

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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**All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the parish and to Mass**

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 20 April 2014 - Easter Week

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 19		<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	8.00 p.m. <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Sun 20	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: John 20:1-9</i>	Parish Mass Book p.251	10.00 a.m. <i>Rosalie Marsh (for her wellbeing)</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Mon 21	<i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Edward Haroun, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 22	<i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>John Brendan D'Arcy, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 23	<b>MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE</b>		8.15 a.m. -
Thur 24	<i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i> [Traditional (low) Mass]		10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Rev. Ernest Bovini, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 25	<i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (M. Smart)</i>
Sat 26	<i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i> [Vigil Mass]		10.00 p.m. <i>For an end to Abortion</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Sidney &amp; Anastasia Morris, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 27	<b><u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / 2<sup>nd</sup> OF EASTER (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: John 20:19-31</i>	Parish Mass Book p.255	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Eileen Housely, R.I.P.</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.**  
**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.**

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION (SVP)**

**£565.33**  
**£115.93**

### **A THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH PRIEST**

Thank you to all those who have helped in the parish during this last Holy Week. Thank you to our musicians and singers for leading and lifting us during the liturgies. Thank you to our dedicated team of flower ladies - St Mary's is looking like the garden of Resurrection for Easter. Thank you to those who have helped arrange, adorn and clean the church this week. Thank you to our servers and all those who helped with the particular ministries. Thank you for all your time and service freely given and for having made my first Holy Week here so much easier. May God bless you.

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

The Entrance Antiphon for Easter Sunday begins with these words: 'I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia'. We could say the whole mystery of Easter and of our faith is contained in these words: 'I have risen' - our Lord Jesus, who was crucified and died for us, has risen from the dead. Death and oblivion is not the end of his life, No, he is risen and now lives with a life which can no longer die. Then we hear these words: 'I am with you still'. This is our faith that Christ truly lives and abides in those who believe in him and live in his ways: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). He is with us still in the Sacraments and most especially in the Holy Eucharist. Then we have the word 'Alleluia' meaning 'Praise ye the Lord', Yes, may God be ever praised. Jesus Christ is truly risen and may he bless you this Easter week. Fr Bruno.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, two recent popes, John XXIII and John Paul II, will be canonised in Rome. This is a day of great joy for the Church and of thanksgiving for God's goodness and mercy. They are two more powerful intercessors in Heaven for us who are still here on Earth. Sts John XXIII and John Paul II, pray for us!

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sat 26 Apr	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation class	John Stone
Sun 27 Apr	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion class	Janet Forte

### 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, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### EASTER SUNDAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Dick and Betty Morris who this Sunday are celebrating 51 years of marriage. God bless you both.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 27 APRIL

Diocesan celebration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, from 1.30pm. Confessions, Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. 3.00pm prayers and Mass. All welcome. Enquiries 'phone 01403 710273

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM: The Joy of the Gospel

Copies of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world are available at the CTS stand in the porch of the church.

### CELTIC FLAMES

This exciting Irish music group who put on a spectacular show of music, song and dance are performing at the Hawth Theatre, Crawley, on Monday 21 April at 7.30 pm. Visit 'www.hawth.co.uk' for info and tickets.

### COFFEE MORNING, THE FORGE, PYECOMBE

Saturday, 26 April, 10 - 4 pm, at Church Hill, Pyecombe (opposite the Church) BN45 7FR. Please read Fran Playford's (one of our parishioners) inspiring story at 'www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Fran-Playford'.

### RHS WISLEY GARDENS OUTING

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

### THE WELLSRING COMMUNITY

This community has a house of prayer, formation and mission in Brighton which young adults are able to join for a year or more to help them grow in faith and discern Christ's call as well as providing many opportunities for mission and service. For more information please refer to their website at 'www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk'.

### WISE WORDS

"Behind every Crucifix stands our Risen Lord" and "In the heart of every man, woman and child is a God-shaped emptiness which nothing else in heaven or earth can fill because that emptiness is God shaped" [Cardinal Basil Hume].

### A PRAYER – THE PASCHAL SEQUENCE

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.*

*The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ the undefiled,*

*hath sinners to his Father reconciled.*

*Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!*

*Life's own champion, slain, yet lives to reign.*

*Tell us Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.*

*The tomb the Living did enclose;*

*I saw Christ's glory as he rose!*

*The angels there attesting;*

*shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen:*

*he goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.*

*Victorious king, thy mercy show! Amen.*

### PRISON CHAPLAINCY – CAN YOU ASSIST?

Every Saturday morning volunteers from local parishes join around 20-30 inmates for Mass at Lewes Prison. We would like to increase the number of chaplaincy volunteers. Jesus said that anyone who visits the prisoner visits him (Matt 25:36). Please prayerfully consider whether you might like to assist the chaplaincy team in the pastoral support of prisoners. Full training and supervision is provided. For further information please contact the Catholic Chaplain at HMP Lewes on: 01273 785216.

### SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Concerns Group invites you to their Smile Quiz Night on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. The £4 ticket includes a free glass of wine or juice and light refreshments. Tea and coffee on sale. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Teams of four maximum. Feel free to come along and join a team. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 6<sup>th</sup> April or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642

### SOUL BY THE SEA

Soul by the Sea presents 'The Passion of Christ, 2014' on Easter Sunday, 20 April in the grounds of St Peter's Church, Brighton, BN1 4GU at 2pm and 4.30pm. Free entry. For more info see 'SoulbytheSea.org'.

### AND FINALLY – A REMINISCENCE

'I was showing my husband an egg which was speckled rather than all white like the rest. "The Easter Bunny must have laid this one," I said. "Perhaps she did," he answered absently, and returned to his paper. "I always thought the Easter Bunny was a he," I reflected. "Look," said my husband, putting down his paper, "it's hard enough for a rabbit to lay eggs without being a male too."' (Mrs George Maskell)