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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 commencing Sunday 19th March, 2017

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	18		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	19	<u>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: John 4:5-42	Mass Book p.158	12 noon <i>Rev Alasdair Smith, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	20	<i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10 a.m. <i>Alice Rawcliffe, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	21	<i>3rd Week of Lent</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	22	<i>3rd Week of Lent</i>		10 a.m. <i>Alexander John Ambrose Reid, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs	23	<i>3rd Week of Lent</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Fri	24	<i>3rd Week of Lent</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	25	<u>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</u>		10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Nan (Anna) Cullen, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	26	<u>4th SUNDAY OF LENT (A), 'Lactare Sunday'</u>		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: John 9:1-41	Mass Book p.164	12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon	27	<i>4th Week of Lent</i>		10 a.m. <i>Mary & Agnes Jinks, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	28	<i>4th Week of Lent</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	29	<i>4th Week of Lent</i>	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Thurs	30		[Mass in the Extraordinary Form]	7 p.m. <i>Jack & Angela Merricks, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	31	<i>4th Week of Lent</i>		10 a.m. <i>Tom McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
Sat	01	<i>4th Week of Lent</i>		10 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
			Vigil Mass	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	02	<u>5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</u>		10 a.m. <i>Nikki Braterman, R.I.P.</i>
		Gospel: John 11:1-45	Mass Book p.170	12 noon <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call

Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

'This year, on this third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy again presents one of the most beautiful and profound passages of the Bible: the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks. She had 'five husbands' and now she lives with another man; her going to and from the well to draw water expresses a repetitive and resigned life. However, everything changes for her that day, thanks to the conversation with the Lord Jesus. Like the Samaritan woman, let us open our hearts to listen trustingly to God's Word in order to encounter Jesus who reveals his love to us and tells us: "I who speak to you am he", the Messiah, your Saviour' [*a commentary from Pope Benedict XVI*]. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

COLLECTIONS: CAFOD Fast Day so far £322.05

If you would like for either the Sanctuary Lamp or our Lady's Lamp to burn for a particular intention or person contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5.

CHILDREN'S FIRST CONFESSIONS

Our 23 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in June will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time during the next few weeks. Our first group made theirs this Saturday and the remaining children will be coming on April 1st & 8th after the 10 am Saturday Masses. Please keep them in your prayers.

LENT DEVOTIONS

Stations of the Cross, Friday evenings in Church at 7 p.m.
Confessions on Saturdays and after all weekday Masses
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9-10am Fri. 31 March

PARISH DIARY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Tuesday	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
Wed 22 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 1 April	9.30 am	Church	Group 2 FHC Children Reconciliation	Mrs Janet Silva
Sat 1 April	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Marlee Bacharew	
Sun 2 April	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children First Holy Communion Class	Mrs Janet Silva

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

Fr Slawek, from Poland, will be supplying in the parish until 27th March for which I am very grateful.

MARY'S MEALS

We had a letter from Mary's Meals saying how they are now serving school meals in parts of Aleppo, Syria, which is wonderful news. There is a Mary's meals charity wall box at the back of the Church if you would like to support this charity during Lent. Thank you.

If you're stuck for a birthday present for someone this could be it! The 100 club!

Have you considered joining our parish 100 Club?

It's a great way to raise funds for the parish & 3 cash prizes every month, including our Bumper Draw in October. Annual subscription is just £30 or you can pay bi-annually £15 x 2. Contact Mary Cornelius of 01273 558812 for more information or email the parish office. It's really that easy to join & you can pay by standing order as well.

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT 13-16 APRIL

Worth Abbey & the Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum in prayer, community and reflection with a retreat at Worth. You are also invited to take part in a "Cross Walk" from Arundel on April 9th, walking across the South Downs & arriving at Worth for the beginning of the retreat. Booking forms are available now. Please contact fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk for more information.

CHILDREN'S TOYS / GAMES AT MASS

Children are always welcome at Mass but could parents please make sure that if they need to bring toys those toys are of the soft and silent variety when played with. Thank you.

MOTHERS DAY, Sunday 26th March

A blessed and very Happy Mother's day to all of our Mothers on this Sunday. Thank you for the gifts that you have made of your lives to your children and family.

LOOKING TOWARDS EASTER

"I, the Lord, shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead" (Ezekiel 36:25-27).

A Thought for Lent

I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good that I can do or kindness that I can show

To any human beings, Let me do it now,

Let me not defer nor neglect it,

For I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen

Grellet

Singing at Sunday 12 noon Mass

Thank you to Tom Hagger who came to lead the singing at our Sunday noon Mass on 5th March. He has kindly agreed to come again for the 12 o'clock Mass on the 1st Sunday of April. With this in mind he will be coming to the church for a practice session, 7.30-9 pm on Wednesday 29 March. All potential singers, male and female, young and old are invited to come. The ability to read music is helpful, but is certainly not necessary: all that is needed is the desire to participate more fully in singing at Mass and to learn some of the principles of singing the antiphons and psalms at Mass. If you enjoy singing, whatever your standard, please come and give it a try. All will be welcome.

Preston Park Preschool – Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for those Sainsbury's vouchers which have already come in. Vouchers can be put in an envelope through the presbytery door or in the collection plate.

FOODBANK COLLECTION BOX

There is a list of what the Foodbank need by the box. Items can be left in the box in the porch which is usually accessible in the day. They are running especially low on washing up liquid, toilet rolls, sugar, long-life juice, unflavoured dried noodles, and tinned spaghetti, ravioli, fruit and macaroni and cheese. In addition the Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank are delighted that they have now changed their status to a Charity and are now able to recruit someone:

Looking for a paid, part time job, 16 hours a week?

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank are looking to recruit a Co-ordinator that will be able to work some flexible hours to suit them and Wednesdays 10.30-14.30. This is a paid role, some experience of leading a team would be ideal. If you would like some further information please call Ros on 07786272455 or email jobshangletonfoodbank@yahoo.com, by 31st March.

And finally... One Sunday in an Irish village, three Protestant women visited a Catholic church. Recognizing them and wishing to show respect, the priest whispered to his server, 'Three chairs for the Protestant ladies.' The server jumped to his feet and shouted, 'Three cheers for the Protestant ladies.' The congregation rose, responded heartily, and the service continued.

"I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me" (Lk 1:38) Bl. Virgin Mary