

# 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 2 weeks from Sunday 18 March, 2018 - Holy Week

	Mass proper		Intention
Sat 17	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Justina Eckert, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 18	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> Gospel: John 12:20-30      Mass Book p173	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Lucila Ayala, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 19	<b>St Joseph, Solemnity</b>	10 a.m.	<i>Alexander John Ambrose Reid, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 20	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	<i>Celebrants Intention</i>
Wed 21		10 a.m.	<i>Alice Rawcliffe, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 22	Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Fr David Maskell, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 23	<b>Wedding Service</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10 a.m. 2 p.m. 6 p.m.	<i>Fr John Pearson, R.I.P.</i> <b>Shane Healy &amp; Beth Marshall</b>
Sat 24	Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 25	<b>PALM SUNDAY – Passion of the Lord (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 11:1-10      Mass Book p180	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>James Mannioo, R.I.P.</i> <i>Mrs Mariamma Pathinather, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 26	(Confessions after Mass)	10 a.m.	<i>Jack &amp; Angela Merricks, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 27	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	<i>Celebrants Intention</i>
Wed 28	(Confessions after Mass)	10 a.m.	<i>Mary &amp; Agnes Jinks, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 29	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> (Watching & praying at the Altar of repose until 10pm)	<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Fri 30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Confessions after) <b>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</b> (Confessions after & church open for prayer until 8pm)	12 noon. <b>3 p.m.</b>	-
Sat 31	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 01	<b>EASTER SUNDAY (B)</b> Gospel: Mark 1:40-45      Mass Book p137	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Eric Robinson, R.I.P.</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, Not Good Friday  
 Sanctuary Lamp these weeks is burning for the Wellbeing of Harry Cross; Our Lady's lamp for the unborn**

PARISH DIARY				
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 Mar	1-2 pm	Cassidy Centre	SVP Meeting	Luke Fernandes
Wed 21 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>
Sat 24 Mar	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Aisling Mary Roe	

HOLY WEEK LEAFLETS

EASTER FLOWERS

These are in the church porch for you to take and give to others you know who may be interested. There are details and some explanations of all the liturgies and Masses taking place here at St Mary's during this week.

## 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, Simone, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

### HOLY WEEK

With Palm Sunday we enter once more into that week made forever holy by what Jesus did for us. We join with Christians throughout the world to recall those events again. We stand, listen and kneel in prayer as we witness the extent of God's love for us. In the garden of Geth-semane just before his night-time arrest Jesus prayed. There he asked his disciples to watch and pray. It mattered to him that they were there, that he was not alone. In a mysterious way we are there next to Jesus during the liturgies we celebrate during Holy Week and Jesus knows this. I encourage all of you to enter into this week and follow in 'real time' what happens to Jesus. After Palm Sunday come to the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday evening, then to the Stations and the celebration of his Passion on Good Friday and then return for the Vigil on Saturday evening. We are living a week of grace and it is a good thing to accompany our Blessed Lord during this week. God bless you this week.

### EASTER CANDLE

Our decorated (36") Easter Candle has arrived. Is there anyone who would like to 'buy' it this year (£90) as a gift to the parish or in memory of someone?

### GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Churches Together in Preston are organizing a Good Friday Walk of Witness. It will start at 9 a.m. at St Matthias Church (Ditchling Road) and will make it's way down to Preston Park via St Mary's. The walk will end at around 10 a.m. All ages are invited.

### FOODBANK BOX

Thank you for the donations given this Lent. They have been delivered to the foodbank in Hangleton and make a great difference to many of our neighbors in our city who are in need. Food and other items can be dropped at anytime in the Foodbank box in the church porch.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY - **Volunteers needed**

Without volunteers to lead the sessions this cannot take place. Please see the sign-up sheets in the porch. There are only around 10 sessions left to fill, till the end of the School Year. This is worthwhile work. Materials are provided.

**QUOTE:** 'Guilt must not be allowed to fester in the

Palm Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for flowers for St Mary's this Easter

Good Fridays Collection will be for Peter's Pence (for the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land).

## DEANERY

**Brighton & Hove Deanery Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training at St Thomas More's, Patcham on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 7-9 p.m.** Although this training is for everyone the Deanery are particularly targeting those who work with or minister to Vulnerable Groups (Children & Adults at Risk). **Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to attend this session, so that we can forward names / numbers by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.** It is also possible for individuals to book online via the Diocesan Website (Safeguarding Section-under Courses and Events).

### St Theresa's Catholic Church, Southwick, presents:

#### An Eastertide Concert Series

#### He is Risen; He is Risen, Indeed!

Saturdays 7pm on April 7, 14, 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12. List of Concerts include: Piano, Trumpet, Flute, Soprano etc. See poster in Church Porch for more information. Tickets on the door at £10. Enquires to James Johnston on tel: 07805 616 665 or email: westsussexpianotuner@gmail.com

## DIOCESAN

**LOURDES LIVE 2018, Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> April, Worth Abbey.** As part of the Lourdes Pilgrimage fundraising activities the Pilgrimage Choir and Musicians will be holding a concert. The concert will allow people the chance to experience a little bit of Lourdes here in our diocese. Copies of **Deep Within** CD (£10) as well as previous CDs will also be available. There will be refreshments & a Raffle as well. Tickets £10 per adult (children go free). For further info or online ticket purchases contact: [salnicholls@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:salnicholls@hotmail.co.uk), or we have a few tickets for sale in the parish office.

### **ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018**

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** – (Sch Yrs 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more info go to [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org).

## OTHER

### On Forgiving

'Forgiveness is a two-way street. First, we come to know that God has forgiven us our sins, and secondly, rooted and established in God's forgiveness, we can reach out and forgive those who have sinned against us. Forgiveness is a great idea, until we have someone to forgive. Then we discover that it isn't easy and doesn't come naturally. We hold onto grudges, nurse resentment

silence of the soul, poisoning it from within. It needs to be confessed. Through confession we bring it into the light, we place it within Christ's purifying love. In confession, the Lord washes our soiled feet over and over again and prepares us for table fellowship with him' [Pope Benedict XVI, from **Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week**].

and become angry and bitter. We need grace to receive God's forgiveness and grace to forgive those who sin against us. In seeking out God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter the joy and gift of forgiveness' [from Lent booklet: 'Walk with Me].