | Seniors Club | David Alfred 01273 540038 |
| Wed 21 Feb | 1-2 pm | Cassidy Centre | SVP Meeting | Luke Fernandes |
| Wed 21 Feb | 7.30-9 pm | Church Hall | Youth Club Yrs 7-11 | www.smyclub.co.uk |
| Sat 24 Feb | 11-12.30 | Church | Readers Day | Coral Olson 01273 500944 |
| Sun 25 Feb | 9.30 am | Cassidy Centre | Children's 1 st Holy Communion class (3) | Janet Silva |
| Fri 02 Mar | 7-8.15 pm | Cassidy Centre | Echoes (7) 'Who are we?' | Fr Bruno |
| Sat 03 Mar | 11 am | Church | Choir practice for Pentecost service | |

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – Meditate-Pray-Act

Meditate – At the very beginning of his ministry Jesus spends forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. He is tempted by Satan. To be tempted is the

Act – As Lent begins we resolve to use prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to detach us from self and to draw closer to the Lord as he journeys to the Cross, and to the new life of the Resurrection which he promised to

fate of all human beings, but Jesus resists the devil's testing. At the beginning of Lent we resolve to reject sin and to imitate Jesus in his steadfast commitment to the saving power of the Word of God.

Pray – *Lord Jesus, we remember that you are like us in all things but sin. Teach us to be like you in loving the Father and all our brothers and sisters.*

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS IN THE PARISH

Fridays, 9-10am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays, 6pm, Stations of the Cross

Saturdays, Confessions after 10am Mass, 6-15-6.45 pm before 7pm Mass and also at call.

BAPTISM IN THE PARISH

Congratulations to Lotte Leslie Fulker who was baptised and became a child of God this Saturday.

FOODBANK

There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. See the list on the noticeboard of items especially needed (NB No more baked beans for now - enough in stock). This could be part of your Almsgiving for Lent.

PARISH WEBSITE – Digital images needed

We have someone working on a new website for the parish. Does anyone have any images that they feel may be good for the website? Please drop them on CD or a memory stick into the presbytery. Thank you.

READERS MORNING - *This Saturday*

A reminder that there is a morning of reflection, prayer and re-commissioning for our readers at Mass this Saturday (24 Feb) 11-12.30 p.m. in the church. For more details contact Coral Olson on 01273 500944.

WCCM MEDITATION GROUP

This ecumenical group, linked to the World Centre for Christian Meditation, takes place in the Cassidy Centre every Monday evening from 7-8 p.m. (6.55 arrival), and new people are always very welcome. On Saturday March 3rd the group will welcome Father Christopher McDermott, who is the Anglican Chaplain at Sussex University. He will lead an afternoon about Christian contemplative prayer. This

share with those who come to him in humility and faith.

SUPPLY THIS SUNDAY

Thank you to Fr Oliver Heaney who is able to offer our Sunday Masses. I will be travelling to Burgundy, France for the funeral of my mother's sister on Monday. Monday-Wednesday Masses 8.15am at St Mary's House.

DIOCESAN

EASTER RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY

Worth Abbey & The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (29th March-1st April) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. Young adults from across the UK will be gathering to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The retreat will be centred around participation in the Triduum liturgy from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, with a programme of talks by the monks, discussion, prayer & reflection and fellowship. Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk'- a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact TOC@worthabbey.net or fearbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. You can also find more information via Facebook.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

The online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. REDSHIRTS HELPERS – (School Years 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more information go to www.ablourdes.org.

OTHER

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This Friday is the Lenten Cafod Fast Day. Please find envelopes in the porch and return them next week. The UK government will match £ for £ all donations received by Cafod this Lent. The Holy Father has also asked the whole Church to unite in fasting and prayer for peace in Congo, South Sudan and the whole World this Friday (23rd Feb). See poster in porch for more details.

PRAYER IN TEMPTATION

'Lord, save me, or I perish. Keep me close to you by your grace, or I shall sin and fall away from you. Jesus, help me; Mary, help me; my holy Angel, watch over me.'

QUOTE: 'If only it were so simple! If only there were

will be in the Cassidy Centre from 2-5pm. refreshments provided (suggested donation £5). To reserve a place please email felicity.stimpson@btinternet.com or phone Celia on 01273 555967

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 3rd & 4th March. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support.

Pentecost Performance – Parishioners from St Mary's & St Thomas More are joining to prepare for a Pentecost Singing Service at St Thomas More's on May 19th. Rehearsals will begin on Saturday March 3rd 11am here at St Mary's. New voices always welcome.

evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?' [A. Solzhenitsyn]

LENT

Some resources that may help you this Lent include:

- 1] 'The Meaning of Lent' – a Catholic Truth Society (CTS) booklet available in porch for Free
- 2] Book 'Rediscover Jesus' by *Matthew Kelly*. A 40 day retreat. Available in Porch for Free or donation
- 3] Spending time reading and praying with the Mass readings of each day (or the Sundays) of Lent.