

23RD MARCH -  
5 APRIL 2025

# Proclaim!

## Parish Newsletter



*...whoever drinks the water  
I give them  
will never thirst...*

*Our Mission Statement*

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

### SAVE THE DATE

- **25/03** 12 noon Requiem Mass - Canon Oliver Heaney
- **27/03** 7pm Deanery Reconciliation Service at St Mary Magdalen
- **04/04** 7pm Baptism Preparation Session #1 (St Mary's - Upper Parish Room, Presbytery) **Fully Booked - Next Group Sessions in Sept/October**
- **06/04** Confessions from 2pm **3pm Anointing of the Sick Mass - Followed by refreshments in the Hall afterwards**
- **12/04** **First Communion Class (Cassidy Centre)**

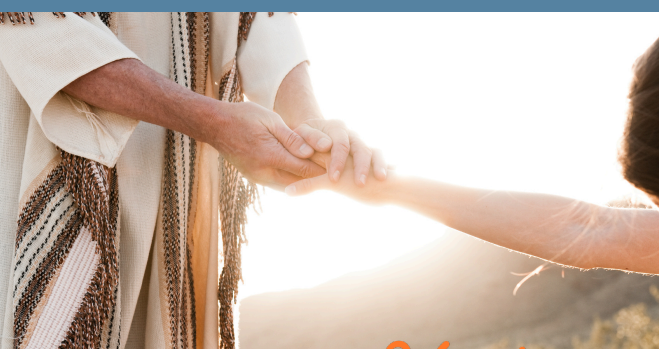


*"Like the Samaritan woman whoever personally encounters the living Jesus feels the need to talk about Him to other so that everyone might arrive at the point of professing that Jesus 'is truly the Saviour of the world'"*

### Who are you looking for?

We are familiar with most things about Catholicism... However, we can get tired of listening *Repent and return to me*. While we think Catholicism is in decline, we can see a number of people returning to God after a while or the very first time in their lives. What is going on? God works even though we can't see it. This weekend at the 10am mass on Sunday at St Mary's, we celebrate the First Scrutiny with the elect. Who are the elect? These are the people who are preparing to enter our community at the Easter Vigil. Some have been baptized already and are the Candidates; those who are not baptized are the Catechumens. In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated.

It is the hope of the Church that all of us will be able to gain strength in our faith as these scrutinies are celebrated with the elect during this Lenten season and we reflect upon our own call to conversion. The elect (the chosen) is a symbol of challenge and a call for renewal. It is worth to ask: what are you looking for in your life? Is it Jesus? Faith is a response to a gift from God who reveals himself to us every day. The Samaritan woman as well as the elect have found God and want to follow Him. Do you want to do the same? So in the Scrutinies, Jesus encounters us. It's not about us, it's about him. Jesus "scrutinizes" us, and finds all that is valuable within us. Let Him find us, and let's find Him



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# Maintenance or Mission?

changing our mindsets...



## What is Lifelong Formation?

**Lifelong formation** is the process through which we come to follow Jesus more closely throughout the course of our lives. Grounded in the Gospel, instruction in the faith and accompaniment in this journey of spiritual growth, lifelong formation equips us to respond to the events of our lives in light of the Gospel.

Lifelong formation leads to deeper engagement in the life of the Church and in one's community, including social transformation in light of the Gospel. In this way, lifelong formation plays a pivotal role in answering the call of Renew My Church to make disciples, build community and inspire witness.

### At the centre of lifelong formation is encounter with Christ.

Faith formation "is oriented toward forming persons who get to know Jesus Christ and his Gospel of liberating salvation even better; who live a profound encounter with him and choose his own way of life

Faith formation is intended for people at all stages of life. Every one of the baptized, called to the maturity of faith, has the right to adequate catechesis. ... For one thing, faith is not a linear process and it participates in the development of the person, and this in turn influences the journey of faith.

This is our vision that the formation is not an event that lasts one or two years and then we wait until the next step. There is a need for something deeper and greater!

