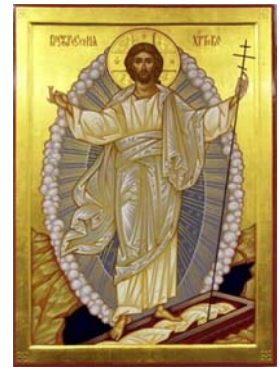


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 21 May, 2017- Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	20 Vigil Mass	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Special Intention (M. Ashing)</i>
Sun	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> Gospel: John 14:15-21 Parish Mass Book p268	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Priests Intention</i>
Mon	22 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Fr Paddy Kenny, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	23 Mass at St Mary's House	<b>8.15 a.m.</b> -
Wed	24 <i>Eastertide</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Bridie Flynn, R.I.P.</i>
Thur	25 <b>Mass of the Ascension</b> [Traditional Mass]	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Rosie Granocchia, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	26 <i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>
Sat	27 <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Christabel Vitagliano, R.I.P.</i>
	Vigil Mass	<b>7 p.m.</b> <i>Katie &amp; Bill Walsh, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	28 <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)</b> Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Parish Mass Book p272	<b>10 a.m.</b> <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> <b>12 noon</b> <i>Private Intention</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning's Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

#### THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus' words, 'If you love me, keep my commandments.' Love is not just words or interior feelings; authentic love is manifested through action. What can we do this week to show our love? God bless you, Fr B

#### ASCENSION THURSDAY

We will celebrate the transferred feast of the Ascension next Sunday. However Thursday evening at 7pm there will also be a Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the old Latin Mass) which will be the Mass of Ascension Thursday.

#### WORK IN THE CHURCH

Last week some brass beading was put down at the back of the church to keep the carpet in place. This is the final finishing touch to the re-varnishing of the church floor which was done last summer. As a kind reminder could parishioners make sure litter is taken home with you after Mass and as much as possible not to bring food or chewing gum to Mass. A great mess was left in the church after last Sunday's 10 a.m. Mass. The Church also asks that if we come to Mass and Holy Communion we abstain from eating for one hour before Holy Communion. Thank you.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** this week is burning for a private intention; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the young people in the parish preparing for their confirmation.

#### Prayer for Forgiveness ...

Lord Jesus....  
 You asked your Father to forgive those who nailed you to the Cross, for they knew not what they were doing.  
 Forgive me for the many times I have spurned your love, when I did not know what I was doing.  
 Forgive me for the times in life I have hurt others by my words and deeds when I did not realise what I was doing.  
 Forgive me for the times in life I was selfish, disregarding the needs of others. For I did not know what I was doing. Forgive me, Lord. Amen.

**ASCENSION SUNDAY, SUNG MASS, 12 noon**  
 Next Sunday, 28 May, some friends will be coming to help us in singing parts of the Mass with plain and Gregorian chant. They are happy for anyone to join them. Singing is a beautiful thing, especially when done for God, and they will be rehearsing before Mass from around 11.10 a.m.

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you" Saint Augustine (+430)*

### **PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Lulke Fernandes, 01273 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 24 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 27 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting	Fr Bruno & John Stone
Sun 04 June	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 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: Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Penny Gurowich, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

### **BOOK ON ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Over the last few months one of our parishioners, Izabel Rocha, has been taking some stunning photo's of our church and has now presented them in a 42 page picture book. The pictures are presented alongside beautifully chosen passages from the Bible. A copy is for view by the Divine Mercy image. If anyone would like to order their own copy please fill in the form by the book and make cheques payable to 'St Mary's Church' and drop it in to the parish office. The cost for each print on demand copy (from Germany) is £50, with any profit going to the Church. Thanks you Izabel for this wonderful work of love.

### **SVP - Quarterly Collection**

Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please could you bring your box contents in a bag with your box number clearly marked on it. Thank You to everyone for your generous support.

**SVP APPEAL** - The SVP are renewing their fund raising campaign for collection boxes. They now hope to reach out to any new parishioners or indeed anyone else who does not already have a box. If you'd like to support your parish SVP in this way, then please contact Joel Brett on 01273 501991 (or speak to him after Sunday 12 noon Mass), and he will be pleased to arrange a box for you. Thank you.

### **Famine Relief Appeal – Thank you**

We received this note from Mary's Meals: 'Thank you for trusting Mary's Meals with your gift of £428.95 to feed desperately hungry children in East Africa. It fills me with joy to see such a quick and generous response to help the children caught up in this human catastrophe.'

### **BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE**

The diocese is hoping to arrange for a British Sign Language course (Level 1) to start soon here in Brighton. It will run for 2 hours a week, on Tuesdays 11.30-1.30 p.m. for 30 weeks, after which an official qualification is given. It can only happen in Brighton if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable. If interested please call Margaret Fraher, the diocesan Inclusion Adviser asap

### **WINTERSHALL 'THE LIFE OF CHRIST'**

The open air production of the Life of Christ is happening at Wintershall 20-24 June, 2017, 10 am - 3.30 pm. Book now at [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com). See poster in porch.

### **CELEBRATE BRIGHTON - 15-16 JULY 2017**

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)  
*Theme this year 'Seek First His Kingdom' Matt. 6:33*

Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young & old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Wide range of workshops, drama, praise & worship, speakers, opportunities for Confession plus Mass celebrated on both days. There will also be youth streams with their own activities & workshops. For more information go to [www.celebrateconference.org/brighton](http://www.celebrateconference.org/brighton) or email [celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com](mailto:celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com) or call them on 01444 450203. See Poster in porch for price details etc.

**St Mary's House** - The residents at St Mary's House really enjoy the art activity which has taken place every week. Unfortunately the lady who ran this has moved out of the area. Is there anyone in the Parish who could come to St Mary's to run this activity? We would be able to pay. Please contact St Mary's House on 01273 556035.

### **YOUR VOICE MATTERS – Youth Poll**

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops & others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England & Wales would like to hear from you. We want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help we have created a Youth Poll [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll) or by scanning this QR code with your phone:

If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcw.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcw.org.uk).



**Also ....** If you work with or care for young people aged between 13 - 29 we want to hear your view of young people today (Takes about 5 minutes or so)  
<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cvmfed-yourview>

**And finally ...** 'The shopkeeper had just handed me a demonstration pair of binoculars. I was getting the distant wall nicely into focus when a passer-by, seeing my Roman collar, quietly advised, 'Just tell them to move to the front

on 01293 651196. Thank you.

of the church, Father.” (John Stewart)

*“Pray the Rosary every day” Our Lady of Fatima*