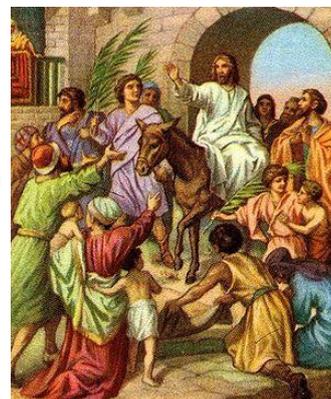
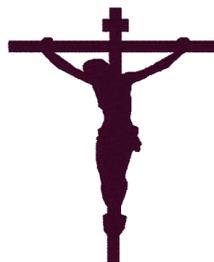


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 29 March, 2015

	<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat 28		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>John & Molly Blackett, R.I.P</i>
Sun 29	<u>PALM SUNDAY (B)</u> Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47	Parish Mass Book p180	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>William & Christopher Aston, R.I.P</i>
Mon 30	<i>Holy Week</i>	(Confessions after Mass)	10.00 a.m. <i>Mary & Agnes Jinks, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 31		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed 1		REQUIEM MASS Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral	9.00 a.m. <i>Nikki Braterman. R.I.P.</i> 6.00 p.m. <i>Priest's personal intention</i>
<u>EASTER TRIDUUM</u>			
Thur 2	<u>EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u> (Watching & praying at the Altar of repose until 10pm)		7.30 p.m. <i>Anne McEvoy, R.I.P.</i>
Fri 3	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Confessions after) <u>GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD</u> (Confessions after & church open for prayer until 8pm)		12 noon. 3.00 p.m.
Sat 4	<u>EASTER VIGIL</u>	Parish Mass Book p.220	8.00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 5	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> Gospel: John 20:1-9	Parish Mass Book p255	10.00 a.m. <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> 12 noon <i>Teddie Drew, R.I.P.</i>
Confessions after Mass Monday, as above & at call			
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Monday			
Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this			

HOLY WEEK

I came across this editorial from the 'Magnificat' prayer book which is useful as we enter Holy Week: 'If the life of Christ contains everything we need to know about the divine purpose of human existence, then Holy Week contains everything we need to know about how far God is prepared to go to effect this salvific plan. On Palm Sunday we are invited to relive Our Lord's triumphal, yet unconventional, entry into Jerusalem, seated on the colt of a donkey. Barely a week later, at Easter, we are invited to contemplate the re-entry of Christ into the midst of a humanity that has proved itself to be all too fickle in its reception of him. Fickle to the point of putting him to death. This time Christ's triumph - over death itself - is not celebrated triumphally. It is revealed slowly, gently, to one or two or a few people at a time. A reminder, perhaps, that we need to engage with Holy Week, first and foremost, in the most personal recesses of our hearts ... because that's where the King of Kings truly reigns: in the depths of our personhood.' God bless you, Fr Bruno

Last Sunday's Collection: £536.64, 2nd Coll.: £ 102.35
 This Sunday's collection for Church flowers for Easter,
 Good Friday collection for the Holy Places.

REQUIEM MASS FOR NIKKI BRATERMAN

Thank you for all the prayers that have been offered for Nikki and her family, prayers and candles lit in the church and those said at home. Her Funeral is this Wednesday at 9am. If possible could those living close by walk or come by public transport so that we can leave parking spaces for those coming from a distance. Thank you.

EASTER VIGIL

Please keep in your prayers two of our parishioners Jaqui Batchelor and Jennifer Fletcher who will be received into the Church this Easter Night.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING MEDITATION

On Good Friday a meditation in words & music featuring music from Mozart's Requiem will take place 7.30 pm, 3rd April, at St Thomas More Church, Patcham. Admission free with a retiring collection for Delete Blood Cancer UK.

PARISH DIARY

Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 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 our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Monica McLauchlan, Janine Monti & Dennis Palmer.

PRAYERS FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

Bishop Richard Moth is to be installed as the new bishop of Arundel and Brighton 28th May. He's been Bishop to the forces for the past few years, is Chair of Governors at St Mary's University and has been a Benedictine Oblate for over 30 years. He says, **"I ask for the prayers of the People and Clergy of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton as I prepare for the years that lie ahead that together we be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the service of Christ and his Church."**

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

On Good Friday at 9am Churches Together in Preston are having a 'Walk of Witness' carrying a Cross from St Matthias' on Ditchling Road down to Preston Park. Show your faith by walking with Christ on this day. Should last about 1 hour.

PASSION PLAY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

If you are in London on Good Friday the Wintershall Trust are putting on the Passion Play at 12 noon and 3.15 pm in Trafalgar Square. Free entry.

EASTER CANDLE

Our decorated 36 inch Easter Candle has arrived. Is there someone who would like to 'buy' it for the parish (£120) as a gift or in memory of a loved one?

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

These are being prepared for the new tax year and should be available for collection in the porch.

Please note there will be no Tea & Coffee after Sunday Masses on Easter Sunday 5th April or 12th April - due to our Church hall floor being renovated & varnished

The Social Concerns Group invites you to: SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 24th April 7.30pm Cassidy Centre

£4 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to CAFOD. Tickets on sale after 10am Sunday Masses from 5th April (or call Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642 or Liz Woodhead 01273 556899)

HOLY WEEK LEAFLET

Please pick up a 'Holy Week' leaflet at the back of the church offering information on Holy Week at St Mary's.

A PRAYER

*I asked God for strength that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.*

*I asked for help that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.*

*I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.*

*I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.*

*I was given nothing that I asked for;
But everything that I hoped for.*

*Despite myself, my prayers were answered;
I am among all people most richly blessed. (Anon)*

Preston Park Preschool Assistant required

We are looking to appoint a Preschool Assistant for the preschool in the Church hall. The post is for 4 mornings a week (16 hours). Applicants should have some knowledge of the EYFS and some experience of working with preschool children. A level 2 qualification in Early Years education is desirable, however training will be available. Please apply in writing to: Sally McLaughlin, c/o Priest's House, 5 Surrenden Road, Brighton, BN1 6PA - for an application pack. Closing date 31st March 2015

Brighton & Hove Third Order of Carmelites

Cordially invite you to a talk about 'Teresa of Avila and Christian Life Today' by Professor Peter Tyler - Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality, St Mary's University, Twickenham, at **The Cassidy Centre, St Mary's Church** on Wednesday, 22nd April 2015 at 6.30pm. There is a suggested donation of £5. Brighton & Hove Third Order of Carmelites usually meets every third Saturday of the month in the Cassidy Centre (next meeting April 18th). For further details please phone Rosie on 07984 880073.

HOLY WEEK REFLECTION [From 'Walk with me']

'We now enter the final week of Lent as we celebrate Passion Sunday. The Liturgy holds out an invitation to enter into the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Man of the Beatitudes becomes the Man of the Cross. Every moment of Jesus' Passion we witness the Beatitudes being perfectly lived out. Jesus is their very incarnation; he is beatitude. Every moment of his Passion sheds light on each of the Beatitudes. If we can carve out time to pray, read the scriptures and be still before the Lord this week, we will be richly blessed. We have before us a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of the mystery of the Cross, but also our own immersion through baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.

Teach me the truth, Lord, that I was buried with you through baptism into your death so that just as you were raised from the dead, I too might live a new life.'