

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 25 February, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 24	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Tim Cahill, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 25	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 p155 Mass Book	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>For Nigel & Alison Measor and Family</i>
Mon 26	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 27	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 28	<i>Feria</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Joseph O'Donnell, R.I.P., & family</i>
Thurs 01	<i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Constance Alice Grummitt, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 02	<i>Feria</i> Stations of the Cross	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (Judith Hanley)</i> -
Sat 03	<i>Feria</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Iain Campbell, R.I.P.</i> <i>Special Intentions (M. Ashing)</i>
Sun 04	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (B) – Readings Yr A Gospel: John 4:5-42 p158/162 Mass Book	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Pierrette Barbara Atallah, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass
During Lent Stations of the Cross Fridays, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the wellbeing of Jane Thompson; Our Lady's lamp for our young people

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Fri 02 Mar	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (7) 'Who are we?'	Fr Bruno
Sat 03 Mar	11 am	Church	Choir practice for Pentecost service	
Wed 07 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 10 Mar	11 am	Church	Choir practice for Pentecost service	
Fri 16 Mar	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (8) 'Why link with the Liturgy?'	Fr Bruno

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – Meditate-Pray-Act
Meditate – Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John. On his way to Jerusalem, where he foresees arrest, trial and crucifixion, something of the glory which lies beyond the tragedy is anticipated. Like disciples we too are urged by God to

Act – Consider how pain and tragedy were part of Jesus's life and how God draws us to new life amid suffering, transfiguring our lives too. Receive and give encouragement today.

LENT - Some resources that may help you this Lent
 1] 'The Meaning of Lent' CTS booklet Free in

“listen” to Jesus, the beloved Son, who shows us the true meaning of life and love.

Pray – *Father, help me to listen to your Son, to travel with him in trust and courage, and to reach the fullness of life with you.*

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2] Book ‘Rediscover Jesus’ by *Matthew Kelly*. A 40 day retreat. Available in Porch for Free or donation

3] Spending time reading and praying with the Mass readings of each day (or the Sundays) of Lent.

A reminder that the second collection this week is for the CAFOD Family Fast Day (which was Friday 23rd February)

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, John & Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Liz Regan, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Joe Standen, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

LENTE DEVOTIONS IN THE PARISH

Fridays, 9-10am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays, 6pm, Stations of the Cross

Saturdays, Confessions Saturday after 10am Mass, 6.15-6.45 pm before 7pm Mass and also at call.

FOODBANK - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. See the list on the noticeboard of items especially needed.

PARISH WEBSITE – Digital images needed

We have someone working on a new website for the parish. Does anyone have any images that they feel may be good for the website? Please drop them on CD or a memory stick into the presbytery. Thank you.

WCCM MEDITATION GROUP

This ecumenical group, linked to the World Centre for Christian Meditation, takes place in the Cassidy Centre every Monday evening from 7-8 p.m. and new people are always very welcome. On **Saturday March 3rd** the group will welcome Fr Christopher McDermott, the Anglican Chaplain at Sussex University. He will lead an afternoon about Christian contemplative prayer. This will be in the Cassidy Centre 2-5pm. refreshments provided (suggested donation £5). To reserve a place email felicity.stimpson@btinternet.com or phone Celia on 01273 555967

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is next weekend, 3rd & 4th March. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support.

Pentecost Performance – Parishioners from St Mary’s & St Thomas More are joining to prepare for a Pentecost Singing Service at St Thomas More’s on May 19th. Rehearsals will begin on Saturday March 3rd 11am here at St Mary’s. New voices always welcome.

St Bernadette’s Summer Fair Brochure – PTA

DEANERY

St John the Baptist – Phone number updated. The new telephone number for St John the Baptist is 01273 087839. Fr Peter Fitch, at St John The Baptist, is the main hospital chaplain and goes into the Hospital most days. If you know anyone in hospital who needs the sacraments please contact Fr Peter or tell Fr Bruno.

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EASTER RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY

Worth Abbey & The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (29th March-1st April) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. The retreat will be centred around participation in the Triduum liturgy from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, with a programme of talks by the monks, discussion, prayer & reflection and fellowship. Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk'- a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact TOC@worthabbey.net or fearbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. You can also find more information via Facebook.

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. **REDSHIRTS HELPERS** – (Sch Yrs 10-11) Online applications are now open. For more info go to www.ablourdes.org.

OTHER

Catholics in Healthcare – Men & Women of Conscience – Saturday March 10th.

A one day conference for juniors and students of the healthcare professions (doctors, nurses, midwives, medical students, nursing students etc.) at The National Shrine of the Martyrs of England & Wales at Tyburn Convent. 11.15am – 5.30pm approx.. For more details contact them on: [facebook.com/CMAEnglandandWales](https://www.facebook.com/CMAEnglandandWales) or Events@CatholicMedicalAssociation.org.uk

AN ACT OF CONTRITION FOR CONFESSION

‘Forgive me my sins, O Lord, forgive me my sins; the sins of my youth, the sins of my age, the sins of my soul, the sins of my body, my idle sins, my serious

If you have a business or know of a local business who would like to advertise in this colour brochure please contact Catherine Brace cabrace10@hotmail.com for more information. Adverts are offered at a great rate & include a social media package this year. Closing date Friday March 9th.

Ofsted Report – Cardinal Newman – Good Overall

Full report available on the schools website. 'Personal Development & Welfare' rated Outstanding – Copy in Porch.

voluntary sins, the sins I know, the sins I do not know; the sins I have concealed so long, and which are now hidden from my memory. I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial, for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour. I know my sins have wounded thy tender heart. O my Saviour, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through the most bitter passion of my Redeemer. Amen. O my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.

"Good works are links that form a chain of love." – Mother Teresa of Calcutta