

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 13 May, 2018 - Month of Mary

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 12	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 13	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Gospel: John 17:11-19 Mass Book p.277	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Terry D'Silva, R.I.P.</i> <i>Roger Murchison & Family</i>
Mon 14	<i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tue 15	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	- <i>Diocesan Clergy In Service Day</i>
Wed 16	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	- <i>Diocesan Clergy In Service Day</i>
Thurs 17	Traditional Mass 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>For the end of Abortion</i>
Fri 18		10 a.m.	<i>John & Maureen Sullivan, R.I.P.</i>
Sat 19	Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 20	PENTECOST Gospel: John 20:19-21 Mass Book p.290	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the Parish</i> <i>Lucila Ayala, R.I.P.</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday 10 a.m. Mass

Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for the Irish Abortion Referendum; Our Lady's lamp for those sitting exams

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Wed 16 May	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smclub.co.uk
Sat 19 May	12 noon	Church	Baptism - Raphael Ironside	
Sun 20 May	9.30	Cassidy Centre	Children's 1 st Holy Communion class (8)	Mrs Janet Silva

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

Meditate - As Easter-time continues and we approach Pentecost, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension last Thursday. It marked the end of the appearances of the risen Lord, the return of Jesus to the Father and the commission given to go out and preach to all nations. This task continues in the Church today. The Lord Jesus assists us as we strive to live by his gospel.

Pray - Lord Jesus, in you our humanity now lives with the Father. You have left us and yet you are with us still. Help us to bring your good news and your healing touch to a world in desperate need.

Act - Consider how you can bring the joy and light of Easter to those with whom you live and work. The Lord is with us still. Be a channel of his peace.

CHILDREN'S FIRST CONFESSIONS

Our 25 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion on the 17th June received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time after our 10am Mass on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers and think of returning to confession if you have not been for a while.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The 2nd collection this week is for The Catholic Communications Network. For more information about this valuable work go to www.catholicnews.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-20 May - This week is Christian Aid week and your donations would be much appreciated in the envelopes distributed around the church. Thank you for your continuing support.

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those who need them at this time including: Pamela Alexandrou, Jerry Alfred, Ann Chandler, Mary Connett, Paddy Cumiskey, Amy Grimes, Judy Harrison, Malcolm Hunter, Dick & Betty Morris, Glenn Rodrigues, Terry Rodrigues, Simone, Callum Stone, Diana Taylor, Tom Walsh, Tracey Weller & Michael Ward.

Singing & Readings this Saturday

Parishioners from St Mary's and St Thomas More's have prepared a musical evening **this Saturday, 12 May**, at 7.30pm at St Thomas More's. Do come along.

Bring a Dish Lunch - Sunday 3rd June

The Social Concerns Group invites you to join us for a friendly shared lunch in the hall at 1 pm. You bring some hot or cold food plus a bottle if you wish. We'll provide tea and coffee. Donations welcome in aid of equipment for Sunday coffee. Please bring dishes to the hall before the midday Mass if possible. Thank you.

St Mary's SVP Visit To St. John's Seminary - Womersley, Guildford on Sat 9th June

This is a great opportunity to have a guided tour of a major Seminary established in 1891, (one of only three in the UK), to train students for the priesthood, mainly from the South of England and Wales. The Coach will leave St Mary's at 11am - Please bring a packed lunch with you - and we return to St Mary's at approx. 5.30pm. There is **no charge** but any donations would be welcome. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Porch. For further information contact Luke Fernandes on 01273 556927

FOODBANK - There is a box for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to our local foodbank in the church porch. Things they particularly need at the moment are tinned vegetables, meats, fish etc. as well as rice, sauces, UHT milk and toiletries. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Volunteers needed

Without volunteers to lead the sessions this cannot take place. Please see the sign-up sheets in the porch. There are only 5 sessions left to fill, till the end of the School Year. This is worthwhile work. Materials are provided.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The new parish website was launched recently with the address: www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk It is a work in progress. Currently the home page, Mass times, Daily readings and Newsletter are up and running.

PRESTON PARK PRESCHOOL

Based at St Mary's Church Hall. 9am-12.15pm (longer sessions can be available, details on application). Spaces are available now for children age 2 & upwards and for Sept. 2018. If you are interested please contact Sally McLaughlin on 01273 557144 or email prestonpark5@yahoo.co.uk

DEANERY

Pentecost 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

St Joseph's Church - 19th-20th May

Over the Pentecost weekend, there will be 24 hours of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in St Joseph's Church, Elm Grove, Brighton for the continuing renewal of our Parishes. Everyone is welcome to come along and be involved. The vigil will go from 9am on Saturday to 9am on Sunday, and anyone is welcome to sign up for an hour slot (or more!). At any time we will have at least two people praying in the church. The vigil will include a street mission on the Saturday night from 7pm-9pm when pairs of volunteers will go out to invite others to simply light a candle and spend some time in the church if they wish. If you would like to sign up for one of the hour slots and /or to be a street mission volunteer please email Marina on: mlev@wellspringbrighton.org.uk

Prayer to the Holy Spirit - St Augustine of Hippo

'Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.'

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PILGRIMAGE - 26 July to 3 August 2018

Online application form is now open for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Able Pilgrims. Pilgrims needing assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office to request a paper application form - 01403 740110. Online applications are now open. For info: www.ablourdes.org

OTHER

ORGAN RECITALS, ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

D'Arcy Trinkwon, the Organist to the University of Sussex, will perform the Great Organ Works of Cesar Frank & the Sainte-Clotilde Tradition at Arundel Cathedral, Fridays at 7.30 pm June 1 & June 15. See p.2 of the A&B News for details.

The Virgin Mary in St Faustina's life

'The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Before Holy Communion I saw the Blessed Mother inconceivably beautiful. Smiling at me she said to me, "My daughter, at God's command I am to be, in a special and exclusive way your Mother; but I desire that you, too, in a special way, be my child. I desire, My dearly beloved daughter, that you practice the three virtues that are dearest to me - and most pleasing to God. The first is humility, humility, and once again humility; the second virtue, purity; the third virtue, love of God. As my daughter, you must especially radiate with these virtues." When the conversation ended, She pressed me to her heart and disappeared. When I regained the use of my senses, my heart became so wonderfully attracted to these virtues; and I practice them faithfully. They are as though engraved in my heart.' [Diary, 1414/5]