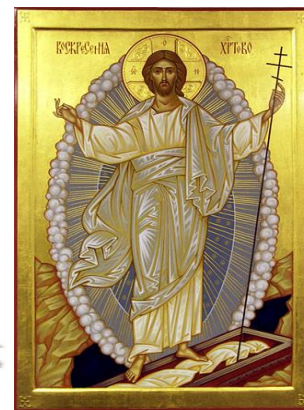


St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 26 April, 2015

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	25 [Vigil Mass]	7.00pm <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	26 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Gospel: John 10:11-18 Parish Mass Book p 265	10.00 a.m. <i>Edward Bamin, R.I.P</i> 12 noon <i>Tommy Brett, R.I.P</i>
Mon	27 REQUIEM MASS	10.00 a.m. <i>Mary Josephine Penfold, R.I.P.</i>
Tue	28 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	29 <i>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Patron of Europe</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Peter Lessie, R.I.P</i>
Thur	30 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Bamin Family</i>
Fri	1 <i>Eastertide</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Greg Hill, R.I.P</i>
Sat	2 <i>St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00pm. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	3 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Gospel: John 15:1-8 Parish Mass Book p 268	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo - for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Peggy Conner, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions 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. Monday
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

Another name for this Sunday during the Easter Season is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' as we hear Jesus referring to himself as the 'good shepherd.' He also adds: 'The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.' This is what Jesus did for us on the Cross, laying down his life for us so that we might not be separated from him because of our sins but live with him: 'by his wounds you have been healed' (1 Peter 2:25). The Shepherd's sacrifice gave life to his sheep and brought them back to the fold, to the place where they belong. May we all learn to live with faith and love within the fold of our good shepherd, Jesus Christ. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

CHURCH OPENING

We try to keep the church open as much as we can during the week and it is good to see parishioners and visitors wander in to find a quiet sanctuary to light a candle and pray. Fr Bruno generally opens and closes the church each day but is away in France this week so the church will be closed from around midday during this week.

Last Sunday's Collection: £511.19, 2nd Coll. £90.15

The Education of Future Priests

This week is Vocations Sunday & we have a Bishop's 2nd collection for the Education of Future Priests. At present our Diocese has 4 men in training for the priesthood. In 2014 the total cost of training one man to the priesthood, for the total time of 6/7 years (which is how long it takes), was about £157,000. Please help by giving generously to this collection. Your donation can also be Gift Aided. Please also pray for more vocations to the priesthood in our diocese because without priests parishes must merge and we would be without the sacraments and the Mass.

A & B NEWS

The latest copy of the A & B News has arrived and you are welcome to pick up a free copy from the porch. There is also a Free Souvenir Magazine for the Diocesan Golden Jubilee which you are also invited to take.

After our 10 am Mass on Friday 8 May a Sister who runs an orphanage in Belarus will be selling religious artefacts / icons made there. Monies raised will go to the orphanage.

'We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials' [St Teresa of Avila]

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 27 Apr	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. Meeting	Janet, 01273 552900
Wed 29 Apr	7.30 pm	Church Hall	Years 7-11 Youth Club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Sun 3 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Comm. Meeting	Janet, 01273 552900
Fri 8 May	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation for parents	Fr Bruno
Sat 9 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Candidates meeting	John Stone

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan & Janine Monti.

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to the Winners of our April Draw: 1st prize (£50) Mr H Cross, 2nd prize (£30) Mrs B Cheeseman, 3rd prize (£20) Mrs S McCormick.

A Thank you from Missio: We have received a thank you for the £591 raised from the red boxes - please see appeal below for an Organiser, Collectors & Donators

REJOICE!

An evening of Prayer & Praise - with a short talk. Saturday, 9th May 2015 in the Parish room, Sacred Heart Church, Norton Rd, Hove, BN3 3BF. Tea/Coffee: 7pm for 7.30pm start until 9.30pm (Sunday Vigil Mass in Church 6pm). No charge, Donation only. All welcome.

Important Date for Your Diary

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

AMEX STADIUM - 5th JULY 2015

Starts 10.30 am - Ends after Mass at 3pm

Our New Bishop will be there as will be Cardinal Cormac.

Activities / talks all day

Vigil for young Catholics (aged 14-35): The evening will include a brilliant programme of prayer, live music, inspiring speakers and more. 'One Hope' will be leading the music. Doors open at 5, and there will be a light supper at 6 for those staying over. Main programme runs from 7-10pm. Under 16s will need an adult with them responsible for them. All those staying over will need a sleeping bag & money for lunch on the Sunday (evening meal & breakfast will be provided).

For more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/779530845450643/>

Festival 50 Diversity: In order to celebrate the diversity in our Diocese we are inviting groups from different cultures to celebrate their group's nationality by singing a repertoire of songs or performing a couple of traditional dances. Alternatively, they can have a Market Stall to display information and/or sell their cultural handicrafts. We want to actively involve as many people as possible throughout the day. For more info e-mail Margaret.fraher@dabnet.org or visit <http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/festival50/diversity>

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father of us all, in the name of Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve, grant us the grace of many new vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. Give us men after your own heart who, following the example of the Good Shepherd, are willing to joyfully lay down their lives in your service and for your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Holy Mary, our hope, pray for us.

St Philip Howard, pray for us.

St John Vianney, pray for us.

St John Paul II, pray for us.

MENS WEEKEND AT WORTH ABBEY

8-10th May 2015. As in previous years, there will be a men's weekend of light spiritual refreshment at Worth Abbey from Friday evening 8th May to Sunday lunchtime 10th May. Cost is 2 approx. £105 per person. Please let Francis Lacy Scott (01273 671190) or Charles Wookey (01273 554954) c.wookey@btpopenworld.com know if you would like to come.

Part-Time Parish Administrator Required

The Parish of St Joseph's and St Francis is seeking to recruit a Parish Administrator for 16 hours/week. Duties to include basic bookkeeping and accountancy and general secretarial work. This is a permanent part-time post. For full details please apply in writing, enclosing a CV to Canon Kieron O'Brien. Closing date for applications is 16th May, 2015.

MISSIO - Can you Help Organise or Collect?

This year the organiser of the Missio (APF) collections for the parish (Edmund Mahony) will be retiring from the post & a replacement is needed. Missio is the new international name for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith which supports missionaries in the third world countries. There are about 50 Parish members who have red boxes at home which they fill with odd change for the missions.

Is there anyone in the parish who could take on the responsibility for organising those who collect money from the red boxes & then pay the cash into the Missio bank account? We also need more promoters to go round & collect the money from the boxes - Are there any volunteers for this? The time & effort required for organising or promoting is small but rewarding.

If you would like a red box please contact the parish office. This is a good charity to support. Loose change added up makes a difference.

May is the beautiful month of Mary. Begin and end each day with a 'Hail Mary'