

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 28 February, 2016

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	27 [Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>All at Cardinal Newman School</i>
Sun	28 <u>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 Mass Book p.160	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Michelle Lucciani</i>
Mon	29 <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Catherine O'Donnell, R.I.P</i>
Tue	01 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	02 <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Iain Campbell, R.I.P</i>
Thur	03 <i>3rd week of Lent</i> [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	10.00 a.m. <i>Priest's Intention</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>In Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy</i>
Fri	04 <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	10.00 a.m. <i>Joseph Francis Johnston, R.I.P</i>
Sat	05 <i>3rd week of Lent</i> [Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Jean-Claude Peissel, R.I.P</i>
Sun	06 <u>4th SUNDAY OF LENT (C) "Laetare Sunday"</u> Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Parish Mass Book p168	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Don Luigi Gussani, R.I.P</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.00-6.45 p.m. & at call
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass
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

'In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is questioned on certain distressing events. In the face of the easy conclusion of considering evil as an effect of divine punishment, Jesus restores the true image of God who is good and cannot desire evil. Jesus asks us to interpret these events differently, putting them in the perspective of conversion: misfortunes, sorrowful events must not awaken curiosity in us or the quest for presumed sins; instead they must be opportunities for reflection, in order to overcome the illusion of being able to live without God, and to reinforce, with the Lord's help, the commitment to change our way of life' (Pope Benedict). God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD 4/5th March

The Holy Father has asked for churches all over the world to be open for 24 hours this 4/5th March. St Mary Magdalen's is our local church for this event. There will be Exposition from 6 pm Friday to 6 pm Saturday during which the priests of the deanery will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Full details with confession times in Porch.

Last Sunday's Collection: £528.92

LENT

- # **Rosary** at 9.30 a.m. before Monday morning Mass
- # **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be for 1 hour before Friday morning Mass. **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be said at 9.40 a.m.
- # **Stations of the Cross** are at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Claire Hill, whom many of you may know, has been house bound and in and out of Hospital these last few years. On Tuesday night she died in her sleep in her own home. Our prayers are with her. Also I had news this week that **John Topp** who used to serve and be the MC at St Mary's but had moved near Chichester also died this week. Details of their funerals have not yet been finalized. May both of these faithful Christians rest in the peace of the Lord.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Edward John Henry Morrison who became a child of God and entered the great family of the Church this last Saturday.

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now" [Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta].

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	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
Sun 6 Mar	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class	Janet Silva
Mon 7 Mar	8 pm	Cassidy Centre	Parents 1 st Holy Communion meeting	Janet Silva/Charles Wookey
Tue 8 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation candidates class	Fr Bruno
Wed 9 Mar	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need them at this time: Edith Bennett, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Tracy Larratt, Daphne Moffatt, Resi Michel, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

MISSIO - We have received a Thank You from Missio (Red Boxes) for the £979.41 raised by St Mary's last year. See Porch for details of all the parish amounts raised in the diocese.

100 CLUB WINNERS - FEBRUARY DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the February draw: 1st prize, £50, Mrs A McCulloch; 2nd prize, £30, Miss M Cosham; 3rd prize, £20, Mr P Fern.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Fri. 4th March, Stanford Avenue Methodist Church, 2pm. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Cuba', and the guest speaker is Maura Lesser.

A DAY WITH MARY - Sat. 5th March, 10am-5.50pm

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917 will take place at Arundel Cathedral on the 5th March. Please see the poster for further details in the church porch

QUIET DAY - Saturday 12th March

This is a guided day for people who wish to take time away to reflect, pray on the journey towards Easter. Storrington Priory, 10 am - 4 pm Enquiry/registration: 01903 742 150. See Poster/leaflets in Church Porch

Word Study: REPENTANCE / *Metanoia* (Gk.)

Metanoia, the Greek word for 'Repentance' means literally a 'change of mind'. The word is used 22 times in the New Testament for a conversion of one's entire life to the Lord. Based on similar Old Testament concepts, it involves a twofold movement of the heart: one who repents and turns *away* from sin and *towards* God. This entails genuine contrition for past failings and a firm resolve to avoid them in the future, and it may be accompanied by bodily disciplines like fasting. Because repentance is a gradual process of transformation, God is patient with sinners struggling to make amends and redirect their lives toward holiness. Repentance is inspired by the eternal life offered in Christ, and its genuineness becomes evident when lives are changed in accord with the gospel. (*From the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, NT*)

MORNING PRAYER OF ST TERESA OF LISIEUX

"O my God, I offer you all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them in the furnace of His merciful love. O my God, I ask of You for myself and for those dear to me the grace to fulfil perfectly Your holy will, to accept for love of You the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all eternity. Amen."

S.V.P - Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 5th& 6th March. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** for your generous support.

EASTER CANDLE - Our decorated 36" Easter Candle has arrived. Last year it was bought in memory of Sid Morris. Is there someone who would like to 'buy' it this year (£80) as a gift or in memory of a loved one?


A & B NEWS - The latest edition of the A&B News has arrived and free copies are available in the porch.

Preston Park Preschool is collecting Sainsbury's Active vouchers - We would be very grateful for any you may have because they help us to obtain much needed equipment. Just pop them in an envelope addressed to the preschool and pop them into the Priest's house. Thank you.

A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage, 29 July - 4 August, 2016

This year, for the first time, there is an online application form for all helpers & pilgrims, with the exception of Assisted Pilgrims, on the website <http://www.ablourdes.org>. For those of you who find anything to do with computers challenging, please call the Pilgrimage Office to chat through your concerns, and they will make sure that you get the help you need. **Assisted Pilgrims** please contact the Pilgrimage Office in the usual way, by phone on 01403 740110 to request a paper application form. To avoid disappointment, please get your form in early and no later than the 30th April 2016.

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Have you noticed the red candle always burning beside the Tabernacle behind the Altar? The candle is a sign telling us that Jesus is present there in the Tabernacle. It is a wonderful thing to know this and to be able to pray to him who sees and loves us. The Church truly is God's house. The only day of the year on which the sanctuary lamp is not lit is after Good Friday when Jesus died on the Cross. The emptiness then is a reminder of his time in the tomb and before his Resurrection.

"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history" St John Paul II