



all are  
 WELCOME  
 IMPORTANT  
 RESPECTED  
 ENCOURAGED  
 LOVED  
 here

# ST MARY'S News

**United by Faith, Seeking GOD in Diversity, Welcoming & Serving all after the example of JESUS.**

## SAVE THE DATE

- 14/05** Parish Finance meeting 7.30pm
- 29/05** Altar Servers Annual Festival - 'Go Ape' Adventure Park
- 31/05** Altar Servers Annual Festival - Mini Olympics & Picnic
- 02/06** Parish First Holy Communion Mass 10am

## 7TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE & PENTECOST

**12TH MAY - 26TH MAY 2024**

### The cost of discipleship. Do Not Quench the Spirit!

We need power to live out our commitment. And if we lack it we will become discouraged, then disillusioned, then settle into a life of spiritual mediocrity. This has happened to many would-be followers of Jesus over the centuries. Jesus tells us very clearly that the power to live as his disciple comes from the Holy Spirit.

For a variety of reasons, in many churches today there is a lack of clear, in-depth, practical teaching about the person and work of the Holy Spirit in relation to discipleship. As a result, many people struggle in their spiritual lives, and their discipleship is weak and anaemic. the Spirit carries on the work of Christ and makes him personally present to us in this world. In terms of discipleship, the Holy Spirit, as his name implies, works to make people holy. He brings God's people to salvation in Christ and then conforms them to his likeness and sends them out into the world in ministry. This covers the full spectrum of our life in this world. The Spirit is involved in every aspect of discipleship from start to finish.

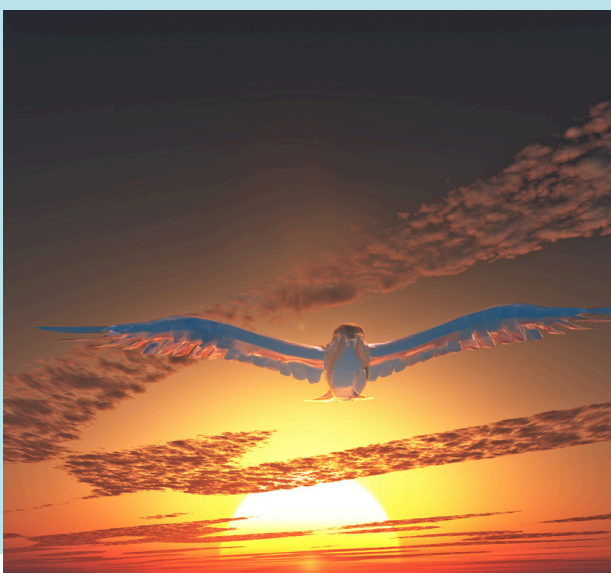
to speak God's word powerfully, expanding the church.

*The Holy Spirit is the key to authentic Christian life – to discipleship – and without his empowerment, teaching, and guidance it is impossible to live faithfully.*

Is such a life available to us today? Yes, just as much as it was to the first believers. Indeed, Scripture enjoins us to seek it. The life of discipleship is possible only through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Discipleship, the Christian life, does not work on any other basis. Only as we daily allow him to fill us by consciously yielding ourselves to his presence and direction can we walk as Jesus walked, do the work he has called us to do, and experience transformation into his likeness.

*The Spirit created a community of disciples, filling and refilling both the apostles and ordinary believers* as circumstances required, empowering them to live boldly and faithfully and

I strongly believe that our community can be thriving again if we allow the Spirit work within us!



[WWW.BRIGHTONSTMARY.COM](http://WWW.BRIGHTONSTMARY.COM)

EMAIL: [BRIGHTONSTMARY@ABDIOCESE.ORG.UK](mailto:BRIGHTONSTMARY@ABDIOCESE.ORG.UK)



# GO TEAM!



**Do you want to be more active at church?** Is this the year you really want to put your servant heart to work for the Lord, the church, and the community? There are several ways you can become more involved whether you are an introvert or extrovert, physically able or disabled, man or woman, young or old. **PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION! HELP US GROW AND THRIVE!**

**Please Join us in praying for**



### The sick of our Parish family

Maureen Ashing, William Barrett, Pam Colburn, Liz Humphries, Mary Ives, Peter Knott, Frederick Mckay, Mary Neeson, Tom Perrin, Simone R, Glen Rodrigues, Anthony Welham, Margaret Woodhead and all who carry their own crosses.

