

# 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 20 March, 2016 - Holy Week

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	19	[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Jim Murtagh, R.I.P</i>
Sun	20	<b><u>PALM SUNDAY (C)</u></b> Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 Parish Mass Book p184	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	21	<i>Holy Week</i> (Confessions after Mass)	10.00 a.m. <i>Nikki Braterman, R.I.P</i>
Tue	22	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	23	<i>Holy Week</i> (Confessions after Mass)	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
<b><u>EASTER TRIDUUM</u></b>			
Thur	24	<b><u>EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u></b> (Watching & praying at the Altar of repose until 10pm)	7.30 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (M. Smart)</i>
Fri	25	<b><u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u></b> (Confessions after) <b><u>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</u></b> (Confessions after & church open for prayer until 8pm)	12 noon 3.00 p.m. -
Sat	26	<b><u>EASTER VIGIL</u></b> Parish Mass book p.223	7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	27	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY (C)</u></b> Gospel: John 20:1-9 Parish Mass Book p258	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>
<b>Confessions as above &amp; at call</b>			
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Wednesday 10 a.m. Mass</b>			
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this</b>			

#### **HOLY WEEK**

We enter this Palm Sunday into a week made 'holy' forever by the self-surrendering love of Jesus for us all. All week we remember and see how he loved us 'to the end'. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or distracted we might be, we can let the love of the Lord for us be in the background of our daily reflections. God entered into this world and into our lives - made up as they are of joys and crosses, trials and thanksgiving - out of pure love because he made us and we belong to him and he came to heal and save us. I pray that we will all be touched by the graces of this holy week and attentively participate in the liturgies given to us. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his Cross on Good Friday, this is the week in which the darkness of sin and death are conquered, a week which ends in the Resurrection to new and eternal life, a life he wants to give us all. **We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.** God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

*"Mount Calvary is the academy of love" [St. Francis de Sales]*

Last Sunday's Collection: £520.59, 2<sup>nd</sup> coll: £79.59

This Sunday's collection for Church flowers for Easter  
 Good Friday coll.: Peter's Pence / for the Holy Places

#### **HOLY WEEK**

- # **Holy Week Leaflets** in the Church porch
- # **Confessions** during the week as above
- # **Rosary** at 9.30 a.m. before Monday morning Mass
- # **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be for 1 hour (8.50-9.50 a.m.) before Wednesday morning Mass. **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be at 9.40 a.m.
- # **Holy Thursday**, Mass of the Lord's Supper, **7.30 p.m.**
- # **Good Friday**, a day of fasting and abstinence for us  
**Stations of the Cross**, 12 noon  
**Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**, 3 p.m.
- # **Holy Saturday (26 March)**, **Easter Vigil Mass**, 7 p.m.

#### **BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Joseph James Hickey & Dexter Alexander Dover who entered the Church and became children of God this Saturday.

## 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 540088
Wed 23 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>

### 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, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

### PARKING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

With Easter Sunday nearly upon us and complaints already coming in ... Please help us keep our parishioners and neighbors safe. Please park with courtesy to others and within the law. The pavement is a right of way, so please do not block it. Also please do not park directly in front of the Church doors as this is a Health & Safety issue - clear access from the Church must be available at all times.

### The Parish of St Thomas More invites you to:

Music, readings and reflections for **Good Friday** featuring Karl Jenkins' Requiem. 7pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, at St Thomas More Church, Braybon Ave, Patcham. With parishioners from St Thomas More's and St Mary's singing. Admission free with a retiring collection for charity.

### Date for your Diary - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Parish Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. Further details to follow

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, OCTOBER 2017

Sacred Heart Parish in Hove is preparing a Holy Land pilgrimage for 18-35s during the October half term of 2017. It is open to people from around the Diocese and will be a comprehensive pilgrimage, taking in areas including Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jaffa and many others. It will be a fantastic chance to make some new friends and to learn more about our faith in the land where it all started! You can download an application pack via the Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HolyLand2017](https://www.facebook.com/HolyLand2017). For more information, contact [YPPHL2017@gmail.com](mailto:YPPHL2017@gmail.com).

### Prayer Before a Crucifix

Behold, O good and most sweet Jesus, I fall upon my knees before you, and with most fervent desire beg and beseech you that you would impress upon my heart a lively sense of faith, hope and charity, true repentance for my sins, and a firm resolve to make amends. And with deep affection and grief, I reflect upon your five wounds, having before my eyes that which your prophet David spoke about you, O good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet, they have counted all my bones." Amen.

*"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified and be silent" [St John of the Cross]*

### Novena of Divine Mercy (begins Good Friday)

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

*(The powerful novena of Divine Mercy, which ends on Divine Mercy Sunday [03 April] begins on Good Friday. You can use the above prayer or a fuller one found in the church porch).*

**Housebound & Missing Mass?** If you have access to the internet you may be able to watch a live streaming of masses at the Sacred Heart, Hove via: [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv) or the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Worthing, via: [mcnmedia.tv](http://mcnmedia.tv). Both are free to view, as are other churches on website.

### A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage, 29 July - 4 August, 2016

This year, for the first time, there is an online application form for all helpers & pilgrims (with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims) on the website <http://www.ablourdes.org>. For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging, please call the Pilgrimage Office to chat through your concerns, and they will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way, by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### To All Gift Aiders Who Pay by Envelope

The new sets of envelopes for 2016-2017 will shortly be available. You will notice that there is only one (dated) set per person. This is because not many of the undated sets were taken up. However, if you do want a second undated set, I can provide sets suitably amended with your unique number. If so, could you let me know. I am usually at the 10am Mass on Sundays or my phone number is 01273 559862. Thank you, Bernard Regan



### HOLY WEEK is the last week of Lent.

Holy Week commemorates the events in the last few days of Jesus' life on Earth.

There are 4 special days to remember

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday  
**PALM SUNDAY**- is the day Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey. He chose a donkey to show that He had come in peace. The people shouted and waved palm branches to welcome Jesus. The people shouted 'Hosanna' which means 'save us now'. In church this Sunday you will be given a palm. It is yours to keep and take home as a reminder of this day.