

# St Mary's Catholic Church

## Surrenden Road, Preston Park, Brighton

Parish Priest: Fr Bruno Witchalls  
 Priest's House, 5 Surrenden Road, Brighton, BN1 6PA  
 Telephone: (01273) 554509  
 Parish office e-mail: stmarysprestonpark@yahoo.co.uk  
 Parish Website (*being updated*) : www.stmarysbrighton.com  
 Hall and Cassidy Centre - Enquiries and Bookings -  
 Call John Morrison on 07511 799526.



**All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish**  
 (The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878)

### Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 01 May, 2016 – Month of Mary

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	30		[Vigil Mass]	<b>7 p.m.</b> Liz & Anthony Davis
Sun	01	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</b> Gospel: John 14:23-29 Parish Mass Book p273		<b>10 a.m.</b> Pro Populo - for the people of the parish <b>12 noon</b> For Vocations to the Priesthood
Mon	02	<i>St Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>		<b>10 a.m.</b> Jan & Victoria de Rademaker, R.I.P.
Tue	03		[Mass at St Mary's House]	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	04	<i>The English Martyrs, Feast</i>		<b>10 a.m.</b> Sidney & Anastasia Morris, R.I.P.
Thur	05	<i>Eastertide</i> Mass of Ascension Thursday, 1962 Missal		<b>10 a.m.</b> Jim Wilson, R.I.P. <b>7 p.m.</b> Conor & Madeleine Carrol & Family
Fri	06	<i>Eastertide</i> <b>REQUIEM MASS (Low)</b> , 1962 Missal		<b>10 a.m.</b> Kenneth Williamson, R.I.P. <b>2 p.m.</b> Patricia Collins, R.I.P.
Sat	07	<i>Eastertide</i> <b>WEDDING SERVICE</b> Vigil Mass		<b>10 a.m.</b> Jonathan Chandler, R.I.P. <b>2 p.m.</b> Richard Vandermark & Anne Louise de Waal <b>7 p.m.</b> Michael Ryan, R.I.P.
Sun	08	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)</b> Gospel: Luke 24:46-53 Parish Mass Book p277		<b>10 a.m.</b> Pro Populo – for the people of the parish <b>12 noon</b> Tom McDermott, R.I.P.

**Confessions every 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 Friday morning Mass. Rosary 9.30 a.m.**  
**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

Fr Joseph Cummings, from the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) will be with us this weekend. We give thanks to him for what he does and for all those who have given their lives to the Lord as Missionaries. The Catechism says that 'Mission is the essence of the Church and Jesus' mandate to all Christians to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, so that all men and women can freely make a decision for Christ'. For it is Jesus who is the one who fully reveals to us who we are, why we have been created and what we have been created for. Speaking to the youth of today Pope Benedict once said: 'The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy, has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth'. Pray for all our missionaries, those far away and those who are equally needed in our own city today. Pray also to the Lord that he may reveal to you the particular mission that he is calling you to. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** – Blessings and happiness to Richard Vandermark and Anne Louise de Waal who are getting married in the Church on Saturday.

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £529.07,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: The People of the Ukraine £344.90  
**This weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> coll is for The Missionaries of Africa**

#### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Nature is coming to life again with Spring's increased light, warmth, blossom and new growth. It is Mary's month and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of Heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time and this month of May let us try, through the prayers of the Holy Mass and the Rosary, to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ. During May the Rosary will be said in Church Monday's and Friday's at 9.30 a.m. 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'

#### FR DOMINIC ROLLS, R.I.P.

Please pray for Fr Dominic, one of the younger priests in the diocese, who died from his cancer on Friday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May he rest in your peace.

## PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	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

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Dennis Batchelor, Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Daphne Moffatt, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. A coach will depart from St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. and return at 5.00 p.m. Spaces still available. You are free to travel also by car as parking is available. The cost is £6 per person, which includes tea/coffee and a donation to the Church/Shrine. Please bring a packed lunch. It will include Mass, a talk, a visit of the shrine and priest hole, free time and Benediction. Fr Bruno will be cycling there and back again (a 40+ mile round trip). You can sponsor him and monies raised will be split between the Parish SVP and the parish Lourdes fund to send some of our young parishioners to Lourdes. He is happy to be joined by any other keen cyclists (two others so far).

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another: **Smile Quiz Night! Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 p.m.** in the Cassidy Centre. Tickets are just £5 which includes a glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Mass (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or email on [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899). Tickets available on the door.

**Chilworth Abbey Study Day, Who am I?** Revealing the mystery of the human person, given by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. Begins with Mass at 9.00 am. Three talks will divide the day, with refreshments Midday Prayer and lunch. Finishes at 4.30 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. If you can, encourage a friend to come with you. Bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford, GU4 8QR. Online information can be found at: [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)

### CHEMIN NEUF PRAYER WEEK

The Chemin Neuf Community is organising an ecumenical Week of 24-7 Prayer at St Patrick's, Cambridge Road, Hove from 8-15 May. Catholics from the parishes of Brighton & Hove are especially invited to come and take part at any time of the day or night: you can sign up in advance, or just drop in! There will be daily offices, themed prayer times (including a Rosary), and night prayer vigils. To see the programme or sign up, go to [www.tinyurl.com/247brighton](http://www.tinyurl.com/247brighton) - for more information email [tim.watson@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:tim.watson@chemin-neuf.org) or ring 01273 746779.

'We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials' [St Teresa of Avila]

### CAFOD's inter-Continental Breakfast

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart Church, Hove, BN3 3BF, from 9:30-11:30 am. Come along for an inter-continental breakfast (inc. croissants and bacon butties) and an update on CAFOD's work, meet others and discover ways in which you can get involved. For more information and to book your place contact Martin or Jo on 01483 898866 or [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)

### Art at St George's – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1pm - 5pm

St George's Church in Hove has a remarkable collection of artwork and invites you to visit on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Artist John Armstrong and woodcarver Balavendra Elias will be present to speak about their work. More information from [www.artatstgeorges.org.uk](http://www.artatstgeorges.org.uk) or see poster in porch.

### Preston Park Preschool Temporary Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a temporary assistant to work on a 1:1 basis with an individual child. You will work closely with the team. Term time, 15 hrs per week - 5 mornings 9.15-12.15 Job shares welcome. Knowledge of early years development desirable. Position subject to DBS checks. Start date asap for further details & application form contact Sally McLoughlin c/o Priests House, 5 Surrenden Road, BN1 6PA. or email parish office. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Theatre Outings run By St Johns Church, Knoyle Road.

If any member of our parish would like to go to Chichester theatre to see some plays throughout the year, there are booking forms with details attached regarding them and whom to contact at St. John's church to book and pay etc, on the table in our porch. The tickets are at a reduced rate and seats are very good. A coach goes each time from St. John's church Knoyle road to the theatre. If you are interested please pick up a leaflet which is also a booking form and attached to it is all details of times, payment and whom to send cheque to.



### Why is a ROSARY called a ROSARY?

The word Rosary comes from the Latin word *rosarium*, which means "a rose garden." It was later used to refer to a series of prayers, or perhaps as a garden of prayers. This second meaning of *rosarium* may also be, because the rose is associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the rose garden with paradise. *Rosarium* was eventually used not only for the prayers themselves but also for the string of beads used in counting them.

**And finally ...** A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek and then her own cheek. Finally she said, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes" he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes" he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"