### What Does It Look Like?

Faith formation includes every action, experience, and relationship that nurtures a deep and abiding relationship with God, which shapes the way we interact with God's creation. This includes:

- **Sharing of the Gospel in word and deed**
- **Learning about the faith in a way that brings spiritual growth**
- **Meaningful relationships and faith dialogue with fellow disciples of Jesus**
- **Individual and communal prayer**
- **Scriptural reflection and study**
- **Discerning personal gifts and the call to share them in witnessing to the Gospel**

We are going to implement this structure in the parish life, and make this plan a part of every sacramental preparation: from Baptism Prep through First Holy Communion up to Confirmation. We are going to focus on individual maturity and readiness to follow the disciple way.

Participation in the lifelong formation can strengthen the relationship between the community of believers and Jesus, helping make the Kingdom of God present in our world. This can include:

- **Participating in the liturgical, spiritual and social life of the parish community**
- **Celebrating the sacraments**
- **Discussing and practicing faith in private, family and social life**
- **Participating in works of justice and mercy within and beyond the parish**

**Faith formation occurs most effectively in the context of a supportive community in which people are invited, welcomed and feel they belong.**

Keep in your prayers.....

### Death Anniversaries

Sr Mary Paul Loakman, Frances Southern, Graham Clements, Robin Sullivan, Patricia Lamb, Mickey Lynam, Nikki Bratermann, Birdie O'Hanlon, Doreen Mooney, Ethna McInerney, Maria Teresa Scrase, Kathleen Smith, Nancy Nealon, Marie Cowan, Julia Stenning, Honoria Campbell, Moira Donovan, Michael Walsh, Joyce Marchant, Paul Jackson, Paddy Nealon, Claudette de Freitas, Anne Atkinson, William Aston, Jeanne Smith, Nora O'Reilly, Mary Soames, Valerie Gardner, Eddie Carter, Ron Wheele, Hilary Bader & Claire Shelton-Jones

**Please be advised that from April - We will be updating our Anniversaries register and bringing it in line with the foundation mass format so that the names only appear for a maximum of 25 years .**

### FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

9th & 16th March

**1st Collection: £1178.40 Gift Aid: £222**

**Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £199.30**

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

### Please Join us in Praying for the Sick

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





# What's on in our churches?

Religious or Not  
All are Welcome

## YOUTH CLUB

FOR THE COMMUNITY  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY 26TH  
OF MARCH

YEARS 5/6/7

GAMES, FRIENDS + FUN

STARTS AT 18:30

PICK UP 19:45-20:00

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE CLUB

EMAIL: [STMARYSYOUTHCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:STMARYSYOUTHCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM)

St Mary's Church Hall

5 Surrenden Road, BN1 6PA

WITH NATHAN + LUIZA

## JOIN US FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AFTER THE 10AM  
MORNING MASS

EVENINGS  
FROM 7PM

7TH MARCH  
21ST MARCH  
4TH APRIL

14TH MARCH  
28TH MARCH  
11TH APRIL

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH  
5 SURRENDEN ROAD, PRESTON PARK,  
BRIGHTON BN1 6PA



## Anointing of the Sick



We will be holding a combined service for the parishes of St Mary's & St Thomas More's here, at St Mary's Preston Park

There will be an opportunity for confessions to be heard from 2pm

The Mass will start at 3pm and include the Anointing of the Sick, with Tea & Coffee in the Hall afterwards.



Sunday, April  
6th, 3:00 PM

St Mary's - 5 Surrenden Road, Brighton, BN1 6PA

## 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

### Pre Easter Visits to the housebound - April 8th/9th

Fr Sebastian & Fr John will be visiting the sick & housebound just before Easter - This would be separate from your usual ministers visit - Please let us know if you wish to be added to their visit list & we will be in touch regarding dates & times as soon as possible.

