

# 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 22 April, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 21	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Sidney &amp; Anastasia Morris, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 22	<b>4<sup>th</sup> 'Good Shepherd' SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Gospel: John 10:11-18      Mass Book p.265	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Denis Anthony Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 23	<i>St George</i> Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Tue 24	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 25	<i>St Mark</i> Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Thurs 26	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Fri 27	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Sat 28	Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Aadesh Suthan, In Thanksgiving</i> <i>Tom Harrity, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 29	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> Gospel: John 15:1-8      Mass Book p.268	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P.</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call**

**Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the Rosary on the Coast; Our Lady's lamp for the intentions of Joe Cook**

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Sat 28 Apr	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion class (6)	Mrs Janet Silva
Sun 29 Apr	3 pm	See Newsletter	Rosary on the Coast	Fr Bruno
Wed 2 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 4 May	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (11) 'What Next?'	Fr Bruno

#### THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

**Meditate** – Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to describe his commitment to his people. Not only does he provide for us, but he even gives his life to protect us. Jesus also has other sheep to call. This speaks of the mission of Christ's Church to offer the gospel to every nation. He gathers into unity the people of the earth.

**Pray** – Good Shepherd, help us to listen to your voice and welcome your gifts. May we come together in

#### St John's Seminary, Wonersh - Can you help?

The Seminary, near Guildford, Surrey (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years) is looking for some help with the cost of redecoration & refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ years. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary - which closed in

unity as your faithful followers. Teach us to value all you offer us.

**Act** - What can you do to work for the unity which Christ desires? Have you ever undermined this unity by prejudice and meanness? Act today to offer mercy and forgiveness and to strengthen the bonds of unity and peace.

## **PARISH**

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

### **SUPPLY THIS SUNDAY**

I am grateful to Fr Oliver for being able to come and say our Masses this weekend. I have a nephew's confirmation to go to and then will be spending a few days at my sisters.

### **IRENE SHORT, R.I.P.**

A former parishioner Irene Short, died on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. May she rest in peace. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements T.B.A.

### **PAT SAWER, R.I.P.**

Patricia Sawyer, a former parishioner, died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here at St Mary's, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 10 a.m. Please say a prayer for her and her family.

**FOODBANK** - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. Tinned vegetables, meats, fish etc. welcomed as well as rice, sauces, UHT milk and toiletries. Thank you.

### **The Social Concerns Group invites you to another fun-filled: Quiz Night!**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes 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 Masses or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899). Tickets can also be bought on the door.

### **St Vincent's Tower House Update**

This Community Centre in Preston Park has started a new Memory Café on Tuesdays 1.30-3.30 pm. This is a warm and welcoming place providing snacks, company, music and art as therapy to people experiencing dementia, with their carers and family if necessary, in Brighton & Hove. This is in addition to lunches and other activities we also provide on

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The Seminary operates on a very tight budget and there are no funds available for this much needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. If you can help in any way they would be most grateful. Cheques can be made payable to 'St John's Seminary' & sent to Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice Rector), St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0QX.

## **DEANERY**

### **ROSARY ON THE COAST – Sun April 29<sup>th</sup>**

After this lay led initiative in Poland and Ireland the 'Rosary on the Coast' is coming to Britain. The faithful are invited to gather along the coast of Britain on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm to pray for 'faith, life and peace' in our nation. This communal witness to the truth of faith in Christ and to the power of prayer will do much good for our country. Visit [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for details and a map of locations where people will be gathering. It also has words of support from our Bishops and even the Pope. I shall be on the Brighton beach opposite the Brighton Fishing Museum and the Old Ship Hotel from 2.45 pm. Do come with your families and rosaries.

## **DIOCESAN**

### **ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES**

#### **PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018**

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (School Years 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more info go to [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org).

## **OTHER**

**'March for Life, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.** Family, friendly, life-fest starts at 9.30am at De Vere Connaught Rooms, 61-65, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Children's Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1 pm march to Parliament Square for speakers, including Clare McCullough of the Good Counsel Network. The day ends at 4.15pm. See [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) for more details'. Poster in Porch.

### **THE SECRET OF SANCTITY**

"I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit), speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to him: 'O Holy Spirit, Soul of my soul, I adore thee! Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Thy orders. I promise to submit myself to all that Thou desirest of me and to accept all

Wednesdays and Thursdays. For further information please ring our Parish contact Luke on 01273 556927 or Thomas at Tower House on 01273 549604.

### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

A new parish website was launched last week with the address: [www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk](http://www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk) It is a work in progress. Currently the home page, Mass times, Daily readings and Newsletter are up and running.

**This week's Second collection is for the Education of our Seminarians, the Future Priests of the Diocese.**

that Thou permittest to happen to me. Just make me know Thy will.' If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you strength to carry it, and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity" [Cardinal Mercier].

**FROM THE SAINTS** – Cardinal Van Thuan, +2002  
'Do not confuse the work of God with God himself. There will be times when the Lord will want you to choose him first and to leave the work in his hands.'