

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 24 April, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	23 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Wellbeing of Dennis Batchelor</i>
Sun	24 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Gospel: John 13:31-35 Parish Mass Book p271	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>John Brendan D'Arcy, R.I.P</i>
Mon	25 <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (M.S.)</i>
Tue	26 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	27 <i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. <i>James & Anna Fitzgerald and family</i>
Thur	28 <i>Eastertide</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. <i>Priests' Intention</i> 7 p.m. <i>Digna Snierka</i>
Fri	29 <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>	10 a.m. <i>Declan & Marie Jones and family</i>
Sat	30 <i>Eastertide</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. <i>Pierre, Clare & Joshua Fernandes</i> 7 p.m. <i>Liz & Anthony Davis</i>
Sun	01 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Gospel: John 14:23-29 Parish Mass Book p273	10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>For Vocations to the Priesthood</i>

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. before Friday morning 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

"A new commandment I give to you: love one another as I have loved you..." Here is a short reflection called 'Where love begins': 'It's easy to love at a distance, but not so easy to love at close quarters. It's easier to give a few pounds to relieve famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door. It's easy to love people who are far away, but not always easy to love those who are close at hand. Yet, these are the people Christ asks us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us. That is where our love must start.' The old Testament commanded *human* love for ourselves and our neighbour (Lev. 19:18). Jesus here commands *divine* love for one another that is a love modeled on his own acts of charity and generosity. This is a supernatural love which does not come from us but is a gift from the Spirit. This is one reason we have to be people of prayer and attached to the Sacraments since these are the channels where God gives us the ability to love as he loved. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

PARKING - Please be aware of the parking restrictions around our Church. Parking attendants are very much around and a number of our congregation have already received parking fines or narrowly missed them recently

Last Sunday's Collection: £470.27,
 2nd collection: 'Education of Future Priests': £295.37
This weeks 2nd coll is for The People of the Ukraine

MISSION APPEAL - Next Sunday, 01 May

"The Missionaries of Africa" (a.k.a. The White Fathers) are coming to the parish next Sunday. They are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of their apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa ... but above all else to help build up the Church in Africa. Many parishes in Africa are understaffed, simply because there is nobody to send there. At the same time, within the Dioceses in Africa, there are vast areas where the Church's commission to the world has still to be reached. It is especially here that the Missionaries of Africa find their task today. Keep them in your prayers this week.

"Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you" [St Jerome]

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 27 April	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

PARISHES SURVEY - In the Church porch you will find a questionnaire which has been prepared by representatives from the Brighton Deanery in response to the call of our Bishop, Richard. All the Parishes in the city are asking Parishioners to look at this questionnaire. There are 11 Parishes in the Brighton Deanery and in the near future we face a significantly reduced number of priests. This will challenge all of us to pray and work together more closely in our Catholic community. Even if you don't want to respond to the questionnaire at least take one. You may feel the wrong questions are being asked but all contributions welcome. You don't have to sign the form unless you want to. Please take a questionnaire (from the Church Porch) and return to the parish office by the end of April. Thank you for your participation.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, **Saturday 21st May**. A coach will depart from St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. & return at 5.00 p.m. Spaces still available. You are free to travel also by car as parking is available. The cost is £6 per person, which includes tea/coffee & a donation to the Church/Shrine. Please bring a packed lunch. It will include Mass, a talk, a visit of the shrine and priest hole, free time and Benediction. Fr Bruno will be cycling there and back again (a 40+ mile round trip). You can sponsor him & monies raised will be split between the Parish SVP & the parish Lourdes fund to send one of our young parishioners to Lourdes. He is happy to be joined by any other keen cyclists (one other so far).

Will Writing Fortnight (9 - 20 May) - This local initiative can help you and also helps raise funds for our local Marletts Hospice. See poster in Church Porch.

A & B NEWS - Latest edition in the Porch.

Diocesan Grandparents' Pilgrimage

Again to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation - 28th May. Further details to follow next week.

ADVICE FROM A SAINT - 'If you ever feel distressed during your day call upon our Lady. Just say this simple prayer; "Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now." This prayer has never failed me' [Blessed (soon to be Saint) Mother Teresa].

"Don't allow any sadness to dwell in your soul for sadness prevents the Holy Spirit from acting freely" [St Pio of Pietrelcina]

PRAYER BEFORE BED

'Almighty God, as I lay me down to rest
Today to love you I've tried my best.
If I should die before I wake
I implore you my soul do take.
Forgive me the sins of today and of my past
And take me to Heaven
To be with you at long last. Amen.'

CAFOD's inter-Continental Breakfast

Saturday 14th May at Sacred Heart Church, Hove, BN3 3BF, from 9:30-11:30 am. Come along for an inter-continental breakfast (inc. croissants & bacon butties) and an update on CAFOD's work, meet others and discover ways in which you can get involved. For more information and to book your place contact Martin or Jo on 01483 898866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another: **Smile Quiz Night! Friday 6th May, 7.30 p.m.** in the Cassidy Centre. Tickets are just £5 which includes a 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 on 24th April (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or email on claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899). Tickets available on the door.

B & H Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training - 7-9 p.m. Wed. 8th June at St Thomas More's, Patcham

The next Brighton & Hove Deanery Training will be at St Thomas More's. The training is for everyone but we are particularly asking for people whose role requires a DBS check within the parishes and who are working with vulnerable groups (children & adults at risk) to try and attend. There will be a further training evening in November. If you would like to attend please let the parish office know, via email and we will add your name to the sheet.



SAINTS

Did you know that there are over 10,000 named saints in the Church? There are many Saints we pray to who intercede for us according to our particular needs. We have Saints for different things. Most of us know St Anthony who we ask for help from when we lose something. Did you know that St Benedict is the patron saint of school children, and St Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians? Today there is even a patron saint of computers and the internet, St Isidore. St Isidore pray for us when we need these things for our work!

And finally ... A little boy was listening to an excessively long and boring homily in church. The red sanctuary lamp, by the tabernacle, caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, do you think when the light turns green we can go?"