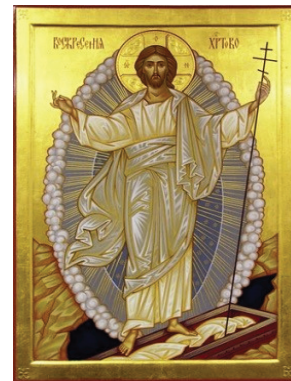


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 29 April, 2018

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 28	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Tom Harrity, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 29	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> Gospel: John 15:1-8 p.268 Mass Book	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Louisa Binks, R.I.P.</i>
Mon 30		10 a.m.	<i>Sr. Florina Pathinather, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 01	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed 02	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	10 a.m.	<i>Mrs Patricia Sawyer, R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 03	Traditional Mass 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Kazimierz Goluński, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 04	<i>The English Martyrs, Feast</i>	10 a.m.	<i>John Crowley, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 05	Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun 06	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> Gospel: John 15:9-17 p.270 Mass Book	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Daphne Moffatt, R.I.P.</i> <i>Dick &amp; Betty Morris, 55<sup>th</sup> Wed Anniv.</i>

**Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass**

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for Alfie Evans, R.I.P.; Our Lady's lamp for the Rosary on the Coast intentions

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 2 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 4 May	7-8.15 pm	Cassidy Centre	Echoes (11) 'What Next?'	Fr Bruno
Sat 5 May	12 noon	Church	Baptism Pierre Gabriel Neghza	
Sat 12 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion class (7)	Mrs Janet Silva

#### THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

**Meditate** – Jesus offers another rich image of our relationship with him. As branches of the vine we receive sustenance from him. The Father cares for the vine, and this includes pruning. As Christians we know that the sufferings of life are indispensable to growth as disciples of Jesus. In this way we will bear fruit in abundance.

#### ROSARY ON THE COAST – **This Sunday, 3 pm**

After this lay led initiative in Poland and Ireland the Rosary on the Coast is coming to Britain. The faithful are invited to gather along the coast of Britain on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm to pray for faith, life and peace** in our lives, our families and our nation. We sure are in need of these gifts from God. This communal witness to the truth of faith in Christ and to the power

**Pray** – Lord Jesus, help me to draw strength from you. Help me to take up my cross, as you took up yours. Let me be fed by your words, and by your gifts.

**Act** – To remain in Christ means to be open to his guidance, which comes through Scripture, the teaching of the Church, and the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit. How can I maintain this openness to the Spirit of Jesus?

## **PARISH**

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

### **PAT SAWER, R.I.P.**

Patricia Sawer, a former parishioner, died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here at St Mary's, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 10 a.m. Her body will be received into the Church on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. Please say a prayer for her and her family.

### **ECHOES – Parish based formation in the faith**

The final session of this course is this Friday, 04 May, 7-8.15 p.m. in the Cassidy Centre. The session is called 'What next?' and looks at the importance of deep prayer and the certainty of the Good news we have to tell. This session briefly sums up the centrality and aim of evangelization in all our parish activity, concluding with the famous words of Archbishop Oscar Romero about taking 'the long view' with the things of God.

**FOODBANK** - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. Things they particularly need at the moment are tinned vegetables, meats, fish etc. as well as rice, sauces, UHT milk and toiletries. Thank you.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Volunteers needed**

Without volunteers to lead the sessions this cannot take place. Please see the sign-up sheets in the porch. There are only 8 sessions left to fill, till the end of the School Year. This is worthwhile work. Materials are provided.

### **Bring a Dish Lunch - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

The Social Concerns Group invites you to join us for a friendly shared lunch in the hall at 1 pm. You bring some hot or cold food plus a bottle if you wish. We'll provide tea and coffee. Donations welcome in aid of equipment for Sunday coffee. Please bring dishes to the hall before the midday Mass if possible. Thank you.

### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

The new parish website was launched recently with the address: [www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk](http://www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk) It is a work in

of prayer will do much good for our country. Visit [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for details and a map of the hundreds of locations where people will be gathering. The website also has words of support from our Bishops and even the Pope. I shall be **on Brighton beach opposite the Brighton Fishing Museum and the Old Ship Hotel from 2.45 pm.**

## **DEANERY**

**St Theresa's Catholic Church, Southwick, presents:**

**An Eastertide Concert Series**

**He is Risen; He is Risen, Indeed!**

Saturdays 7 pm on May 5 & 12. List of Concerts include: Piano, Trumpet, Flute, Soprano etc. See poster in Church Porch for more information. Tickets on the door at £10. Enquires to James Johnston on tel: 07805 616 665 or email: [westsussexpianotuner@gmail.com](mailto:westsussexpianotuner@gmail.com)

**Hospital Visits** - Fr Peter Fitch, at St John The Baptist, is the main hospital chaplain and goes into the Hospital when called. We are no longer informed of Catholics who go to hospital but rely on being told by friends or relatives. If you know anyone in hospital who needs the sacraments please contact Fr Peter on 01273 087839 or tell Fr Bruno.

## **DIOCESAN**

**ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON LOURDES**

**PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018**

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. Online applications are now open. For info: [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org)

## **OTHER**

**March for Life, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – This year, because of increasing numbers, this annual witness to life has been moved from Birmingham to London. This Family friendly day starts at 9.30am at De Vere Connaught Rooms, 61-65, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Children's Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1 pm march to Parliament Square for speakers, including Clare McCullough of the Good Counsel Network. The day ends at 4.15pm. See [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) for more details. Poster in Porch.

### **A RETREAT DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES**

This retreat takes place over the weekend of 18-20 May in Ascot, SL5 8RT. Be part of something bigger than yourself – Break your routine – Give of Yourself – Meet Jesus. Visit [www.pulse-retreats.com](http://www.pulse-retreats.com) for more details and see flyers in the church porch.

### **Prayer for those sitting exams**

*Lord, I ask you to help me at this stressful time. I*

progress. Currently the home page, Mass times, Daily readings and Newsletter are up and running. If you have any digital photos of events in the parish and don't mind having them on the website contact the parish office.

#### **ROSARY ON THE COAST – Papal blessing ...**

'... His Holiness, Pope Francis, imparts to all those who participate in the Rosary on the Coast his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of abundant graces from heaven while placing them under the protection of Our Blessed Lady, Mary, Mother of the Church.'

*feel that so much depends on these exams.*

*I feel that in addition to carrying my own burdens, I am carrying the expectations of so many others – family, friends, and society.*

*Help me to keep calm at this time, so that I can think straight and apply myself to the best of my ability.*

*Let your Spirit help and inspire me so that I can remember all that I have studied and put together my answers in the best way.*

*Guide me in all my ways so that I will find fulfilment in you. Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for me.*