### Death Anniversaries

Paul Ingram, Maura Lesser, Doris May, Ludwig Bugla, Michlin Keeling, Paul Rippingale, Sarah Duff, Pearl Hogarth, Hugh Patrick Gosney, Montague Scales, Lilian Glaze, Joseph Hogan, Stella Spring, Mary Trowse, Josephine Bugla, Beatrice Rudd, Sr Agnes, Tori Parisco and Ronald Barrow

### Hospital Visits

The Royal Sussex County Hospital Chaplain is Fr Celestine, & he can be reached via this email: celestine.nnolim@nhs.net or tel. 01273 696955 ext. 64122. He is in the hospital 8.30am-4.30pm every weekday.

**TOGETHER  
WE CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

### Volunteer

#### with the Church Greeting Team

This one is close to my heart as I know how important it is to be greeted and welcomed when entering a church! This is a great way to not only meet new people, but also serve the church in a very important way. Your smiling face and warm greeting are usually the first impressions people get when they arrive at church, and for some, this could be their first return to church after a long absence, or even their first time at church.

### Volunteer

#### with the Sunday Tea&Coffee Team

Our hope is that parishioners will have a warm and inviting place to meet one another and share their morning with others. This is a wonderful ministry of hospitality and friendship. Fellowship plays an important role in bringing members of our community closer together in spirit.

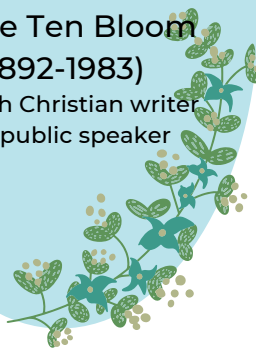


## REFLECTIVE THOUGHTS

Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.

**Corrie Ten Boom**  
(1892-1983)

a Dutch Christian writer and public speaker



### Next Available Masses to book are:

**Don't forget your Mass Stipend**

Tuesday 4th June  
Wednesday 5th June  
Friday 7th June  
Saturday 10am 8th June

Wednesday 12th June  
Friday 14th June  
Sunday 10am 16th June  
Tuesday 18th June

Thursday 20th June  
Friday 21st June  
Saturday 6pm 22nd June  
Sunday 10am 23rd June

## PARISH OFFICE WORKING HOURS

TUESDAYS 9.00 - 14.00, WEDNESDAYS 9.00 - 13.00, FRIDAYS 9.00-15.00

PHONE: 01273 554 509 EMAIL: [brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Tracey McKay : [sg1.brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk)

& Siobhan Rogers : [sg2.brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg2.brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk)

# We're on Social Media



@StMarysPrestonPark



@StMarysPreston1



## ALTAR SERVERS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Our Altar Servers Annual end of academic year 'Festival', for current servers who have been with us for the year will take place during the schools May Half-term. When we will go to the Go Ape Adventure Park for some fun and team building ...and then on another day we will hold our own Altar Servers mini Olympics with fun & games as well as a picnic.



It is really good and rewarding to be an Altar Servers so.... If you are a girl or a boy and you are interested in joining our Altar Servers in September please speak to me or ask your parents to email the parish office.

## Mass intentions: Why have intentions at 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 - the minimum is £10 but is more commonly £15-£20 nowadays

## Foundation Mass

A foundation mass is said once a year, for 25 years, for a particular intention. The capital sum is £300 (Jan 2014). Instructions for a Foundation Mass may be written into wills or individuals may request that a Mass be offered for a deceased person or other intention. If you are interested please contact the parish office.

## SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

Are welcome to join us for Sunday Coffee & Tea after the 10am Mass down in the Church Hall. ....

All proceeds go to the Lourdes Parish Fund The Team are always looking for more volunteers why not speak to one of them or email the parish office and we will put them in touch with you.



