

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 February, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	21 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Sun	1st SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 Parish Mass Book p. 152	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Angela Mathias, R.I.P</i>
Mon	23 <i>St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i>
Tue	24 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	25 <i>1st week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Thur	26 <i>1st week of Lent</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>June Mascarenhas, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Joseph Pirolli, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	27 <i>1st week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Constance Alice Grummitt, R.I.P.</i> 7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross [in the Church]
Sat	28 <i>1st week of Lent</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Pierrette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	1 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 Parish Mass Book p.155	10.00 a.m. <i>Fr Giussani, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>Tom Gilligan, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before 10 a.m. weekday 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 WEEK

As Lent begins we often ask or are asked: 'What are you giving up / doing for Lent?' This is important. However, we ought to also remember that Lent is not just about what we do but ultimately about what Jesus Christ wants to do for us. He wants to transform each one of us, without exception, by his grace and his presence in our lives. He wants us to be saints. Two things are necessary for this. First the ground has to be prepared, that is we need to have our sins forgiven. This is done through Sacramental Confession. If you have not been for a while Lent is the best time to receive this gift. Then we need his grace, his light, his presence in us. This we do by reading and living out the word of God and by receiving the Lord in the Sacraments. This is where prayer, almsgiving and fasting help. They open us to God's grace working and transforming us. God bless you this Lent, Fr Bruno.

CAFOD FAST DAY THIS FRIDAY

Please pick up an envelope today. The government will double all money raised this year so please be generous.

Last Sunday's Collection: £432.32,
 2nd Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund £189.88 (so far)
 2nd collection next wk is for CAFOD - Lenten Fast Day

A & B NEWS – SPECIAL EDITION

Please pick up your free copy of the A & B News in the porch which has important information about the diocesan Golden Jubilee on the 5th July at the Amex.

PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the Parish or have moved to a new address recently can you please fill out a parish registration form - these are in the Church porch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent these will be on Friday at 7 pm in the Church.

'WALK WITH ME' Lent Prayer booklets

These prayer booklets are still available & cost £1 each - on sale in the Church porch. This popular booklet guides you & your family on a Lenten journey of prayer. Also available is a calendar for Lent for children (50p).

"No half-heartedness and no worldly fear must turn us aside from following the light unflinchingly." [J.R.R. Tolkien]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 01273 540038
Wed 25 Feb	7.30-9pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	smyclub.co.uk
Thur 26 Feb	8pm		RCIA meeting	Fr Bruno
Sat 28 Feb	11 am	Church	Choir Practice	Charles Wookey
Sat 28 Feb	5.30pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation class	John Stone
Sun 1 March	9.30am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class	Janet, 01273 552900

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Dennis Palmer.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please say a prayer for Mary Hayhurst who died recently and keep her husband John and all the family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year our parish is hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer which is on Friday 6th March at 2pm & has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. All are welcome; women, men & young people and we hope you will be able to join us & the other churches in the Preston Park area. After the short service there will be refreshments. If you could make a cake (or some small cakes) this would be much appreciated - we also need some volunteers to read a few short passages & help with the refreshments. If you can help in anyway cake making, reading or serving refreshments please contact Chris Rodrigues 01273 553585

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

9-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, following in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ. From 14th to 22nd October 2015 including all excursions, flying from London Heathrow, £1,159. For further information call Mrs Mozzi on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301

Please keep the upcoming Synod on the family in your prayers. Here is part 4/5 of our teaching on marriage.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MARRIAGE (4/5)

In the absence of a clear appreciation of marriage and the true meaning of human sexuality, a number of associated moral challenges have arisen. Amongst these is the growth of widespread homosexual activity and the promotion of such behaviour. The Church teaches, as she has always taught, that homosexual activity is gravely sinful, as it distorts one of the most sacred and fundamental dimensions of human life. Even the inclination to homosexual activity is 'objectively disordered' (CDF,1986) in the sense that such a sexual inclination, with its associated tendencies, feelings and expressions, is not properly directed to spousal union, marriage and procreation. The Church, of course, welcomes all human beings created in God's image, who by His grace have the power to renounce their sins, live a chaste life and become saints. But the Church cannot bless, or tolerate, sin in any form, nor structures and lifestyles that encourage or promote sin, disorder, and temptation [from 'confraternityccb.org.uk].

A PRAYER AS WE BEGIN LENT

'Help me, O Lord, to see the blessings that come to me through fasting and abstinence. Show me, O Lord, the blessings that I can share with others through charitable giving. Teach me, O Lord, the blessings of a life of prayer which can make sense of everything I do. Amen.'

100 CLUB - February results

Congratulations to the winners in the February draw: 1st prize (£50) Mr. P. Knott, 2nd prize (£30) Mr. C. Georgiou and 3rd prize (£20) Mrs. E. Morrison.

Quiet Day of prayer: Saturday 28th February 10.30am-3.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Knoyle Road. Exploring silence: Challenging traditional images of Christ. Booking & more info at : info@brightonstjohn.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 30 July - 7 Aug 2015. Application forms available from Fr. Bruno or can be downloaded from the Lourdes website www.ablourdes.org. Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01403 740 110

'ENCOUNTER' EVENING FOR CATHOLICS AGED 15-30. Friday 27 Feb., 7pm, at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley, RH11 8PG. Our guest speaker will be Monsignor Tony Barry who will be talking about the meaning of Lent. Live music, adoration and a chance to meet other young Catholics. Entry is free, there's no need to book and new people are always very welcome. Search 'Two:42 Catholic Young Adults' on Facebook.

Couples preparing for marriage

2 sessions looking at the Sacramental, theological & faith aspects of Marriage are now arranged for Friday 20 March, 7pm in the Cassidy Centre at St Mary's & also Saturday 25 April 11.30-1pm at the Sacred Heart. This is separate from the Marriage preparation sessions.

CHURCH TRANSFIGURED: Renewing Ourselves & Our Parishes in the Light of Christ

Sat 14th March 10am-3.30pm at Card. Newman Catholic School. Hosted by the Wellspring Community: talks, Q&A, Mass, Adoration & Reconciliation. For info email: admin@wellspringbrighton.or.uk or call 07975 845 193

FROM THE SAINTS - from the Rule of St Benedict

In these days [of Lent], let us add something beyond the wonted measure of our service, such as private prayers and abstinence in food and drink. Let each one, over and above the measure prescribed for him, offer God something of his own free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit.