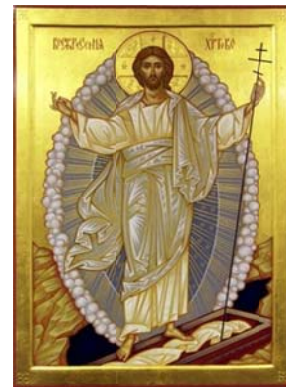


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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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 30 April, 2017

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>	
Sat	29	Vigil Mass	7 p.m. Holy Souls
Sun	30	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 Parish Mass Book p258	10 a.m. Mrs D Moffat, R.I.P & Mr B Martin, R.I.P 12 noon Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Mon	01	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Tue	02	[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	03	<i>Ss Philip and James, Apostles, Feast</i>	10 a.m. Priest's Intention
Thur	04	[Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal]	7 p.m. Holy Souls
Fri	05	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. Sr Kathy's Intentions
Sat	06	<i>Eastertide</i>	10 a.m. Susan & Peter Kennel, R.I.P.
		Vigil Mass	7 p.m. Nan Cullen, R.I.P.
Sun	07	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> Gospel: John 10:1-10 Parish Mass Book p262	10 a.m. Jonathan & Roger Chandler, R.I.P. 12 noon Pro Populo- for the people of the parish

**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 morning's 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 SUNDAY

The CTS Sunday Missal has this commentary for today's gospel of the road to Emmaus: 'The Gospel of this Sunday - the third of Easter - is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus. The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life.' What we notice too is that without the words of Scripture they could make no sense of the Cross. In the same way our suffering - at a human level - can seem to make no sense but if we open the scriptures and look at the Cross of Jesus, then with the light of faith, we can see a super-natural purpose to our sufferings. God bless you, Fr Bruno.

### A & B NEWS

The May edition of the diocesan newspaper, the A & B News, has arrived. Free copies available in the porch.

*'Let the hope of one day doing great things in the service of God not make you neglect*

**The Sanctuary Lamp** this week is burning for Susan & Peter Kennel, R.I.P.; **Our Lady's Lamp** for the Fernandes Family, in Thanksgiving.

Bishop Richard has requested parishes in the Diocese to take a special **second collection this week 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April** for the Peru Flood Relief Fund. Our twin Diocese of Chulucanas was badly affected by the severe flooding in March. Homes and livelihoods of many in the Diocese have been hit hard. You can view a video appeal from Bishop Dan in Chulucanas on the Diocesan website. This collection will also be gift-aid friendly and you can also give online via the Diocesan website.

Next week's Second collection is for the Education of our seminarians, the Future Priests of our diocese.

### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

We have entered what is perhaps the loveliest month of the year, May. This month is dedicated in a special way to our Lady. During it we try to honour her, each in our own way. One of the things she said at Fatima was "Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world".

**PARISH DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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
Wed 10 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Yrs 7-11 Youth Club	<a href="http://www.smvclub.co.uk">www.smvclub.co.uk</a>
Sat 13 May	5.30 pm	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Meeting (6)	Fr Bruno/John Stone
Sun 14 May	9.30 am	Cassidy Centre	Children's First Holy Communion Class	Mrs Janet Silva

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and families who need them at this time: Sister Anne, Lorna Briggs, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, 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.

**ST MARY'S SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB**

We are looking for someone to help David run this club on a regular basis. The Club meets every Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Please contact Fr Bruno or David Alfred on 01273 540038 for further details.

**The Social Concerns Group invites you to ANOTHER: Smile Quiz Night!**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Cassidy Centre. £5 ticket includes glass of wine or juice + light refreshments. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Tickets on sale after 10 a.m. Sunday Masses from 16<sup>th</sup> April or contact Claire Shelton-Jones (01273 505642) or at [claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net](mailto:claire.shelton-jones@virgin.net) or Liz Woodhead on 01273 556899.

**FOODBANK BOX**

A car load of your donations from the Foodbank box in the church porch was taken to the Foodbank this week for which they were very grateful and pass on their thanks. It's as easy as picking up something extra when you shop and then dropping it in the box in the porch here at St Mary's. At the moment they especially need: Shampoo, Sugar, Toilet Rolls, Longlife Juice & Milk, Tinned Tomato's, Tins of custard, fruit & rice pudding, Tinned Macaroni Cheese and unflavoured dried noodles. Thank you.

**A Message from the Good Counsel Network**

This year sees the 50th anniversary of abortion being legalised in Great Britain, over 8 million babies' lives have been lost since 1967. We all need to make some extra sacrifice this year. Please attend the "March for Life" in Birmingham on Saturday the 20th May. Going to Birmingham may involve a sacrifice for those who live some distance away, but the day is a great witness to our society and is also both informative and encouraging. Three English Bishops will be attending the March. For coaches from London and elsewhere please see: [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com) or phone 0207 723 1740

**NEW PARISHIONER'S FORM**

If you have never filled in a 'New Parishioners Form' please pick one up from the church porch, fill it in and drop it through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

**I'm Fine – Thank you**

There's nothing the matter with me  
I'm as healthy as I can be,  
I have arthritis in both my knees & when I talk I wheeze,  
my pulse is weak and my blood is thin ...  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet  
or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night  
but every morning I find I'm alright.  
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin ...  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as my tale I unfold,  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say I'm fine with a grin ...  
Than to let folks know the shape we're in!

**INSPIRE @ WORTH ABBEY**

A teenage retreat for Years 7-9, 12 - 14 May, 2017. See poster in porch for details or email [TOC@WORTHABBEY.NET](mailto:TOC@WORTHABBEY.NET). Booking closes 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Parenting Teenagers Course.**

St Peter's Anglican Church, York Place, Brighton, BN1 4GU. 5 Mondays from 8 May - 12 June (7.30-9.45pm). Each evening starts with drinks & desserts, followed by a 2-part talk on DVD, plus time for discussion in small groups. For more information and for registration please visit: [www.stpetersbrighton.org/parenting-teenagers](http://www.stpetersbrighton.org/parenting-teenagers)

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - Shrine Activities**  
**Marriage & Family Pilgrimage Week, 12-20 August.** Pre-booking essential. Free entry, donations welcome, only accommodates tents. Activities for all ages in the company of fellow pilgrims at the National Shrine of Our Lady. For more information email: [family@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:family@walsingham.org.uk) or call 01328 820658

**Formation Retreats for Young Adults 18-35.** A three part series, 1: Abide in Me, 2: Built on Rock, 3: According to your will. £80 per retreat includes 2 nights dinner / bed / breakfast / lunch and transport from King's Lynn Station. Contact: [nicky@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:nicky@walsingham.org.uk) See Poster for details  
**Travel Bureau - Come to Walsingham, England's Nazareth.** For parish groups, families or individuals. Contact: [TravelBureau@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:TravelBureau@walsingham.org.uk) or call 01328 820217 for details, quotes and arrangements.

**And finally ...** A priest who was struggling with his preaching was approached by a parishioner with advice: 'Father, you need to make your homilies more like a mini skirt.' 'What do you mean?' said the Father. 'Short enough to catch our attention, long enough to cover the essentials' he replied.

*May is the beautiful month of Mary. Begin and end each day with a 'Hail Mary'*