# Diary Dates

## PENTECOST

19TH MAY SUNDAY MASS 11AM

A Truly International Mass with Readings, Prayers and much more in the Native languages of our congregation!

Please join us in the Hall afterwards, for tea & coffee, to celebrate this very special Feast Day.

## Parish First Holy Communion Mass

10am - Sunday 2nd June

## Silver Club

The Silver Clubs next session will be on Saturday 25th May 11am - 1pm - in the Cassidy Pastoral Centre

Come and join in the fun quizzes, sing-a-longs and much more ! Plus Healthy food as well. Suggested donation is just £3. Can't make the 25th....

well put a reminder in your diary for June 22nd or July 6th



## Parish life Parish Groups Meditation group

Monday Evenings in the Cassidy Centre or join via zoom. Please contact Celia on 01273 555967 for more info/the zoom link.

## Lectio Divina

1st Friday of the Month following the 10am Mass

## Kaleo

Young Adults Praise & Worship Group - for people 18-35 year olds - Thursday's 7pm <https://www.facebook.com/kaleo.worshipgroup/>

Next Sessions:

16th May - My Journey To Faith  
23rd May - Relationship Guide + Special guests

## HANGLETON FOODBANK



If you would like to donate to the foodbank this week they are most in need of :

Laundry tablets or capsules, UHT milk, Sweet snacks, Coffee, Tinned Custard, Shaving gel or foam and Children's toothbrushes

Thank you!



# 7th Week of Eastertide and Pentecost

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY 12th May - 7th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

For Christian Families to live their lives by God's Commandments

10am Mass - Josephine Vaz, R.I.P.(Anniv)

12noon - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### MONDAY 13th May

**NO 10am MASS**

### TUESDAY 14th May - St Matthias (feast)

10am Mass - Keith Butterfield, R.I.P.

### WEDNESDAY 15th May

10am Mass - Peter Illing, R.I.P.

### THURSDAY 16th May

10am Mass -Maggy Lambrecht, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY 17th May

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Mary O'Grady, R.I.P.

### Saturday 18th May

**NO 10am Mass**

### SUNDAY 19th May

### PENTECOST

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

For Christian Families to live their lives by God's Commandments

**11am Mass** - Beatrice Marie Theresa Rudd , R.I.P.  
(1st Anniv)

### MONDAY 20th May

**No 10am Mass**

### TUESDAY 21st May

10am Mass - Pam Waugh, R.I.P.

### WEDNESDAY 22nd May

10am Mass - Jean Witts, R.I.P.

### THURSDAY 23rd May

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (feast)

10am Mass - Jim Wilson, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY 24th May

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Fenella Hogge

### SATURDAY 25th May

**No 10am Mass**

### SUNDAY 26th May - The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Deceased Members of the Walsh Family

10am Mass -In Thanksgiving D'Souza Family

12noon - David Rosser, R.I.P



## Projects & Future Projects

**During the Easter Break we have had work done on stabilizing and boosting the internet connection for the Parish premises.**

**The cost in total has come to just over £3000**

**Due to issues with scaffolding our Roof can not be done this Summer ...but that does not mean we are stopping fund raising for this.....**

**We are in the process of getting quotes for our Parish Garden so that this can be utilised by our Parish Groups such as Altar Servers, Kaleo...and for Parish functions such as our, hopefully, Annual Parish Party!.**

**If you would like to financially support any of our projects we would be truly grateful.**

### April 28th

1st Collection: £381.36

Gift Aid: £97.50

Tea & Coffee (Lourdes Fund) £60.30

### May 5th

1st Collection: £ 406.60

Gift Aid: £125

Tea & Coffee (Lourdes Fund) £ 37.59

**If you would like to financially support us we would be truly grateful**

**You might also consider increasing your mass offering?**

**When is the last time you altered your Direct Debit? the cost of living**

**has gone up for Churches as well 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

**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 and that the donation is for Parish Refurbishment**

### **When can I attend Confession?**

**Our parish has three regular times for Confessions:**

**Weekdays (Tuesday to Thursday) 9.30am to 10am**

**Friday during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (9.15am to 9.45am) and on Saturday from 9.15am to 10am and 5.30pm to 6pm.**

Parish Finances

