

St Mary's Catholic Church

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*Father,
 forgive them,
 for they do not know
 what they are doing*



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 March, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	21 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Sun	5th SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: John 12:20-30 Parish Mass Book p173	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Private Intention (C. Needham)</i>
Mon	23 <i>5th week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Jim Wilson, R.I.P</i>
Tue	24 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity	10.00 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (M. Smart)</i>
Thur	26 <i>5th week of Lent</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the parish</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>To the Immaculate Conception</i>
Fri	27 <i>5th week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Wellbeing of Sophia</i> 7.00p.m. Stations of the Cross [in the Church]
Sat	28 <i>5th week of Lent</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>John & Molly Blackett, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	29 PALM SUNDAY (B) Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 Parish Mass Book p180	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>William & Christopher Aston, 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

It is in the mystery of the Cross that we find life. Jesus died for us that we might live. Today he uses the image of a grain of wheat; only if it allows itself to be buried – dying to its old self – does it find abundant and fruitful life. This is God's way. One thing Jesus tells us is that we too will find true life and happiness not if we remain selfish and hang on to our old life but if we accept to die to self and live with Christ in love. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

PARISH LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This will be in the Church this Friday, 27th, at 7.30 pm after the Stations of the Cross (7 pm). There will be a number of priests available for Confession. All are welcome.

A THANK YOU to those who brought flowers to Our Lady's statue on mothering Sunday. She was very happy.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING MEDITATION

A Good Friday Meditation in words and music featuring music from Mozart's Requiem will take place 7.30 pm, 3rd April, at St Thomas More Church, Patcham. Admission free with a retiring collection for Delete Blood Cancer UK.

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" St Augustine.

Last Sunday's Collection: £551.03, 2nd Coll.: £111.45
 Next week's collection (Palm Sunday) will be for Church flowers for Easter.

DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sun 22 March	3pm	Sacred Heart, Newhaven
Mon 23 March	7.30pm	St Theresa's, Southwick
Tues 24 March	7.30pm	St Joseph's, Elm Grove
Fri 27 March	7.30pm	St Mary's, Preston Park
Sun 29 March	3pm	St John the Baptist's

Priests will be available for confession at all of the above Reconciliation services in these days leading up to Easter.

TRIDUUM MASS/SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper – 7.30pm
 Good Friday Stations of the Cross – 12 noon
 Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3pm
 Easter Vigil, Saturday Evening (19 April) – 8pm
 Easter Sunday – 10am, 12 noon

HOLY WEEK LEAFLET

Please pick up a 'Holy Week' leaflet at the back of the church offering information on Holy Week at St Mary's.

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 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Thr 26 Mar	8 pm		RCIA meeting	Eve Morrison
Fri 27 Mar	7 pm	Church	Stations of the Cross	
Fri 27 Mar	7.30 pm	Church	Parish Penance Service	
Sat 28 Mar	11.00 am	Church	Choir Practice	Charles Wookey

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 McLaughlan & Dennis Palmer.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

These are being prepared for the new tax year and should be available for collection next Sunday.

THANK YOU - We have received a letter from CAFOD thanking us for our Lent Fast Day offering of £427.47. The UK government this year is matching every pound raised for CAFOD's work.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS WANTED

St Joseph's RC Primary School seeks additional Foundation governors, who will have a particular responsibility for ensuring that the school upholds its Catholic ethos. If you are a practicing Catholic and would like to contribute your time and talents to supporting this welcoming and friendly school, please contact Lyndsey Gravenor (Chair of Governors) via email: lyndsey.gravenor@bt.com

The Social Concerns Group invites you to: SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 24th April 7.30pm Cassidy Centre
£4 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets on sale after 10am Sunday Masses from 5th April (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead 01273 556899)

HELP IN PREPARING FOR CONFESSION

It can be difficult returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession if we have not been for a while. The important thing though is returning. In this Sacrament it is not primarily about what we do but what the Lord does. Our sins, our many sins are forgiven. We are at peace with God, our neighbor and ourselves, and grace is given to us. When you go into the confessional you kneel or sit and when the priest makes the sign of the Cross do likewise. Then you say: **"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been x years / months since my last confession. These are my sins."** Then with sorrow and simplicity say your sins. The priest may say a few words, gives you a penance to do (often a prayer) and invites you to say an act of contrition e.g. **"Lord, be merciful to me a sinner."** He then gives you Absolution and you may go in & at peace.

PRAYER FOR THE ANNUNCIATION

Tender God, You have revealed the beauty of Your power by exalting the lowly Virgin of Nazareth and making her the mother of our Saviour. May the prayers of this woman bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the void of incompleteness with the presence of her child, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen

100 CLUB - March results

Congratulations to the winners in the March draw: 1st prize (£50) Mr. B Regan, 2nd prize (£30) Miss M Cosham and 3rd prize (£20) Mrs M Connett. Thank you to all who support this parish club. If you would like to join see Mary Cornelius or send an email to the parish office.

Preston Park Preschool Assistant required

We are looking to appoint a Preschool Assistant for the preschool in the Church hall. The post is for 4 mornings a week (16 hours). Applicants should have some knowledge of the EYFS and some experience of working with preschool children. A level 2 qualification in Early Years education is desirable, however training will be available. Please apply in writing to: Sally McLaughlin, c/o Priest's House, 5 Surrenden Road, Brighton, BN1 6PA - for an application pack. Closing date 31st March 2015

Brighton & Hove Third Order of Carmelites

Cordially invite you to a talk about 'Teresa of Avila and Christian Life Today' by Professor Peter Tyler - Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality, St Mary's University, Twickenham, at **The Cassidy Centre, St Mary's Church** on Wednesday, 22nd April 2015 at 6.30pm. There is a suggested donation of £5. Brighton & Hove Third Order of Carmelites usually meets every third Saturday of the month in the Cassidy Centre (next meeting April 18th). For further details please phone Rosie on 07984 880073.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION: 'The Cross and the Switchblade' by David Wilkerson. A modern Christian classic about life and death in New York's street gangs, and the God who reaches out to the unreachable with his transforming love.

QUOTE by J.R.R. Tolkein

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ...There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth."

And finally... A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!' His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you "know" what the Bible means?' The son replied, 'I do know!' 'Ok', said his father. 'So son, what does the Bible mean?' 'That's easy. It stands for: **Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!**