

1ST - 21ST
JUNE 2025

Proclaim!

Parish Newsletter



...That they may become perfectly one

Our Mission Statement

United by faith, seeking God in diversity, welcoming and serving all after the example of Jesus

PILGRIMAGE TO PENTECOST

SAVE THE DATE

- **4/06** 6.30pm - 7.45pm
Youth Club for year 5, 6 and 7
(The church hall)
- **08/06** 11am Pentecost Mass in
different languages followed
by international meal event
- **18/06** 6.30pm - 7.45pm
Youth Club for year 5, 6 and 7
(The church hall)
- **22/06** First Holy Communion Mass
at 10am - St Mary's
- **27/06** 7pm Confirmation Mass -
Arundel Cathedral
- **12/07** Altar Servers Trip
- **13/07** Altar Servers Picnic in Park

Please note the Parish Office will be
closed 10th - 13th June to calls & visits
emails will still be monitored

Heading to Pentecost during the remaining days of the Fifty from Easter there has been a gradual mention of the Holy Spirit in what we have been hearing from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospels. The focus moved on from witnessing to the Resurrection of Jesus to a focus on the Holy Spirit in action as the disciples sensed the visible effects in the growth of followers. By the Sixth Sunday of Easter Jesus says in a farewell moment "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and remind you of all I have said". Reassuringly at His Ascension Jesus reminds his disciples, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you". As if to remind us, we have experienced the Election of Pope Leo XIV with the invocation of the Veni Creator when the Cardinals entered the Sistine Chapel for the Conclave, the fervent prayer for Vocations, the reminder at Baptisms of "a new birth by water and the

Holy Spirit" and the anointing as at Confirmation "the Gift of the Holy Spirit" is bestowed".

The words of Pope Leo when he was installed as Bishop of Rome will find a place in us as the unfolding of the Pastoral Plan advances - "The Spirit teaches us the Lord's words by impressing them deep within us, written no longer on tablets of stone but in our hearts. This gift helps us grow and become "a letter of Christ" for one another. Naturally, the more we let ourselves be convinced and transformed by the Gospel - allowing the power of the Spirit to purify our hearts, to make our words straightforward, our desires honest and clear, and our actions generous - the more capable we are of proclaiming its message". Extend the Invitation as Pentecost draws near - Come Holy Spirit come In flame our souls with love Transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above.

**From the Desk of
FR JOHN**

Visit our
WEBSITES

brightonstmary.com
saintthomasmorebrighton.com

St Mary's & the new parish of Brighton and Hove

Decision on Church Repairs

Thank you for the very helpful feedback on the question of repairing or replacing the church roof tiles. All those who responded by email were in favour of a full replacement as this is best for the long term. Some raised questions about whether the parish could raise sufficient funds to repay the loan from the diocese, but most were confident we could do it.

The decision made by the diocesan trustees this week is that we should go ahead and replace the roof, and they are happy to lend the parish up to £500k to fund it. Interest will be payable each year at 2% per annum on the amount borrowed during that year. The loan is to be repaid in full within 10 years.

We will let everyone know as soon as final decisions are made on the timing of the work, which is expected to last around 30 weeks and will involve scaffolding around the church buildings.

A number of people kindly said they would be keen to help with the fundraising. We will be holding a separate meeting in due course for anyone interested in this. The timing of this will be well advertised ahead of time.

It's a big commitment and will need the prayerful support - as well as material support of all of us!

Charles Wookey (Chair, Parish finance and property committee)

Message from Craig Walker & the New Leadership team for the new Parish of Brighton & Hove

The formation of a new Catholic parish serving the entire city of Brighton and Hove took a significant step forward with the inaugural meeting of its Leadership Team. The gathering, held at St. John Baptist Catholic Primary School, marks a pivotal moment in the restructuring of Catholic ministry across the city.

