

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 25th May, 2014 - Month of Mary

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 24		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. Katie Walsh, R.I.P. (Anniv.)
Sun 25	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) <i>Gospel: John 14:15-21</i>	Parish Mass Book p.268	10.00 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Margaret Smart) 12 noon For the people of the Parish
Mon 26	<i>St Philip Neri, Priest</i>		10.00 a.m. Private Intention (C. Needham)
Tue 27	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>		10.00 a.m. Private Intention
Wed 28	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur 29		[REQUIEM MASS] [Ascension Thur., High Mass, at St Mary Magdalene's]	2.00 p.m. Mary Trowse, R.I.P. 7.30 p.m. -
Fri 30	<i>Easter tide</i>		10.00 a.m. Holy Souls
Sat 31	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast</i>		10.00 p.m. Mary Ann Hughes, R.I.P.
Sun 01	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20</i>	[Vigil Mass] Parish Mass Book p.272	7.00 p.m. For the people of the Parish 10.00 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs D'Souza) 12 noon Claire & Steven Colburn's Intention

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Tuesday & Friday (Funeral Thursday).
Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.
Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

Most of the First Readings we hear at Mass in this time after Easter are taken from the Acts of the Apostles. This book in the Bible tells the story of the work of the Apostles and the life of the Church in the years immediately after the Ascension and the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Today we hear about Philip going to a Samaritan town, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ and performing many healing miracles. It then says, 'There was much joy in that city' because of this. This expression, of 'much joy' or 'great rejoicing', is so important for us. In its way it says that it is possible for humanity to know true joy. We human beings are created to know and find true and lasting happiness. There is nothing wrong with desiring this, nor for seeking it. The sadness is that we so often look in the wrong places and end up dissatisfied with what we find, or we end up thinking the answer is to suppress our desires, like in Buddhism. This phrase from Acts tells us joy can be found, and it is found in Jesus Christ and in the new life he is calling us to. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

£546.38
2nd COLL. (Christian Aid)
£279.80

COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTER'S APPEAL

Next weekend some Comboni Missionary Sisters will be visiting the parish, talking about their work and making an Appeal.

WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

'Spirit-filled evangelizers are evangelizers who pray and work. ... Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervour dies out. The Church urgently needs the deep breath of prayer' [*Evangelii Gaudium*, 262]. Please add a prayer today for the Holy Father who is in the Holy Land.

Note the change of Mass time for Thursday's Requiem.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tue 27 May	10.30-6 pm	Wisley Gardens	Seniors trip to Wisley Gardens	David Alfred, 540038
Sun 01 June	9.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Childrens 1 st HC preparation class	Janet Forte
Mon 02 June	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. meeting	Janet Forte
Wed 04 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club, 'Park Games'	Peter McDermott, 550187
Sat 07 June	3 pm	Church	Confirmation Mass with Bp Kieran	
Sun 15 June	12 pm	Mass Church	Parish First Holy Communion	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, Verity Cross, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bradley Smith, Tony, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

CHAPLAIN AT CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Cardinal Newman Catholic School are seeking to recruit a full time Chaplain who will work with students, staff, local clergy and governors to promote and maintain the Catholic ethos and spiritual values of the school. Details are available on the school website which can be found at www.cnccs.co.uk. The closing date for applications is Monday 16th June. The start date will be agreed at the interview.

PENTECOST PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday 7th June, 7.30pm - 9.30pm @ St Joseph's Church, Elm Grove, Brighton. With Fr. Rod Jones, Benedictine monk of Worth Abbey. Join us for an evening of prayer as we welcome the Holy Spirit more into our lives. With a talk, Eucharistic healing service, music, reflections and scripture readings. The main programme will end at 9.30pm but you are invited to remain with us until midnight in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

100 CLUB MAY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of our May draw:

1st prize £50.00 no.72 Mrs A. Chandler

2nd prize £30.00 no.34 Mr & Mrs Spells

3rd prize £20.00 no.73 Mrs L. Holmes

The club now has membership positions available, for you or to offer as a gift to someone else. See the poster in the porch for details.

ST BERNADETTE'S CLASS TEACHER

St Bernadette's are looking to appoint a class teacher for September 2014. See the poster in the porch for details and for an application pack please contact the school office on Tel: 01273 553813.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CATECHESIS

Saturday 7th June, 10-2.30 pm (simple lunch provided) at St Ann's, 4 Brighton road, Banstead, Surrey, SM7 1BS. A morning led by David Wills for new/recent Catechists to explore the principles of Catechesis. For more information, or to book a place, please contact David Wills, Diocesan Adult Formation Adviser on 01293 651157 or david.wills@dabnet.org.

A PRAYER ASKING FOR MARY'S HELP

'Mary, Mother of the New Evangelisation, as you prayed continuously with the Church at the beginning be united with us now in prayer. Help us to return to the school of Nazareth and to echo your words in the hour of the Annunciation: "let it be to me according to your word". Help us to rejoice in the wonder of the Incarnation and with you to treasure all these things and ponder them in our hearts. Obtain for us the courage to take our stand with you beside the Cross of your Son in the hour of Redemption.

Guide us as we set out along all the ways of the earth to bring to our brothers and sisters the light of faith, hope and charity. All to the praise and adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit both now and for ever. Amen.'

DIOCESAN FESTIVALS

The parish is looking for a parishioner who will be willing to act as a point of contact for the upcoming Diocesan Festivals in 2014 and 2015. They would encourage attendance at both Festivals and in particular attend the Festival on 29 June 2014 and to act as an enthusiast for the Golden Jubilee Festival in July 2015. If anybody is interested please speak with Fr Bruno or contact the Festival Office-email 'festival@dabnet.org' or write to 'Jubilee Festival, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

CAFOD GOLF DAY

The CAFOD Diocesan Golf Tournament is taking place on Friday 20 June at Wildwood Golf Course, Alfold, Surrey. See poster in the porch for details or contact 'arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk' or 01483 898866.

ST VINCENT'S, 162-164 LEWIS ROAD

This SVP run charity shop is always worth a visit. They also need regular stock to come in (clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc.) which they are happy to receive from you.

SEMINARIAN IN THE PARISH

Joe Cook, who is from Brighton - having gone to school at St Joseph's and Cardinal Newman - is coming to the end of his first year of formation to the priesthood for the diocese. During the holidays you may see him around as he is using one of the rooms in the presbytery as a base. Please keep him in your prayers in these years ahead and do pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

FROM THE SAINTS

'We could not have begun to seek God unless he had already found us' [St Augustine of Hippo].