

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 18th May, 2014 - Month of Mary

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 17		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 18	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) <i>Gospel: John 14:1-12</i>	Parish Mass Book p.265	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs Fernandes)</i>
Mon 19	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Gerard Tiernan, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 20	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Wed 21	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur 22	<i>Eastertide</i>	[Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>For the Wellbeing of John Cullen</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Deceased Priests of the SCCF</i>
Fri 23	<i>Eastertide</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>For the Wellbeing of John Cullen</i>
Sat 24	<i>Eastertide</i>	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 p.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Katie Walsh, R.I.P. (Anniv.)</i>
Sun 25	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) <i>Gospel: John 14:15-21</i>	Parish Mass Book p.268	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (Margaret Smart)</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.
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. & at call.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

The Gospel we are given today comes from the Last Supper. It is part of what the Lord communicated to the Apostles the night he was betrayed and handed over to death. These are important moments Jesus wanted to spend with those who loved him. Some statements in particular stand out: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me. ... I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ... To have seen me is to have seen the Father.' There are others but these in particular we ought to treasure. It seems our Lord was calling us to stay close, bound even, to him. St Thomas comments on this passage saying, "If you are looking for where you must go, stay close to Christ within you for he is the way. ... It is better to limp along the right road than to run down the wrong path. Although his progress is slow, the one who limps along the right road is always drawing nearer to his goal; whereas the one who runs faster and faster down the wrong path is always moving further and further from where he wants to go". Have courage and God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£586.98

2nd COLL. (Future Priests)

£282.83

[2nd Collection this Sunday for 'Christian Aid Week']

COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTER'S APPEAL

Over the weekend of 31 May - 01 June some Comboni Missionary Sisters will be visiting the parish, talking about their work and making an Appeal.

THANK YOU TO DENIS BATCHELOR

Denis Batchelor, a long time parishioner and our MC is shortly leaving the parish and moving to Rustington. It will be our loss and their gain. I wish to thank him for all the time and work he has put into serving the parish and the local community - much of it behind the scenes. Our prayers go with him. I am relieved though that his offer of returning for various important parish events remains. Thank you again and God bless you Denis. Important PS: is there a young (or not so young) man who would like to learn to be an MC in the parish?

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mon 19 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (2)	Fr Bruno
Wed 21 May	2 pm	St Bernadette's	40 th Anniversary celebration	
Wed 21 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Parish yrs 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Tue 27 May	10.30-6 pm	Wisley Gardens	Seniors trip to Wisley Gardens	David Alfred, 540038
Sun 01 June	9.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Childrens 1 st HC preparation class	
Sat 07 June	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bp Kieran	
Sun 15 June	12 pm	Mass Church	Parish First Holy Communions	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bradley Smith, Tony, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

MGR JOHN HULL - GOLDEN JUBILEE

Mgr John Hull, PP at Patcham and known to many of you is celebrating the anniversary of 50 years as a Priest this Saturday, 24 May. There will be a 'do' later in the summer. May God bless him and his flock in these days.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Valentina Selwyn who is to be baptised and our Midday Mass this Sunday. May God bless her and her family. For enquiries about baptisms see Fr Bruno.

RHS WISLEY GARDENS OUTING

Tuesday 27 May, coach leaves St Mary's at 10.30am returning around 6pm. Cost £27. Contact David Alfred on 540038 to reserve seat with payment.

NO SENIORS CLUB THIS WEEK

The Cassidy Centre is being used as a Polling Station for the elections this Thursday and so the Seniors club will not be meeting this week. It will resume on the 29th May.

ST BERNADETTE'S RUBY JUBILEE

Our Primary School, St Bernadette's, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this Wednesday, 21 May. Bishop Kieran will be coming to the School for a thanksgiving liturgy at 2pm. Those of you who have been associated or involved with the school in any way are invited to this celebration.

COMPANY SOUGHT FOR OUTINGS

A lady, Sharon Hayes, contacted me with a request. Monday to Wednesday she comes down to visit her elderly father who lives nearby. When they go out to tea (eg a local garden centre) she was wondering if anyone may like to join them for company. Her number is 07966 391074.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL

The Catholic Bible School in Nutbourne, Nr Chichester, has various courses and events going on during the summer. See the flyers on the noticeboard in the porch.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

'The choice is between the Mystery and the absurd. To embrace the Mystery is to discover the real' [Basil Hume].

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA'S PRAYER

People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

ST VINCENT'S, 162-164 LEWIS ROAD

This SVP run charity shop is always worth a visit. They also need regular stock to come in (clothes, bric a brac, books etc.) which they are happy to receive from you.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498 or visit their website at 'www.catholicsingles.org.uk' or email 'info@catholicsingles.org.uk'.

QUIZ NIGHT THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who supported our quiz night on Friday 9th May. We had 5 enthusiastic teams, everyone enjoyed themselves and we raised a fantastic £130 for Christian Aid. From The Social Concerns Group.

SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms cost from £50 per night (incl. b'fast). Please refer to their website 'www.allenhall.org.uk' or email: 'allenhall@rcdow.org.uk' or Tel. 020 7349 5600.

FROM THE SAINTS

"Our souls may lose their peace and even disturb other people's if we are always criticizing trivial actions - which often are not real defects at all, but we construe them wrongly through our ignorance of their motives" [St Teresa of Avila].