### 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

## Holy Week & Easter Triduum Mass Times

At St Mary's unless otherwise indicated



Saturday, 12 April

- 6:00 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Palm Sunday, 13 April

- 10:00 am & 12noon Mass with Blessing of the Palms
- 10:00 am Mass - St Thomas More

Tuesday, 15 April

- 10:00 am Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reconciliation

Wednesday, 16 April

- 9:30 am Daily Mass St Thomas More
- 10:00 am Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reconciliation

Maunder Thursday, 17 April

- 6:00 pm Celebration of the Mass of the Last Supper, with washing of the feet - followed by procession of the Eucharist & Adoration till 9pm incl the complete
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Good Friday, 18 April

- 3:00 pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Death
- Children's version with Catechists in Church Hall
- 3:00pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Death - St Thomas More Church

Holy Saturday, 19 April

Joint Churches Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary's

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
- With Adult Baptisms & Reception into full communion with the Catholic Church

Easter Sunday, 20 April

- 10:00 am & 12noon Easter Mass
- 10:00 am St Thomas More Church

## WEEKDAY PRAYERS & LECTIO DIVINA

Join us for the Monastic Morning Prayer, called Laudes every Thursday at 9.45am and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday at 9.45am (St Mary's only)

Next *Lectio Divina* will be May 2nd

## PREACHING TO CHILDREN

Our priests are great preachers to children. All children are welcome to join in the preaching at 10am Masses at St Mary's:

## 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:

BRIGHTON & HOVE DEANERY

## Lenten Reconciliation Service

at St Mary Magdalen, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 7PM-9PM

In honour of the Pilgrims of Hope 2025 Jubilee  
Bishop Richard Moth will be in attendance

## EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

A time of prayer, reflection and music.

Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves.

All welcome.

**SUNDAY 6TH APRIL**

**3PM-4.15 PM**

St Mary Magdalen, Upper North Street, Brighton BN1 3FH (parking available on school playground off Spring Street)

Advanced Notice! Pentecost 8th June - 11am International Mass followed by shared food

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## This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

### Saturday 22nd March

**NO 10am Mass**

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

### SUNDAY 23rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

In Thanksgiving for our Priests, especially Fr Sebastian our Parish Priest

10am Mass -Deceased members of the Ward & Rafferty Families

### **St Thomas More - Mass 10am -**

12noon -Paddy & Nancy Nealon, R.I.P.

### MONDAY 24th March

**NO 10am Mass**

### TUESDAY 25th March

12 noon - Requiem Mass for Canon William Oliver Heaney

1,30-Refreshments in the Hall following service

### WEDNESDAY 26th March

### **St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -**

10am Mass -Sally Baker, R.I.P

### THURSDAY 27th March

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass -For the Health & Wellbeing of Marc

7-9pm - St Mary Magdalen - **B&H Deanery**

**Reconciliation Service**

### FRIDAY 28th March

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass -Anne Mullarkey RIP

### **St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -**

**7pm - Stations of the Cross**

### Saturday 29th March

**NO 10am Mass**

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

### SUNDAY 30th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Anna Domagała, R.I.P.

### **St Thomas More - Mass 10am -**

10am Mass - Kathleen Yates, R.I.P.

12noon - Douglas Ashing, R.I.P.

### MONDAY 31st March

**NO 10am Mass**

### TUESDAY 1st April

10am Mass - Mind -Canon Oliver Heaney R.I.P.

### WEDNESDAY 2nd April

### **St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am**

**NO 10am Mass**

### THURSDAY 3rd April

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes

10am Mass - Jozef Dobrzykowski, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY 4th April

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10am Mass - Nicole Wilford - blessings

Followed by **Stations of the Cross**

### **St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -**

### Saturday 5th April

10am Mass - Special Intention - Anitta Sanal (Job Search)

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

### SUNDAY 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

In Thanksgiving for the Fernandes Family

10am Mass -Deceased Members of the Milligan & O'Hanlon Families

### **St Thomas More - Mass 10am -**

12noon -For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

2pm Confessions

3pm Anointing of the Sick Mass



## 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

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**PARISH OFFICE OPEN**



**TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM  
PHONE/WHATSAPP: 07895 825296**



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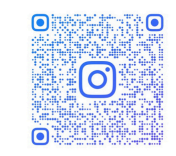
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