The newly established Leadership Team brings together clergy and lay representatives who will work collaboratively to shape the future of Catholic life in Brighton & Hove and Southwick. The team will oversee the unification of eleven church communities into a single parish structure while preserving the unique identity of each community.

"This Leadership Team represents a new approach to parish governance that emphasizes shared responsibility between clergy and laity," said Canon David Parmiter. "Together, we'll create structures that support our mission and strengthen our faith communities across the City."

The Leadership Team, which will meet fortnightly to establish governance structures, develop vision and mission statements, and prepare for the formal inauguration of the new parish, expected in July 2025.

The Leadership Team is one of three foundational groups being established, alongside a Parish Council and a City-wide finance committee. Once these structures are in place and approved by the diocesan Council of Priests, the bishop will formally inaugurate the new parish.

The team is committed to transparent communication and will keep parishioners informed about developments through regular updates in community newsletters and announcements.

Keep in your prayers.....



Please Join us in Pray for the Sick

Maureen Ashing, William Barrett, Tom Cullimore, Liz Humphries, Mary Ives, Peter Knott, Mary Neeson, Margaret Perrin, Simone R, Liz Regan, Chris Rodrigues, Anthony Welham, Tracey Weller and all who carry their own crosses.

Death Anniversaries

Joseph Tuszyński, Richard Gardner, Patricia Jenkins, Thomas Howell, Jean Johnson and John Walsh
(Names are listed for 25 years inline with the foundation mass format - Taken from our Parish Registers)

FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

18th & 25th May

1st Collection: £1190.57 **Gift Aid:** £191
Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £164

If you would like to financially support us we would be truly grateful. Cheques Should be made Payable to: St Mary's Church. If you would like to gift aid a donation - please include a letter stating this & that the donation is for Parish Refurbishment.

Remember the Dona machines are available for card donations as well.

Bank A/c - RCD A&B St Marys Brighton -
Sort code 40-05-20 - A/c No: 41076434

What's on in our churches?

Youth Club

For Years 5,6 & 7

In St Mary's Church Hall

Join us for Games, Friends & Fun

Starts at 18.30
Pick-up 19.45-20.00



WITH NATHAN + LUCA

If you have any questions about the club email: stmaryyouthclub@outlook.com

Next Sessions
June 4th & 18th
July 2nd & 16th

Pentecost International Mass

Join us for a celebration of diverse cultures through food, community and togetherness this Pentecost

Sunday 8th June 2025
Mass at 11am

in place of the 10am & 12noon masses of that day



All are welcome to attend this event!

We are also looking for people to sign up to provide some yummy food and refreshments ...some people to hopefully help with serving the Teas/Coffees etc. as well as the usual Help with setting up the Hall ... Clearing up the Hall at the end A sign up Sheet will be in the Church Porch soon

Considering signing up for the Confirmation Course this Year?

Are you in Year 8,9 or 10?



Parents & Prospective Candidates are invited to join us at an Expression of Interest Meeting

to find out what it's all about and how preparation works here at St Mary's

Sunday July 6th at 11am -
(after the 10am Mass)
in ST MARY'S CHURCH

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE



Join us for tea and coffee after our 10am Mass in both churches and let's meet in our Parish Halls and have a chat and taste the sweetness of our communities

WEEKDAY PRAYERS & LECTIO DIVINA

Join us for the Monastic Morning Prayer every Thursday at 9.45am & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday at 9.45am (St Mary's only)
Lectio Divina Every 1st Friday 10.30am

Coming in the Autumn!

