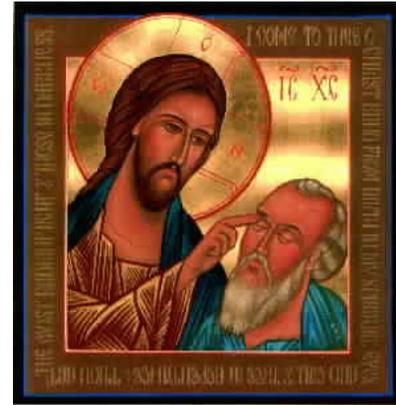


# St Mary's Catholic Church

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**All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to Mass and to the parish**

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 30 March 2014

	<b>Mass proper</b>		<b>Intention</b>
Sat 29		[Vigil Mass]	7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Jeff Scott, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 30	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: John 9:1-41</i> <b>Parish Mass Book p. 164</b>		10.00 a.m. <i>Seamus Duffy, R.I.P.</i> 12 noon <i>For the people of the Parish</i>
Mon 31		<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	10.00 a.m. <i>Molly Bradley, R.I.P.</i>
Tue 01	<i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>William &amp; Christopher Aston, R.I.P.</i>
Wed 02	<b><u>MASS AT ST MARY'S HOUSE</u></b>		8.15 a.m. -
Thurs 03		<b>REQUIEM MASS</b> [Traditional (Low) Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Mrs Doreen Mooney, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Brian Gregory</i>
Fri 04	<i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>		10.00 a.m. <i>Anne McEvoy, R.I.P.</i> <b>7.00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
Sat 05	<i>4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent</i>	[Vigil Mass]	10.00 a.m. <i>Marie Treacy, R.I.P.</i> 7.00 p.m. <i>Fr Terence Walsh, R.I.P.</i>
Sun 06	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</u></b> <i>Gospel: John 11:1-45</i> <b>Parish Mass Book p. 170</b>		10.00 a.m. <i>For the people of the Parish</i> 12 noon <i>Emily Fernandes, R.I.P. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</i>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am Tuesday before Mass (Funerals Mon & Thur)**  
**Tea & Coffee is served in the hall after our Sunday 10 am Mass. All are welcome.**  
**Confessions every Saturday, 10.30-11 a.m. & 6.15-6.45 p.m.**

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

'On these Sundays in Lent the liturgy takes us on a true and proper baptismal route through the texts of John's Gospel: last Sunday, Jesus promised the gift of "living water" to the Samaritan woman; today, by healing the man born blind, he reveals himself as "the light of the world"; next Sunday, in raising his friend Lazarus, he will present himself as "the resurrection and the life". ... This Sunday ... the question which the Lord Jesus asks the blind man is the high point of the story: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man recognizes the sign worked by Jesus and he passes from the light of his eyes to the light of faith: "Lord, I believe!" [Pope Benedict XVI]. We are going through Lent together, but it is also something personal to each of us. Like those we hear of in the Gospels we are all invited to look closer to Jesus and pray for a deeper faith and response to him: "Yes, Lord, I too believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Saviour of the world". Don't forget Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church. God bless you this week. Fr Bruno.

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

**£561.34**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

**£112.31**

### EASTER FLOWERS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

The retiring collection this Sunday is for flowers for St Mary's this Easter.

### BRIGHTON MARATHON NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning (6<sup>th</sup> April) there is the Brighton Marathon. Roads will be closed around St Mary's so you may need to plan to walk or cycle to Mass.

### MOTHERS DAY

A happy and blessed Mother's day to all the mothers in the parish. The origin of this day is actually from this Sunday's Mass, the fourth Sunday of Lent. The first words in Mass today are: "Rejoice, Jerusalem ..." and we hear of Jerusalem 'our mother'. People would visit their Mother Church - their cathedral or parish church. This then extended to a day of thanksgiving for our own earthly mothers. So happy mother's day to you today.

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible study & prayer group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred, 540038
Mon 31 Mar	8-9 pm	Cassidy Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> H. Comm. Parents meeting	Charles Wookey
Sat 12 Apr	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Elizabeth Lily Baxter	
Mon 14 Apr	7 pm	Church	Lent Reconciliation Service	

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Ken Adsett, Mary Azzopardi, Nikki Braterman, Lorna Briggs, Christopher Brown, John Cullen, Gladys Dillon, Dick Morris, Bradley Smith, Gerard Stone and Tracey Weller. Please also pray for their families and carers.

### DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tue 08 Apr	7.30pm	St Joseph's, Elm Grove
Wed 09 Apr	7.30pm	OL of Lourdes, Rottingdean
Thur 10 Apr	7.30pm	St Peter's, Hove
Sun 13 Apr	3.00pm	St John the Baptist's
Mon 14 Apr	7.00pm	St Mary's, Preston Park

These are the dates for the deanery penance services. Priests will be available at all the services for confession.

### THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Mary's SVP society will be collecting your "Projects" Tins after Masses on the weekends of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of April. The monies collected from these Tins help us to support our Twins and our Sponsored Students in India and some local projects. Please be generous. If you would like a member to collect these Tins from your house then please contact Terry Sharpe on 541050.

The parish SVP society are also looking for new members to replace our long-serving Treasurer and President. If you are interested or would like to find out more then please again contact Terry.

### COALITION FOR MARRIAGE

*Coalition for Marriage* have produced a sheet, 'Talking points on same-sex marriage,' which is in the porch. It points out the undemocratic process by which this law was passed and how the real change enacted is not for same-sex couples but for the rest of us who now have to officially say there is no better or worse in either of these 'marriages'.

### MEN'S WEEKEND AT WORTH ABBEY

This year's parish men's weekend of light spiritual refreshment will take place from Friday evening 9<sup>th</sup> May to lunchtime on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Cost is approx. £100 including food. If you would like to come please contact Francis Lacy-Scott (01273 671190) or Charles Wookey (01273 554954 or 'c.wookey@btopenworld.com').

### A SEAMSTRESS IN THE PARISH?

We are using an 'old' violet Altar frontal (found in the Sacristy) during Lent. I haven't found any of the other liturgical colours though. If I was to get material in the other colours we use (White, Red & Green) is there someone who thinks they could make some more?

### A PRAYER

by Blessed John Henry Newman

*'God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do his work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it - if I do but keep his Commandments. Therefore I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me - still he knows what he is about.'*

### ONLINE CATECHESIS

The Bishop of Portsmouth, Philip Egan, is offering online catechesis this Lent to help people in their spiritual preparation for Easter. A video is available each Monday at 'www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk' which includes the Gospel for the coming Sunday followed by his catechesis.

### CABRINI SOCIETY

Bishop Kieran recently sent a note to schools about collections for the Cabrini Children's Society, to explain a change in their plans. They are now working almost exclusively with fostering and adoption, and since the change in the law allowed same-sex adoptions, he told them that we could not support this work. Recently monies collected by the Church had been ring-fenced for 'community projects' but they are stopping these. They acknowledge that now they can no longer with a clear conscience ask for fund-raising from schools and parishes.

### SMILE QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Concerns Group invites you to their Smile Quiz Night on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm in the Cassidy Centre. The £4 ticket includes a free glass of wine or juice and light refreshments. Tea and coffee on sale. Bring your own bottle if you wish. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Teams of four maximum. Feel free to come along and join a team. Tickets on sale after 10 am Sunday Masses from 6<sup>th</sup> April or call Liz Woodhead 01273 556899 or Claire Shelton-Jones 01273 505642

### SERMON IN A SENTENCE

"It is with the heart that one sees rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye".