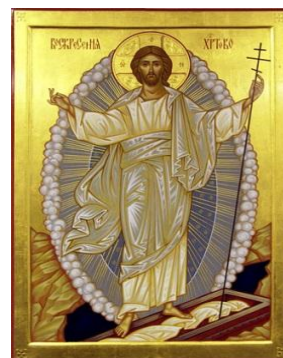


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish

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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 5 April, 2015, Easter Sunday

| | | <u>Mass proper</u> | | | <u>Intention</u> |
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| 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. 12 noon | <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> <i>Teddie Drew, R.I.P.</i> |
| Mon | 6 | <i>Octave of Easter</i> | | 10.00 a.m. | <i>Jack & Angela Merricks, R.I.P.</i> |
| Tue | 7 | | [Mass at St Mary's House] | 8.15 a.m. | - |
| Wed | 8 | <i>Octave of Easter</i> | | 10.00 a.m. | <i>Mary Anne Hughes, R.I.P</i> |
| Thur | 9 | <i>Octave of Easter</i> | [Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal] | 10.00 a.m. 7.00.p.m. | <i>Enrik Rukaj, R.I.P</i> <i>Bishop Richard Moth</i> |
| Fri | 10 | <i>Octave of Easter</i> | | 10.00 a.m. | <i>Edward Bamin, R.I.P.</i> |
| Sat | 11 | <i>Octave of Easter</i> | [Vigil Mass] | 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. | <i>Harry Connett, R.I.P.</i> <i>Pro Populo- for the people of the parish</i> |
| Sun | 12 | <u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY/2nd OF EASTER</u> Gospel: John 20:19-31 | Parish Mass Book p 259 | 10.00 a.m. 12 noon | <i>Anthony D'Souza, R.I.P</i> <i>John Cullen, R.I.P</i> |

Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 -6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 am before weekday Mass
Due to Hall Floor varnishing and drying no Tea & Coffee after 10 am Sunday Mass the next 2 weeks

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

The Entrance Antiphon for Easter Sunday begins with these words: 'I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia'. We could say the whole mystery of Easter and of our faith is contained in these words: 'I have risen' - our Lord Jesus, who was crucified and died for us, has risen from the dead. Death and oblivion is not the end of his life, No, he is risen and now lives with a life which can no longer die. Then we hear these words: 'I am with you still'. This is our faith that Christ truly lives and abides in those who believe in him and live in his ways: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). He is with us still in the Sacraments and most especially in the Holy Eucharist. Then we have the word 'Alleluia' meaning 'Praise ye the Lord', Yes, may God be ever praised. Jesus Christ is truly risen and may you experience his presence this Easter week, Fr Bruno.

EASTER VIGIL

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

Last Sunday's Collection: £489.38
 2nd Coll.: £ 174.56 [for Church Flowers at Easter]

A THANK YOU FROM FR BRUNO

Thank you to all those who have helped in the parish during this last Holy Week. Thank you to our musicians and singers for leading and focusing us during the liturgies. Thank you to our dedicated team of flower ladies - St Mary's is looking like the garden of Resurrection for Easter. Thank you to those who have helped arrange, adorn and clean the church this week. Thank you to our servers and all those who helped with the particular ministries. Thank you for all your time and service freely given and for having made Holy Week here so moving for our parishioners and visitors. May God bless all of you.

Please note it is the Brighton Marathon next Sunday (12th April). Roads close around the Park from 7am & re-open at 10.15am. You may prefer to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass or 12 noon if you need to drive.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

These are ready for the new tax year and are available for collection in the porch.

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 |
| Sat 11 April | 5.30 pm | Cassidy Centre | Confirmation Class | John Stone |
| Sat 11 Apr | 12 noon | Church | Baptism of Bertie Mikolaj Bacharew | |
| Sat 11 Apr | 2 pm | Church | Baptism of Grace Poppy Todardo | |

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.

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."**

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)

Second Chilworth Abbey Study Day at St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, GU4 8QR, Sat., 11 April, 9am to 4.30pm. Fr John Seddon OSB will be speaking on Illusions & Compulsions: monastic insights. The day will include Holy Mass, inspiring talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & the Ministry of Reconciliation and Healing. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information go to: chilworthbenedictines.com.

AN EASTER TALE

Long after the Good Friday Service was over old Paddy was still in the church looking at the crucifix. The priest came in and asked, "Are you OK, Paddy?" "Just thinking" came the reply. "What are you thinking?" asked the priest. Looking at the cross Paddy said, "That the likes of him did the likes of that for the likes of me."

AN EASTER PRAYER

From Pope Benedict xvi
'Jesus, like the grain of wheat which rises from the earth, putting forth its stalk and then its ear, you could not remain enclosed in the tomb; the tomb is empty because he - the Father - "did not abandon you to the nether world, nor let your flesh see corruption." No, you did not see corruption. You have risen, and have made a place for our transfigured flesh in the very heart of God. Help us to rejoice in this hope and bring it joyfully to the world. Help us to become witnesses of your Resurrection.'

SOUL BY THE SEA

'Soul by the Sea' who brings the Passion of the Christ to Brighton every year invites you to their production on the beachfront, below the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, BN1 1NB, on Easter Sunday, 05 April. Performances are at 2 pm and 4 pm. Entry Free. More info at 'www.soulbythesea.org'

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 however is April 11th). For further details please phone Rosie on 07984 880073.

Book Recommendation (from Luke Fernandes)

"The Great Reformer" by Austen Ivereigh, an Oxford PhD, is an authoritative biography of Pope Francis whose visionary leadership has breathed new life into the Church and turned him into a global phenomenon. It reveals how Jorge Bergoglio, an austere, shy Jesuit Bishop of the Latin-American Church, was transformed into the Bishop of Rome and pastor of 1.2 billion Catholics.

RECENTLY MARRIED?

A new initiative is being launched in Brighton aimed at recently married Catholic (and 'half' Catholic) couples. Lara Merk, the pastoral assistant at the Sacred Heart, is arranging get-togethers for these couples every 2 months or so for friendship, prayer, a meal and some short teaching input. If you are interested please contact her directly at 'lmsacredheart@gmail'.

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