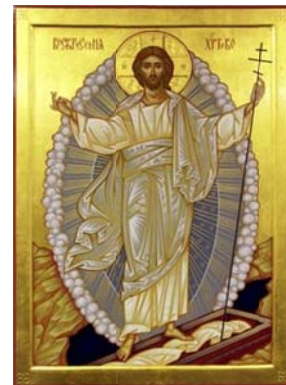


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 23 April, 2017

| <u>Mass proper</u> |    | <u>Intention</u>   |
|--------------------|----|--|
| Sat                | 22 | Vigil Mass 7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>  |
| Sun                | 23 | <b><u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (A)</u></b><br>Gospel: John 20:19-31 Parish Mass Book p255<br>10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i><br>12 noon <i>Albert, Norah &amp; Mary Cosham, R.I.P.</i>                  |
| Mon                | 24 | [Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -  |
| Tue                | 25 | [Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -  |
| Wed                | 26 | [Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -  |
| Thur               | 27 | [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal] 7 p.m. <i>Private Intention</i>  |
| Fri                | 28 | 10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (MSS)</i>   |
| Sat                | 29 | <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</i><br>Vigil Mass 10 a.m. <i>Maureen Allan, R.I.P.</i><br>7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>   |
| Sun                | 30 | <b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u></b><br>Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 Parish Mass Book p258<br>10 a.m. <i>Mrs D Moffat, R.I.P &amp; Mr B Martin, R.I.P</i><br>12 noon <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</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

In this Sunday's gospel reading we go back to the evening of the day of the Resurrection itself. The doors are closed where the disciples are but the risen Jesus is able to come in to them. His first words to them are 'Peace be with you.' He then repeats the same words, 'Peace be with you.' This is the first gift to them after the Resurrection - Peace. This peace (Greek: *Eirene* / Hebrew: *Shalom*) is one of the greatest blessings that Jesus Christ has given to the world as it is the peace of reconciliation of man with God. If we listen carefully at Mass the word 'peace' is said seven times in the short moment between the 'Our Father' and Holy Communion. This peace which Jesus brings is not just for those first Apostles but is a gift available still today. It is a gift which is rooted in what he did for us on the Cross. He died for our sins and reconciled us with God. This is the great gift of peace with God. If we reject it nothing will ever be right in us. If we do have it no troubles will ever be able to overwhelm us. On a personal note, thank you for your attendance at St Mary's over the *Triduum* and for your Easter offerings. Thank you also for the kindness which is shown so much to me here at St Mary's. Be assured of my prayers and God bless you this Eastertide, Fr Bruno.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** this week is burning for Marlene Sampson, R.I.P.; **Our Lady's Lamp** for a personal int'n.

Bishop Richard has requested parishes in the Diocese to take a special **second collection next week 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April** for the Peru Flood Relief Fund. Our twin Diocese of Chulucanas was badly affected by the severe flooding in March. Homes and livelihoods of many in the Diocese have been hit hard. You can view a video appeal from Bishop Dan in Chulucanas on the Diocesan website. This collection will also be gift-aid friendly and you can also give online via the Diocesan website.

#### EMBRACE

A new initiative sponsored by the SVP to reach out to older and lonely people across Brighton. Forty volunteers are needed (they do not need to be members of the SVP), to support 200 older people across Brighton and 100 carers & their families in Brighton and Hove. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a part of this new project, please contact Vicky Hill at [vickyh@svp.org](mailto:vickyh@svp.org)

#### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darcey Rose Pennick and Ronny Ray

Hazell, who became children of God this Saturday.

*'Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being' St Thomas Aquinas*

**PARISH DIARY**

| <b><i>Date</i></b> | <b><i>Time</i></b> | <b><i>Place</i></b> | <b><i>Event</i></b>                   | <b><i>Contact</i></b>                                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 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 26 April       | 8.30 pm            | See below           | Social Concerns Group                 | Liz Woodhead   |
| Wed 26 April       | 7.30-9 pm          | Church Hall         | Yrs 7-11 Youth Club                   | <a href="http://www.smvclub.co.uk">www.smvclub.co.uk</a> |
| Sat 29 April       | 5.30 pm            | Cassidy Centre      | Confirmation Meeting (5)              | Fr Bruno/John Stone                                      |
| Sun 30 April       | 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: Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh & Tracey Weller.

## ST MARY'S SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB

We are looking for someone to help David run this club on a regular basis. The Club meets every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Please contact Fr Bruno or David Alfred on 01273 540038 for further details. Please also keep David in your prayers as his sister Marlene Sampson died last Friday in Toronto. May she rest in peace.

## WALK WITH ME – EASTER

The Eastertide Walk with Me booklets are available, priced at £1, in the Church Porch. These pocket booklets are for all ages and help guide and support you through this Easter season.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS – Youth Poll

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and 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 you tell us 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@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).



## DAY OF PRAYER

This Thursday, 27th April, is the 49th anniversary of the legalisation of abortion in this country. Please join many others on the day in praying and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Pray especially that 'bubble zones' will not be introduced around abortion 'clinics'. For information on the day of Prayer and Fasting contact 'The Good Counsel Network' on 020 7723 1740

## Three O'clock prayer to the Divine Mercy

You expired, O Jesus,  
but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.  
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.  
O Blood and Water,  
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

## The Social Concerns Group invites you to ANOTHER: Smile Quiz Night!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm 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 a.m. Sunday Masses from 16<sup>th</sup> April or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead (01273 556899).

## Social Concerns Group

Next meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 8.30 at Liz Woodhead's, 12, Bavant Road. Tel: 01273 556899

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those of you registered with the parish gift aid scheme please pick up your envelopes in the church porch. The parish has to be 100% self-financing and if anyone would like to join this scheme which help us substantially each year please contact Bernard Regan or the parish office.

## FOODBANK BOX

Thank you for the donations this Lent which have gone to help many of our neighbours in need. Donations can be dropped into the box in the porch at any time. Thank you.

## A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage, 27 July - 4 August, 2017

There are online application form for all helpers & pilgrims (with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims) on the website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging please call the Pilgrimage Office and they will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way - by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017, which is next Sunday .

**And finally ...** A father told his little son that he couldn't go to church one Sunday because he was suffering from a severe case of voluntary inertia. 'I bet you aren't,' the little boy answered, 'I bet you're just being lazy.'

*'To put into practice the teachings of our holy faith, it is not enough to convince ourselves that they are true; we must love them. Love united to faith makes us practice our religion.'*

*St. Alphonsus de Liguori*