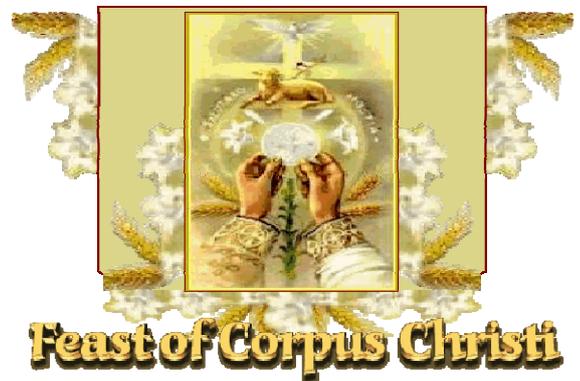


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 29 May, 2016 - Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	28 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. Katie Walsh, R.I.P.
Sun	29 CORPUS CHRISTI (C) Gospel: Luke 9:11-17 Parish Mass Book p.83	10 a.m. Pro Populo - for the people of the parish 12 noon Sue Stringer
Mon	30 <i>Feria</i>	10 a.m. Ania Rakowicz
Tue	31 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	1 <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	10 a.m. Priest's Intention
Thur	2 <i>Feria</i> Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. Priest's Intention 7 p.m. Canon Anthony Whale, R.I.P.
Fri	3 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity	10 a.m. Holy Souls
Sat	4 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	10 a.m. Priest's Intention 7 p.m. Holy Souls
Sun	5 10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Parish Mass Book p.93	10 a.m. Centenary of WWI - Battle of Jutland 12 noon Pro Populo

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Non-Catholics who desire instruction in the faith welcome at any time. See Fr Bruno
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday
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

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for 'the Body of Christ'). It is a feast that was established in the 13th Century to celebrate the great miracle of the Eucharist, to strengthen our belief in it and to promote a greater sense of reverence and awe for it in our lives. The teaching of the Church is that after the words of consecration spoken by the priest at Mass, "This is my body," the priest - who at that moment is speaking the very words of the Lord - is no longer holding bread in his hands but Jesus. The substance of bread has become the substance of the Lord; his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. There is no greater miracle than this on earth. At this moment during Mass it is often good to say in our hearts the words of the doubting Apostle Thomas when he saw the risen Lord for the first time, "My Lord and my God!" Some people mock this teaching on the Real Presence, others are indifferent to it but today may we renew our thanksgiving and wonder for this gift of himself that Jesus has left us. God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

A&B NEWS - The June edition has arrived and you are welcome to pick up your free copy in the church porch.

"When we look at the Cross we know how much He loved us then; when we look at the tabernacle, we realize how much He loves us now" [Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta]

Last Sunday's collection: £555.32, 2nd coll: £93.52
 This wk. 2nd coll: 'Missionary Endeavour of the diocese'

SVP PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Thank you very much to Fr Bruno and his enthusiastic fellow cyclists, Joe Cook and Owen Carr, for their charitable 40+ mile bike ride to and from the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, last Saturday. Not only did they sponsor two very worthy causes - the parish SVP and Lourdes funds - but they also contributed to the happy fellowship among fellow pilgrims. A great day to remember with the Jubilee Indulgence available to all! From Luke Fernandes, president of the parish SVP.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

A sincere thank you to those who sponsored Fr Bruno on his bike ride. So far over £1400 has been raised, which is wonderful. If you sponsored him and have yet to pay you will find envelopes for this in the church porch. Thank you

FEASTS THIS WEEK - This week we enter June, the month of the Sacred Heart. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is this Friday and on Saturday we have the beautiful feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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
Fri 03 June	7 pm	Cassidy Centre	Baptism Preparation class	Fr Bruno
Sun 05 June	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	First Holy Communion Class	Janet Silva

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, Mary Connett, Mary Cosham, Harry Cross, Paul Green, David Hayes, Terry Rodrigues & Tracey Weller.

S.V.P – Our next quarterly collection is next weekend 4th & 5th June. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **Thank you** to everyone for your generous support. **Also...a date for your diary S.V.P. Parish Family Fun Day – Sunday 10th July, 11am.** Consisting of: Tabletop sale of children's clothes, toys, books, etc. (Tables available £10 payable in advance), children's games, face painting, bouncy castle, children's cake decorating as well as Teas, Coffee, soft drinks and cakes. Plus family BBQ (brunch?) to include Bacon Butties etc....

CELEBRATE WEEKEND IN BRIGHTON

Sat 25th – Sun 26th June at Cardinal Newman School. Celebrate is a non-residential weekend for people of all ages, with separate streams for children, teens & young adults. There will be Mass, talks, times of praise and worship, Reconciliation, workshops, etc. See poster in porch for details or visit the website 'www.celebrateconference.org/brighton'

CELEBRATE WEEKEND ACCOMODATION – A mother and her 2 sons (11 & 14) is hoping to come to Brighton to the Celebrate Conference (25/26th June) and is looking for somewhere to stay with her 2 sons on the Saturday night (25 June). If you have a place to offer contact the parish office or Fr Bruno.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - Bishop Richard is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Consolation on July 17. 4 tickets have been allocated to St Mary's (2 now left). If you missed our parish pilgrimage there, see Fr Bruno. Travel will be by (free) coach with people from the other parishes in Brighton & Hove. **The Mercy Walking Pilgrimage**, Arundel to West Grinstead, 16/17 July, to join with the diocesan pilgrimage that day at the shrine. See Poster in porch for further details & application forms.

FROM THE SAINTS – Mother Teresa of Calcutta

“Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The devil may try to use the hurts of life and sometimes your own mistakes to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that He loves you, but even more - He thirsts for you.”

“No prayers are so acceptable to God as those which we offer Him after Communion.”

-St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

A GRACE BEFORE MEALS

“Bless the Food Before us, Lord and the Family Beside us, Amen”.

Act of Spiritual Communion

[which can be said at any time when for whatever reason you are unable to receive the most Holy Sacrament]

‘My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you’.

[St Alphonsus]

PARISH FOOD BANK - Thank you again for the regular donation ‘drop offs’ that are left in the foodbank box in the porch. We are a collection point for the local foodbank operating from St George's Catholic Church and donations are taken there. Charity truly does begin at home and this is a concrete expression of this as the donated food is distributed to our own next door neighbours who are in need. As ever all tinned, dried, jarred and staple food / cooking / toiletry items are welcome. It is as easy as adding something to your regular shop and dropping it in the foodbank box in the porch. Thank you. Someone once said that the only things that are really ours are those things we give away.

MASS WITH FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

23 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion at our **Midday Mass on Sunday 12 June**. Space is at a premium on this day so those who usually come to this Mass may need to go to our Saturday evening Mass or our Sunday 10 am Mass.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE HELPERS NEEDED

We have received an appeal from the Lourdes Pilgrimage team asking for additional helpers as they have a larger than usual number of pilgrims requiring assistance, who have applied to go this year. Sadly there is now a waiting list as there are just not enough helpers. Could you consider going as a helper from 29 July - 4 August? If you can help the contact lourdes@dabnet.org or call 01403 740110 for more information. Young helpers (17+) see Fr Bruno who may be able to help with funding.

Accommodation Required

A lady who works at St Mary's House is looking for a room to rent in a place close to St Mary's. She is content for it to be in a shared home and not necessarily ‘self-contained’. Contact the parish office if you have a room to offer.

And finally ... “What did the zero say to the number eight?”

“I don't know, what did the zero say to the number eight?”

“I like your belt.” (Somehow this seems to cheer everyone up, even on a bad day.)