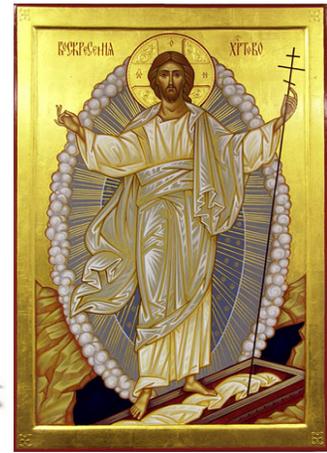


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to our church, to the parish and to Mass

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 27 April 2014

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	26		[Vigil]	7.00 p.m. <i>Sidney & Anastasia Morris, R.I.P.</i>
Sun	27	<u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / 2ND OF EASTER (A)</u> <i>Gospel: John 20:19-31</i>	Parish Mass Book p.255	10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Eileen Housely, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	28	<i>St George (transferred from 23 April)</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Ramon Rolando Bangoy</i>
Tue	29	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Wed	30	MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE		8.15 a.m. -
Thur	01	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	[Traditional (low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Mgr Terry Stonehill, R.I.P.</i>
Fri	02	<i>St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Michael Uvani Raj, R.I.P. (1st Anniv)</i>
Sat	03	<i>Sts Philip & James, Apostles</i>	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 p.m. <i>Nora Keene, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	04	<u>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</u> <i>Gospel: Luke 24:13-35</i>	Parish Mass Book p.258	10.00 a.m. <i>Helen McCormick, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday, Thursday & Friday.
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

The risen Jesus' first words to his disciples when he appears to them are "Peace be with you." Peace is what he brings and gives. It is that perfect peace that comes from having a right relationship with God. This is what Jesus' death and Resurrection has gained for us, the forgiveness of our sins and the making well of our broken relationship with God. We then see how he shows his wounds to them. His wounds are not gone, but remain and they are for us an everlasting sign of God's mercy - 'See I have saved you, I have paid the price for you, for your salvation'. Our Lord's wounds are the indelible signs of his Mercy towards us. I recently read a book called 'Heaven is for real' about a young boy's experience of heaven whilst undergoing major surgery. The Lord came to him and he said what was most striking about Jesus were the marks visible in his hands, feet and side. "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you: because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world." Jesus Christ is risen and living. May he bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

A THANK YOU FROM FR BRUNO

Thank you for the kind greetings, cards and gifts which I received from you over this Easter period. Thank you also for your generosity in the Easter Sunday collection.

CANONISATION OF TWO POPES

This Sunday, 27th April, two recent popes, John XXIII and John Paul II, will be canonised in Rome. I hope you will be able to follow what promises to be a great event for the Church. I am not sure if or how this will be reported in the mainstream media. Catholic papers though are available to buy in the porch and a good satellite television channel with Catholic news and reports is called 'EWTN' (Eternal Word Television Network) which I think is available for free.

BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER

We have a pastoral letter from Bishop Kieran this Sunday. Paper copies are available in the porch.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Sun 27 Apr	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	1 st Holy Communion class	Janet Forte
Wed 07 May	7.30-9 pm	Church hall	Yrs 7-11 youth club	'smyclub.co.uk'
Sun 11 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	1 st Holy Communion class	Janet Forte
Mon 12 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Comm. meeting	Charles Wookey
Mon 12 May	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism preparation (1)	Fr Bruno

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, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bradley Smith, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

The parish of St Theresa's, Southwick, are looking for a Parish Administrator to work 9hrs per week spread over 3 mornings to start as soon as possible. Please see the poster in the porch for details. Applications with CV to be sent to 'st.theresa.southwick@gmail.com' by 18 May.

ST MARY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We have a set of some very beautiful Stations of the Cross in the church. They are though in need of cleaning. Stations 1-4 have already been done and we are getting the others cleaned. It costs about £400 to have each one cleaned and repainted. Are there individuals or families who would like to sponsor/pay for a station to be restored? A label would then be attached on the underside with words along the lines of: 'This station was restored in 2014 thanks to the kind gift of x, a parishioner of St Mary's.'

100 CLUB - APRIL DRAW RESULTS

Congratulations to our winners in the April draw: 1st, £50 to Mr P Knott, 2nd, £30 to Mrs P Gurowich, and 3rd, £20 to Mrs A Hammond. See noticeboard for your reminder of when your subs are due.

MARTLETS - 'WILL WRITING FORTNIGHT'

Martlets Hospice have arranged a scheme to help raise funds for their work by offering a Will writing service in return for donations to their Hospice. See the poster in the porch for details or 'Fundraising.team@martlets.org.uk'

RHS WISLEY GARDENS OUTING

Tuesday 27 May, coach leaves St Mary's at 10.30am returning around 6pm. Cost £27. Contact Fr Bruno or David Alfred on 540038 to reserve seat with payment.

'A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE'

This popular day course is putting on two extra days. The next and closest will be at St Thomas More's, Seaford, on Saturday 17 May. See poster in porch for details.

WINTERSHALL - 'THE LIFE OF CHRIST'

13-15 June, 2014. Visit 'www.wintershall-estate.com'

PRAYER - 'RISE UP IN ME' [By G. Lengerke]

'Risen One, you descended into death and to all those that death has held buried within. Descend also into my depths, down to all that is dead within me, and to everything that still waits for your life and your light. You have truly risen from the tomb and you lead the dead into life, the benighted into the light and sinners to reconciliation with the Father. Rise up in me also, from the tombs within me, and raise up what is dead within me into life, my unattractiveness into the loving gaze and my guilt into the waiting arms of the Father. Amen.'

SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Concerns Group invites you to their Smile Quiz Night on Friday 9th May 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. The £4 ticket includes a free glass of wine or juice and light refreshments. Tea and coffee on sale. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Teams of four maximum. Feel free to come along and join a team. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 6th April or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642

WORDS FROM JOHN PAUL II

'The Redeemer of man, Jesus Christ, is the centre of the universe and of history' [Encyclical *Redemptor Hominis*].

'Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth - in a word, to know himself - so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves' [Encyclical *Fides et Ratio*].

'Love contains the acknowledgment of the personal dignity of the other, and of his or her absolute uniqueness [Letter to Families].

THE WIT OF GOOD POPE JOHN

At a banquet, the Apostolic Nuncio to France, Angelo Roncalli, found himself seated next to an elegant lady in a dress cut over-generously low in the neck. When desert was served, he invited her to take an apple which he held out to her. Since the lady showed surprise at this gesture, Mgr Roncalli added: "Do take it, Madame, please do. It was only after Eve ate the apple that she became aware of how little she had on." Mgr Roncalli was a few years later elected Pope and took the name John XXIII and ruled 1958-63. This Sunday he is being canonised as a saint along with John Paul II.