

# 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 2 w/c Sunday 27 March, 2016 - Easter Sunday

		<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	26	<b><u>EASTER VIGIL</u></b>	Parish Mass Book p.223	7 p.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
Sun	27	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></b>		10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
		Gospel: John 20:1-9	Parish Mass Book p.258	12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Mon	28	<i>Octave of Easter</i>		10 a.m. <i>In Thanksgiving (C. Needham)</i>
Tue	29		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	30	<i>Octave of Easter</i>		10 a.m. <i>Elias Bamin, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs	31	<i>Octave of Easter</i>		10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Fri	01	<i>Octave of Easter</i>		10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sat	02	<i>Octave of Easter</i>		10 a.m. <i>Anne McEvoy, R.I.P</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	03	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - Divine Mercy</u></b>		10 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
		Gospel: John 20:19-31	Mass Book p.262	12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Mon	04	<b><u>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Sol.</u></b>		10 a.m. <i>Robert William Olson, R.I.P</i>
Tue	05		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	06	<i>Eastertide</i>		10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Thurs	07	<i>St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest</i>		10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Fri	08	<i>Eastertide</i>		10 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i>
Sat	09	<i>Eastertide</i>		10 a.m. <i>For the victims of Abortion</i>
			[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Wellbeing of Dennis Batchelor</i>
Sun	10	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)</u></b>		10.00am <i>Pro populo</i>
		Gospel: John 21:1-19	Mass Book p.265	12 noon <i>Priest's Intention</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**

**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass – All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this**

### THE GOSPEL THIS EASTER SUNDAY

The Entrance Antiphon for Easter Sunday begins with these words: 'I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia'. We could say the whole mystery of Easter and of our faith is contained in these words: 'I have risen' - our Lord Jesus, who was crucified and died for us, has risen from the dead. Death is not the end of his life, No, he is risen and now lives with a life which can no longer die. Then we hear these words: 'I am with you still'. This is our faith that Christ truly lives and abides in those who believe in him and live in his ways: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). Then we have the word 'Alleluia' meaning 'Praise ye the Lord', Yes, may God be ever praised. Jesus Christ is truly risen and may you experience this Easter the joy his presence brings. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

*"One who has hope lives differently" [Pope Benedict xvi]*

Last Sunday's Coll: £547.52, Easter Flowers £246.98

### A THANK YOU FROM FR BRUNO

Thank you to all those who have helped in the parish during this last Holy Week. Thank you to our musicians and singers for helping us during the liturgies. Thank you to our dedicated team of flower ladies for your work and especially for your work in the new sanctuary - St Mary's is looking like the garden of Resurrection for Easter. Thank you to those who have helped arrange, adorn and clean the church this week. Thank you to our servers and all those who helped with the particular ministries. Thank you for all your time and service freely given and for having made Holy Week here so moving for our parishioners and visitors. It has been a blessing to be here this week and to also have the help of Fr Francis. May God bless all of you.

## PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesday	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

### 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, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

#### To All Gift Aiders Who Pay by Envelope

The new sets of envelopes for 2016-2017 are available for collection in the Church Porch. You will notice that there is only one (dated) set per person. This is because not many of the undated sets were taken up. However, if you do want a second undated set, I can provide sets suitably amended with your unique number. If so, could you let me know. I am usually at the 10am Mass on Sundays or my phone number is 01273 559862. Thank you, Bernard Regan

**EASTER A & B NEWS** – now available in the church porch. Please pick up your free copy.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE & SPONSORED BIKE

**RISE** - Parish Trip to Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. The SVP have arranged a parish pilgrimage on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. A 49 seater coach will depart from St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. and return at 5.00 p.m. Bring a packed lunch. The cost is £6 per person, which includes tea/coffee and a donation to the Church/Shrine that is designated with a Holy Door for this Year of Mercy. A great opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence! SVP are funding the cost of the Coach for this pilgrimage.

**SPONSOR FR BRUNO ON A 40+ MILE (ROUND TRIP) BIKE RIDE TO THE PILGRIMAGE AND BACK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SVP & THE PARISH LOURDES FUND** - A signup sheet is in the porch for the pilgrimage and a separate one for sponsoring Fr Bruno ... You don't have to go on the trip to sponsor.

### Free to Follow Christ – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

A day for young adults seeking to discern the call of Christ in their lives and to grow as His disciples, open to a vocation to religious life or the priesthood. Starts with 11.30am Mass at **St Joseph's Church**, Elm Grove, lunch in the parish hall, a talk from Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP, a Dominican friar and lecturer in Biblical theology, and then Adoration. For more info contact A+B Vocations [admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk](mailto:admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk) or call Megan on 0746311665

### BRIGHTON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7 p.m., Newman College Lecture Theatre.

This is a fundraising event, to raise money, to send some Cardinal Newman students to Lourdes as Red Shirts volunteers this summer. The Choir will be singing a number of musical pieces including Rhythm of Life and Steal Away. Newman students will also showcase some of their musical talents Newman Voices, Chamber Choir, String Orchestra & Brass Ensemble. See poster in Church Porch for further details

*'The Catholic faith is like a lion in a cage. You don't need to defend it - you simply need to open the cage door'* [Archbishop Fulton Sheen]

### EASTER PRAYER

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen.*

### 100 CLUB WINNERS – MARCH DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the March draw; 1<sup>st</sup> prize £50, Mrs Fernandes; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £30, Mrs T Larratt; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £20, Mrs M Cornelius.

The Social Concerns Group invites you to another: **Smile Quiz Night!** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or email on [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899). Tickets can also be bought on the door.

### Children's Liturgy Training – Sacred Heart, 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.30-9 p.m. led by David Wills

Would you like to help out with your child's Children Liturgy session at Mass? Not sure what to do? Why not go along to this helpful session at the Sacred Heart Church, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF. Just turn up at 7.15 for Tea & Coffee with a 7.30 p.m. start. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with others doing children's liturgies and share ideas and best practice amongst a friendly group. The session is being led by David Wills who is a trainer for the Arundel & Brighton Diocese.

### TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

An inspiring interview with Jim Caviezel, who played Jesus in the Passion of the Christ, can be found on Youtube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0A6zyN37uw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0A6zyN37uw). Also the Book 'The Seven deadly sins: How to overcome life's most toxic habits' by Graham Tomlin is well worth reading, clearly written and useful too.

### THE BIGGER PICTURE

A tourist visiting Italy came upon a construction site. "What are you doing?" he asked three stonemasons. "Are you blind, I'm cutting stone," answered the first. "Isn't it obvious, I have to earn my living some way," the second said slightly annoyed. "Can't you see, I'm helping to build a cathedral for the glory of God," said the third with a smile on his face.