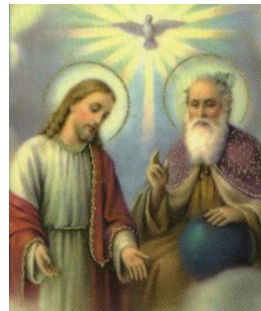


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 22 May, 2016 - Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	21 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. Priests' Intention
Sun	22 <u>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)</u> Gospel: John 16:12-15 Parish Mass Book p.81	10 a.m. Daphne Moffatt, R.I.P. 12 noon Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Mon	23 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. Wellbeing of Denis Batchelor
Tue	24 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	25 <i>St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	10 a.m. In Thanksgiving (M.Smart)
Thur	26 <i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. Maurice Taylor, R.I.P. 7 p.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood
Fri	27 <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - Feast</i>	10 a.m. Lucia Mayberry, R.I.P.
Sat	28 <i>Saturday votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. Holy Souls 7 p.m. Katie Walsh, R.I.P.
Sun	29 <u>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 'Corpus Christi' (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 9:11-17 Parish Mass Book p.83	10 a.m. Pro Populo - for the people of the parish 12 noon Sue Stringer

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday & Friday
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

On this Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity the liturgy invites us to praise God not merely for the wonders he has worked, but for who he is; for the beauty and goodness of his being from which all he does originates. We could say we are invited to look up to the giver of all gifts rather than occupying ourselves with those gifts. We are invited to contemplate, so to speak, the Heart of God, his deepest reality which is his being One in the Trinity, a supreme and profound communion of love and life. The whole of Sacred Scripture speaks to us of him. Indeed, it is he who speaks to us of himself in the Scriptures and reveals himself as Creator of the universe and Lord of history. **Glory be to you, O Trinity in Unity, one God, before all ages now and for ever!** God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

We have the 3rd of Bishop Richard's letters for the Year of Mercy this Sunday. It centres on prayer and spending time each day reading and meditating on a short passage from the Scriptures. Copies of his letter are in the church porch as is the mentioned pamphlet, **LECTIO DIVINA - Holy Reading - A short Guide to Praying with the Scriptures**.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

-St. Augustine

Last Sunday's Collection: £ 565.66,
 2nd Collection : £189.79 [Next Sunday Special collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese].

PARISH PILGRIMAGE & SPONSORED RIDE

As this is being written our pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation has not yet taken place. We pray though that it will be a moment of grace and of peace. Our Lady made a promise to the pilgrims who would come to Walsingham, "Whosoever seeks my help here will not go away empty-handed". May it be so for this pilgrimage too. Thank you too for those who generously sponsored Fr Bruno as he cycles there and back again. If you have entered your name on the sponsorship list you will find pre-printed 'Sponsored Bike Ride, 2016' envelopes in the church porch. Please put your name on the envelope so we know you have paid. If you didn't put your name on the list but would like to help add to the monies raised for the SVP and to pay for some of our young parishioners to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes then just take the envelope (no name needed) and add your money to it. All envelopes should be either put in the collection basket, handed to Fr Bruno or put through the presbytery door.

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 540038
Wed 25 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Wed 25 May	8-9 pm	Church	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting	Janet Silva
Sun 12 June	12 noon	St Mary's	First Holy Communion Mass	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers)

We received a gracious letter of thanks from Fr Joseph Cummins, 17th April, for the £635.64 we raised at his recent White Fathers' Mission Appeal. Thank you.

100 CLUB WINNERS MAY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the May draw. 1st prize, £50 Mrs V Cahill; 2nd prize, £30 Mr S Foley; 3rd prize, £20 Mrs C Wylie.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 15-21 May. Envelopes may be left with the retiring collection. Thank you.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 25TH May

Takes place this week at Arundel Cathedral complete with a festival of flowers, including a traditional and magnificent carpet of flowers in the central aisle. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass from the Cathedral to the courtyard of Arundel Castle, where Benediction is given. The Carpet of Flowers is open to public view Wed 25th May 9.30am-8pm & Thurs 26th May 9.30 until celebration of Mass at 5.30pm on the Thursday (presided by Bishop Richard). There is no charge for admission.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND IN BRIGHTON

This takes place this year Sat 25th - Sun 26th June at Cardinal Newman School. Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for people of all ages, with separate streams for children, teens and young adults. There will be Mass, talks, times of praise and worship, Reconciliation, workshops, etc. See poster in porch for details or visit the website 'www.celebrateconference.org/brighton'

The Mercy Walking Pilgrimage, Arundel to West Grinstead, 16th and 17th of July 2016. This will be organised in a very similar way to the successful Jubilee Pilgrimage that walked last year from Arundel Cathedral to the Amex for our major Diocesan Celebrations. More information to follow.

Quotes from the Saints

"You must remember that you have in Heaven, not only a Father but also a Mother. If our wretchedness saddens us, if the memory of our faults hinders us from presenting ourselves to God, our Father, let us then have recourse to Mary, our Mother. She is all sweetness, mercy, goodness and love for us because she is our Mother." - Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

A PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

'O Holy Guardian Angel, gift of the Father's Love, servant of the Eternal Word, guiding light from the Holy Spirit help me to worship the most Blessed Trinity. Friend of my soul, walk with me the narrow path that leads to God and to the dwelling place of Mary. Guard me in all my ways that no evil may befall me. Amen.'

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 4th & 5th June. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **Thank you** to everyone for your generous support.

FROM THE SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Young People's Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

In October Half Term 2017, Sacred Heart Parish in Hove will be running a trip to the Holy Land, for 18-35 year olds. More information can be found on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyLand2017/> or by E-mailing ypphl2017@gmail.com. For those who want to look at this in more detail, there will be two information evenings as follows: St Dunstan's, Woking - Tuesday June 7th, 8pm
Sacred Heart, Hove - Thursday June 16th, 8pm

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE HELPERS NEEDED -

We have received an appeal from the Lourdes Pilgrimage team asking for additional helpers as they have a larger than usual number of pilgrims requiring assistance, who have applied to go this year. Sadly there is now a waiting list as there are just not enough helpers. Could you consider going as a helper from 29 July - 4 August? If you can help the contact lourdes@dabnet.org or call 01403 740110 for more information. Young helpers (17+) see Fr Bruno who may be able to help with funding.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL GIFT AID DONORS -

On 6th April 2016 some changes to tax allowances became effective. Please remember that you must have paid sufficient Income/Capital gains tax that is at least equal to the amount reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations to charities. If you have paid insufficient tax you will have to repay the shortfall. If you need tax advice please contact either your tax office or professional tax advisor.

SOUND SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH

A father and son team who specialise in sound systems in churches (they have done Arundel Cathedral and Worth Abbey amongst other churches) came this week to look at our microphones and speakers. They were impressed that what we have has lasted so long but steps are in place to upgrade what we have. Be patient as this hopefully happens.

And finally What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roaming Catholic. [As you can see we are scraping the bottom of the barrel at the moment for good jokes. Contributions on paper or via email to the parish office are welcome]

"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist" St John Paul II