

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 12 May, 2019 - Month of Mary

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 11	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 12	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER 'Good Shepherd' (C) Gospel: John 10:27 – 30 Mass Book p.268	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon	<i>Private Intention</i>
Mon 13	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15a.m.	-
Tue 14	St Matthias, Apostle	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wed 15	Eastertide	10 a.m.	<i>Thelma Donohue R.I.P.</i>
Thurs 16	Eastertide	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Fri 17	Eastertide	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sat 18	Eastertide Vigil Mass	10 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
		7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 19	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Gospel: John 10:27 – 30 Mass Book p.268	10 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
		12 noon	<i>Private Intention</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 Morning's Mass.

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8pm	Cassidy Centre	WCCM Christian Meditation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David 01273 540038
Sat 18 May	5.45-6.45	Cassidy Centre	Confirmation Class	Parish Office
Wed 22 May	7-9.30pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smclub.co.uk
Sat 25 May	3pm	Church	Deanery (and Parish) Confirmations	

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK.



Meditate

When everything is over, or in the words of Jesus "Jesus is the Good Shepherd. As such he knows his sheep, he gives them eternal life and defends them from the enemy. On their part, the sheep who belong to him, listen and follow him. In the midst of so many voices the gentle sound of the shepherd gives what he promises: security and stability.



Pray

Good Shepherd, you defend us against all the attacks of the enemy. Make me listen to you so that I may not go astray, pursuing wrong paths, but instead I may follow you to eternal happiness.



Act

There are many distractions which prevent us from listening to God. During this week try to block some of them out, perhaps by switching devices off, and be more attentive to the needs of others.

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

Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we receive in Baptism touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life, and other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our parish, the wisdom and courage to support the people who are searching for and following the call of God in their lives. Amen.

MISSIO – Parish Challenge – Update.

We received a phone call from Missio this week following our Parish Challenge and our fundraising to sponsor 2 seminarians for a year. Shortly we will be receiving pictures and contact details for the Seminarians we are sponsoring. We have asked that, if possible, at least 1 could be from Sri Lanka.

PARISH

MASSES

If you would like a Mass said please use the envelopes, if possible, available in the Church Porch. The Mass gift is set at £10 by the Diocese. We currently have availability for some masses this month (May) if needed.

If you would like either the Sanctuary lamp or Our Lady's lamp to burn Night & Day for a week before the Blessed Sacrament for a loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office. Recommended donation £5 per lamp

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Gerry Alfred, Mary Connett, Dick & Betty Morris, Margaret Turner, Peter Walsh and all who carry their own crosses.

Please pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Paul Ingram, Doris May, Ludwig Bugla, Michlin Keeling, Sarah Duff, Pearl Hoggarth, Montague Scales, Lilian Glaze, Joseph Hogan.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amber Lily Pennick and Ava-Marie Hope Upchurch who became Christians and children of God this Saturday.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Happy birthday to Betty Morris who gives thanks to God for 98 years this Tuesday (14 May). May Our Lady especially bless her, her family & friends on this occasion.

MAGNIFICAT – available in the church porch

The May issue is now in the porch priced at just £3.50

FOODBANK DONATIONS –

As well as the usual items, currently they are particularly in need of: TINS OF: Spaghetti, Fruit, Rice Pudding; Also Custard, Pasta Sauce, Cooking Oil, Toilet Rolls, Tomato Ketchup, Gravy granules, Biscuits & Savoury snacks (like crisps & crackers). These can be left in the box in the church porch. All donations go to the Hangleton Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support. (No Tea, soup, beans, pasta or rice needed currently)

Preston Park Pre-School (St Mary's Pre-School/Playgroup)

It is with regret that we have to inform you that the Pre-school will close at the end of this academic year, on Friday 19th July.

The Pre-school has been run by the Parish for over fifty years and has always received good Ofsted ratings. During the last few years we have experienced a number of financial pressures that mean the Pre-school is no longer viable.

Parents and our staff have been informed of this decision.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their hard work and loyalty. We would like to wish them all the best for the future and thank all the parents that have supported us over the years.

S.V.P

Our next quarterly collection is the weekend 1st & 2nd June. Please bring your box contents in a bag with your box number. **THANK YOU** to everyone for your generous support.

DIOCESAN

JOB VACANCIES

Project officer for Marriage & Family Life – Crawley

Chief Technology Officer – Hove

Diocesan Communications Officer – Hove.

Please see the noticeboard for further details or go to

[https://finance.abdiocese.org.uk/human-](https://finance.abdiocese.org.uk/human-resources/diocesan-and-parish-jobs)

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House coo@abdiocese.org.uk for Job descriptions and

application forms.

OTHER

MARRIAGE MATTERS (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

We are a light to the world

Most people, when they get married, think their married life is a private affair but Jesus calls us to be a light to the world as a couple. Through our gentleness and tenderness, our readiness to forgive each other, people we meet can experience some qualities of God's love for them. Living in this way is the vocation of marriage.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINS: Taste & See Sessions:

If you would like to find out more about the recruitment for these positions, there are regional meetings.

All sessions run from 7pm to 8.30pm - 6th June Sacred Heart Cobham - 12th June Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield and 13th June St John the Evangelist, Horsham.

Violin Teacher – Brighton & Hove

Michael O'Sullivan offers violin & music theory lessons in the Brighton & Hove area, tailoring tuition to students' needs & personalities. A friendly teaching approach balances discipline with positive affirmation. He is a Grade VIII Distinction violinist. Students have all received Merit or Distinction in their graded exams. As a violinist Michael has played in diverse UK-based orchestras, ensembles & chamber groups. For all enquiries call 07811074383, or email michael.aston12@gmail.com.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

This month is dedicated in a special way to our Lady. During it we try to honour her, each in our own way.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.

By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.