YOUTH CLUB 2.0 FOR YEARS 8, 9 & 10

SEPTEMBER 17TH
OCTOBER 1ST & 15TH
NOVEMBER 5 & 19TH
DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH



St Marys Church Hall - 5 Surrenden Road
Brighton BN1 6PA

CHILDRENS LITURGY



Children of both churches are welcomed to join our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10am Sunday Masses
St Thomas' church: we are seeking volunteers
St Mary's: 1st & 15th June and 6th & 20th July

Our priests are great preachers to children. **PREACHING TO CHILDREN**
All children are welcome to join in the preaching at Sunday 10am Masses;
at St Thomas': once a month
St Mary's: 29th June and 13th July



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Join Celia and her ecumenical team for Christian meditation every Monday at 7pm in person or online. - For more info please call Celia: 01273 555967

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ?
ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.....
CATHOLICISM FROM A- Z
...FOR THAT CATHOLIC LEAP OF FAITH

BASED ON
THE RCIA
COURSE

DISCOVER OUR
TOP PICK OF
TOPICS & SPEAKERS.
WITH SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE.



We start in
September 2025

SOMETHING FOR YOU
IF YOU WISH TO JOIN
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OR JUST TO REFRESH YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Join Us for a Spiritual Journey

COME ALONG TO OUR INTRODUCTORY SESSION

SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 @ 5PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH - 5 SURRENDEN ROAD, PRESTON PARK

Have You Made your First Communion How about joining our Altar Servers Team?



- Monthly Training/ Formation Sessions
- Team Building
- Twice Yearly Appreciation Trip/Event
- Plus Fr Sebastian!



Speak to Fr Sebastian or
contact the Parish Office

Training Date schedule for Sept
onwards published in advance -
for your diaries & we have a
WhatsApp Group as well



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KEEP CALM
AND BECOME AN
ALTAR SERVER

GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

For St Mary's Parishioners email : brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk and for St Thomas Mores email: sttmbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk with the Subject line : Add me to the Newsletter

31st May - 21st June 2025

This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

Saturday 31st May

NO 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 1st June -

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Claude & Yvonne Depauw, R.I.P.

10am Mass -Tom Perrin, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish

12noon -For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY 2nd June

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 3rd June

10am Mass - Lucia Mayberry, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 4th June

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass -Richard Chamberlain, R.I.P.

THURSDAY 5th June

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -Maggie Lambreche, R.I.P.

11.30am - Requiem Mass - Angela McCulloch, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 6th June

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass -Chris, Derek, Beth, Derek, Joe, Jenny & Tim, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

11.30am - Requiem Mass - Patrick Maguire, R.I.P.

Saturday 7th June

NO 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 8th June - PENTECOST

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm - Fenella Hogge, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

11am Mass - Cyril Cassidy, R.I.P.

(International Feast in Church Hall)

MONDAY 9th June

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 10th June

10am Mass - Jean-Michel Pappilat, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 11th June

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - Olive, R.I.P.

2pm - Requiem Mass - Maura Cox, R.I.P.

THURSDAY 12th June

NO 10am Mass

FRIDAY 13th June

10am Mass - Teresa Larratt, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Saturday 14th June

NO 10am Mass

SUNDAY 15th June -

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm - Teresa Goggin, R.I.P.

10am Mass -For the People of the Parish

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

For the People of the Parish

12noon -Rev Patrick O'Brien, R.I.P.

MONDAY 16th June

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 17th June

10am Mass - Irene Bloor, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY 18th June

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - Enid Donovan, R.I.P.

THURSDAY 19th June

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -Joseph Camillin, R.I.P.

FRIDAY 20th June

10am Mass - Joan Cook, R.I.P.

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Saturday 21st June

NO 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Harry & Verity Cross, R.I.P.



Why have a Mass?

There is no greater prayer, because the Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his heavenly Father. In offering Mass for a specific intention, the priest prays to God that the fruits of Christ's redemptive sacrifice be applied to the requested intention, for the spiritual and temporal good of the person(s) concerned. Please book a Mass for any intention using the mass offering envelopes, via our website or by contacting the Parish Office.

A Mass stipend or donation is an offering for the mass intention & contributes towards the parish priests living expenses for the year

Mass Intentions St Mary's

Dates get booked up in advance, to avoid disappointment for a specific date please contact us as soon as possible

PARISH OFFICE OPEN



TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM
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