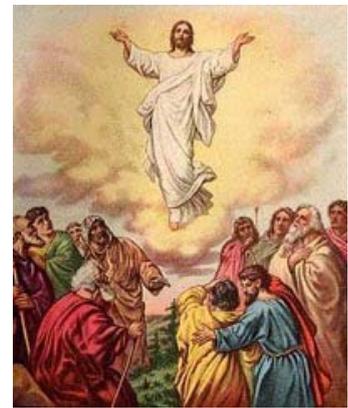


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 08 May, 2016 - Month of Mary

<u>Mass proper</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Sat	07 [Vigil Mass]	7 p.m. Michael Ryan, R.I.P.
Sun	08 <u>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)</u> Gospel: Luke 24:46-53 Parish Mass Book p277	10 a.m. Pro Populo - for the people of the parish 12 noon Tom McDermott, R.I.P.
Mon	09	10 a.m. Pat Hodgson, R.I.P.
Tue	10 [Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m. -
Wed	11	10 a.m. Intentions of Mary Murphy
Thur	12 Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	10 a.m. Private Intention 7 p.m. Lucy Hansford
Fri	13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	10 a.m. Joan Simmons, R.I.P.
Sat	14 <i>St Matthias, Apostle & Martyr</i> Vigil Mass - Parish Mass Book p284	10 a.m. Jeffrey Thomson, R.I.P. 7 p.m. Holy Souls
Sun	15 <u>PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)</u> Gospel: John 20:19-23 Parish Mass Book p294	10 a.m. Terry D'Silva, R.I.P. 12 noon Pro Populo - for the people of the parish

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. & at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50-9.50 a.m. Friday morning. Rosary 9.30 a.m. Monday & Friday
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

I found the following meditation on the Ascension in the Magnificat pocket missal: *'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.* He sent his beloved for us. He sent his Only Begotten Son to walk among us - the tired, the weary, and the weak - because he knew we could not help ourselves. His beloved teaches us to focus our gaze on the heavens and is our only salvation. He is the one who would be born of a Virgin and walk this earth completely sinless and submissive to the point of death on a cross so that we may have eternity. ... Jesus is the living gift of our heavenly Father's eternal love for all of us.' God bless you this week, Fr Bruno.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Richard Vandermark and Anne Louise de Waal who were married in the church this Saturday. We wish them every blessing and happiness together.

DAPHNE MOFFATT, R.I.P.

Please pray for Daphne Moffatt (nee Morrison) who died last Sunday. She is the sister of John and Henry Morrison. May she rest in peace.

"Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary's protection." - Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Last Sunday's Collection: £504.68,
 2nd collection: The Missionaries of Africa, £635.64
 This weeks 2nd collection is for World Communications
 Day - prayer cards are in the church porch.

ON PRAYER - Words from Blessed Mother Teresa
 'I believe there is no one who needs God more than I do. I feel so useless and weak. Because I cannot rely on myself, I rely on him, 24 hours a day. My secret is simple: I pray; I love prayer. The urge to pray is always within me. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is ready to receive God's gift of himself. We would so love to pray properly, but then we fail. If you want to pray better, pray more. If we want to be capable of loving, we must pray.'

FR DOMINIC ROLLS, R.I.P.

Some people have asked about the funeral arrangements for Fr Dominic Rolls who died last week. There will be a Vigil Mass at Dorking, where he was Parish Priest, Tuesday 17 May at 7pm. The Requiem Mass for him will be at Worth Abbey the next day, Wednesday 18 May, at 12 noon. He was well known and loved in the diocese. Pray for him and for more priests in the diocese.

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
Wed 11 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Sat 14 May	12 noon	Church	Baptism of Gabriella Vance	
Sun 15 May	9 am	Cassidy Centre	Childrens First Holy Communion meeting	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.

Thank you - Thank you for the great response to my request for Jam Jars. I have sufficient now, but will be looking for more after the next Christmas Fair. Thanks again, Maureen Ashing.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead, **Saturday 21st May**. A coach will depart from St Mary's at 10.15 a.m. and return at 5.00 p.m. Spaces still available. You are free to travel also by car as parking is available. The cost is £6 per person, which includes tea/coffee and a donation to the Church/Shrine. Please bring a packed lunch. It will include Mass, a talk, a visit of the shrine and priest hole, free time and Benediction. Fr Bruno will be cycling there and back again (a 40+ mile round trip). You can sponsor him and monies raised will be split between the Parish SVP and the parish Lourdes fund to send some of our young parishioners to Lourdes. He is happy to be joined by any other keen cyclists (two others so far).

MISSIO - RED BOX

Many members of the parish have a Red Box in their homes. It's a way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. If you have one which hasn't been emptied for a while please could you bring it along to Mass next weekend or the weekend after? You can also download the Red Box app for your phone or tablet available from the Missio website: RedBox@missio.org.uk

Art at St George's - Sunday 15th May, 1pm - 5pm

St George's Church in Hove has a remarkable collection of artwork and invites you to visit on Sunday May 15th. For more information see poster in porch or visit www.artatstgeorges.org.uk.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL GIFT AID

DONORS - On 6th April 2016 some changes to tax allowances became effective. Please remember that you must have paid sufficient Income/Capital gains tax that is at least equal to the amount reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations to charities. If you have paid insufficient tax you will have to repay the shortfall. If you need tax advice please contact either your tax office or professional tax advisor.

Ascension Prayer - Roman Missal, 6th-8th Century

'Gladden us with holy joys, Almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope'.

Preston Park Preschool Temporary Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a temporary assistant to work on a 1:1 basis with an individual child. You will work closely with the team. Term time, 15 hrs per week - 5 mornings 9.15-12.15 Job shares welcome. Knowledge of early years development desirable. Position subject to DBS checks. Start date asap for further details & application form contact Sally McLoughlin c/o Priests House, 5 Surrenden Road, BN1 6PA. or email parish office. Closing date 20th May 2016

CAFOD's inter-Continental Breakfast

Saturday 14th May at Sacred Heart Church, Hove, BN3 3BF, from 9:30-11:30 am. Come along for an inter-continental breakfast (inc. croissants and bacon butties) and an update on CAFOD's work, meet others and discover ways in which you can get involved. For more information and to book your place contact Martin or Jo on 01483 898866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. This year 15-21 May is Christian Aid Week & your donations would be much appreciated in the envelopes distributed around the church. If you complete the gift aid slip attached then Christian aid can reclaim the tax. Envelopes may be left with the retiring collection. Thank you.

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF CORPUS CHRISTI with carpet of flowers, Wednesday 25 May, 9.30am - 8pm and Thursday 26 May from 9.30am with Solemn Mass and procession to Arundel Castle at 5.30pm. Refreshments in Cathedral Centre.

And finally ... A couple had two little boys, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town their two boys were in some way involved. The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behaviour. So they asked their Parish Priest to speak to the boys. The Priest agreed and asked to see them individually. The youngest went to meet with him first. The Priest sat the boy down and asked him, "Son, where is God?" The boy said nothing, so he asked again, "Do you know where God is?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the Priest spoke more firmly gesturing with his hands "Answer me, Where is God?" At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly to his older brother who asked "What happened?" The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it."

"Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God's hands for he will take care of you."

- St. John Baptist de La Salle