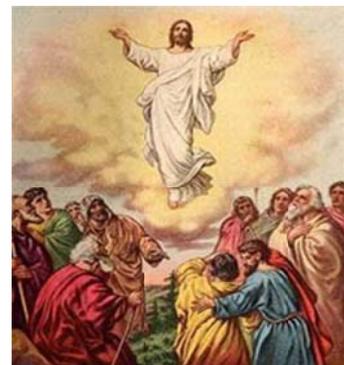


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 weeks commencing Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	27	Vigil Mass 7 p.m. <i>Katie &amp; Bill Walsh , R.I.P.</i>
Sun	28	<b><u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)</u></b> 10 a.m. <i>Pro populo – for the people of the Parish</i> Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Mass Book p.272 12 noon <i>Private Intention</i>
Mon	29	[Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -
Tue	30	[Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -
Wed	31	[Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -
Thurs	01	[Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -
Fri	02	[Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -
Sat	03	<i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i> Vigil Mas – Mass Book p.278 10 a.m. <i>Marcello Vitagliano, R.I.P.</i> 7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun	04	<b><u>PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)</u></b> 10 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> Gospel: John 20:19-23 Mass Book p.288 12 noon <i>Mary Ann Hughes, R.I.P.</i>
Mon	05	St Boniface 10 a.m. <i>Anneli Figura</i>
Tue	06	[Mass at St Mary's House] 8.15 a.m. -
Wed	07	<i>Feria</i> 10 a.m. -
Thurs	08	<i>Feria</i> [Mass in the Extraordinary Form] 7 p.m. <i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri	09	<i>St Ephrem</i> 10 a.m. <i>All those in need of our prayers</i>
Sat	10	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary (on Saturday)</i> Vigil Mass 10 a.m. 7.00 p.m.
Sun	11	<b><u>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)</u></b> 10.00 a.m. Gospel: Mass Book p. 12 noon

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m., 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition 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 SUNDAY GOSPEL

God bless you, Fr Bruno

**FOODBANK BOX** – Many thanks for the donations left in the box in the porch. Special items needed at present are tinned food/fruit/beans/ravioli etc., sugar and toiletries.

**Sanctuary Lamp** these weeks is burning for  
**Our Lady's Lamp** for .  
 If you would like for either of these lamps to burn for a particular intention contact the parish office.

**Diocesan Grandparents Day** – Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 11am-3.30pm. At the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead. Incl. Mass with Bishop Richard.

**GENERAL ELECTION 2017** - As we approach the General Election on 8<sup>th</sup> June: There are copies of a letter to Catholics in England & Wales from their Bishops in which they offer some considerations.

*Lord grant us wisdom to act always with integrity, seeking the protection and flourishing of all, and building a society based on justice and peace*

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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
Fri 02 June	7-7.45pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation Class	Fr Bruno
Sun 04 June	9.30am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Communion Meeting	Mrs Janet Silva
Wed 07 June	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	<a href="http://www.smyclub.co.uk">www.smyclub.co.uk</a>
Sat 10 June	12noon	Church	Baptism - Lilliana Zara Stafford	Fr Bruno

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: : Jerry Alfred, Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cummiskey, Jose Luis Garcia, Paul Green, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Dick & Betty Morris, Terry Rodrigues, Claire Shelton-Jones, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lilliana Zara Stafford, who becomes a Christian and a child of God on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### May 100 Club Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50, Mr. M.Ward (Christmas Raffle Winner);  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30, Mr. P.Knott; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20, Mrs K.Brown

### BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE

The diocese is hoping to arrange for a British Sign Language course (Level 1) to start soon here in Brighton. It will run for 2 hours a week, on Tuesdays 11.30-1.30 p.m. for 30 weeks, after which an official qualification is given. It can only happen in Brighton if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable. If interested please call Margaret Fraher, the diocesan Inclusion Adviser asap on 01293 651196. Thank you.

### SVP - Quarterly Collection

Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please could you bring your box contents in a bag with your box number clearly marked on it. Thank You to everyone for your generous support.

### YOUR VOICE MATTERS – Youth Poll

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops & others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England & Wales would like to hear from you. We want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help we have created a Youth Poll [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll) or by scanning this QR code with your phone:

If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).



**Also ....** If you work with or care for young people aged between 13 - 29 we want to hear your view of young people today (Takes about 5 minutes or so) <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cvmfed-yourview>

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY PRAYER

O God, whose word is truth & in whose light we see light,

Guide those who tell the story of our times through word & image

Make them seekers after truth & Advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain & promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

### World Communications Day – 28<sup>th</sup> May

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today will be for World Communications Day. Pope Francis would like to “encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others & fosters a culture of encounter, helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust”

### WINTERSHALL ‘THE LIFE OF CHRIST’

The open air production of the Life of Christ is happening at Wintershall 20-24 June, 2017, 10 am - 3.30 pm. Book now at [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com). See poster in porch.

### CELEBRATE BRIGHTON -15-16 JULY 2017

(At Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove)

*Theme this year ‘Seek First His Kingdom’ Matt. 6:33*

Brighton Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for the whole family in which young & old can join together in a vibrant and faith-filled atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Wide range of workshops, drama, praise & worship, speakers, opportunities for Confession plus Mass celebrated on both days. There will also be youth streams with their own activities & workshops. For more information go to [www.celebrateconference.org/brighton](http://www.celebrateconference.org/brighton) or email [celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com](mailto:celebrate.brighton@btinternet.com) or call them on 01444 450203. See Poster in porch for price details etc.

### BOOK ON ST MARY’S CHURCH

Over the last few months one of our parishioners, Izabel Rocha, has been taking some stunning photo's of our church and has now presented them in a 42 page picture book. The pictures are presented alongside beautifully chosen passages from the Bible. A copy is for view by the Divine Mercy image. If anyone would like to order their own copy please fill in the form by the book and make cheques payable to ‘St Mary’s Church’ and drop it in to the parish office. The cost for each print on demand copy (from Germany) is £50, with any profit going to the Church. Thanks you Izabel for this wonderful work of love.

**And finally...** What did the green grape say to the purple grape?  
OMG!!!!!! BREATHE!!  
BREATHEEEEE!!!!!!

*Nothing is impossible with God - LUKE 1:37 NIV*