

Proclaim!

Parish Newsletter



I tell you: Come out of your tomb!

Our Mission Statement

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

SAVE THE DATE

- **4/04** 6.30pm The Presbytery Baptism Preparation (Spring Session)
- **8 & 9/04** Pre-Easter Visits to the Sick
- **13/04** Palm Sunday with blessing of the Palms at all Masses
- **13/04** 5pm (The Presbytery) Catholicism from A-Z course
- **17/04** 6pm Mass of the Last Supper (St Mary's) (7pm St Thomas More's)
- **18/04** 3pm Good Friday service (at St Mary's and St Thomas More's)
- **19/04** 8pm Joint Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary's



St. Jose Maria Escriva:

*Christ is not a figure that has passed. He is not a memory that is lost in history.
God always wins. If you are his instrument, you too will win, because you will fight God's battles.*

EXPECTANT WAITING

"Since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts....". The days are longer, the light is brighter and preparations are in hand for the conclusion of our journey. We are praying to walk eagerly in the same charity, which out of love for the world, Christ handed himself over to death. To focus our attention crosses and statues are veiled and we hear the first Preface of the Passion. To relish each step of the way, it is as though we go in slow motion. Sunday week will be Palm Sunday of the Passion when we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as young and old cheer him on the way. Following the Passover meal which acquires a deeper meaning by which Jesus wants us to remember him, we join him and his apostles in the

garden of olives where he goes meaning by which Jesus wants us to remember him, we join him and his apostles in the garden of olives where he goes to pray, The Blessed Sacrament is reserved for Holy Communion on Good Friday. We stay and watch with him- the hour has come. Then the next day we follow the way Jesus went to calvary stopping 14 times, and finding reflections for and of ourselves. At the Cross we realise how Jesus gave his life for our sakes Holy Saturday is a quiet day with our Saviour in the tomb. Then at nightfall everything comes to life as the unfolding of the process of salvation is celebrated in Vigil on the eve of the discovery of the glory of the Risen Lord - and the waiting is over.

**From the Desk of
FR JOHN**

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Maintenance or Mission?

changing our mindsets...



Sacramental Pathways in our community "New approach"

Baptism

Baptism is a significant event, marking the beginning of a faith journey for individuals and families, symbolizing a commitment to Christ and a joining of the Christian community. It's a time for celebration, reflection, and promises of support from family, friends, and the church... and that is exactly how our preparation is formed.

Step 1. A 1:1 meeting with the Parish Priest to ascertain your wishes for your child, to enable him to put a name to a face, to talk to you about the process and answer any questions you may have.

Step 2. Commitment - You must be a regular attendee of services for at least 3 months

Step 3. Attend 2 physically present Baptism Preparation Sessions (the sessions are held currently twice a year) and potentially join in further online sessions with other parents, from other parishes.

Step 4. Presentation of the family to the Congregation - This is so the community knows who you are and can pray & support you.

Step 5. The Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

First Communion

First, take a deep breath, relax, and look at the Eucharist through the eyes of the children, not your own eyes. Children aged 7 to 9 are at a beautiful developmental stage where they are very open to this teaching. This developmental stage helps us in two specific ways: because children are logical, concrete thinkers, and because they are also inclined to what inspires them to awe and wonder. They are attracted to what seems magical.

Preparation for First Communion is also a unique opportunity for parents to discover or renew their own faith.

Parents are encouraged to:

- participate every week in Sunday Mass with their child.
- be committed to help their child meet the attendance and formation requirements for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- model a Christian commitment of prayer and service to the parish community.
- pray for, and with, their child.

Each child potentially learns at a different rate and if you & your child are already regularly attending mass then this will stand them in good stead for their preparation for the Sacraments of both Reconciliation & Communion.

We invite parents, who are parishioners of either St Mary's or St Thomas More's, that are interested in their child/children being prepared to attend a **'What am I committing to' meeting** which will be held on **Tuesday 6th May at 7pm in St Mary's Church.**

At this meeting you will be given all the mandatory sessions & mass dates from Sept 2025-June 2026. Application forms will then be available for you to take away so that you can decide whether you, and your child, are ready to commit to ALL of the sessions, and for you to return the relevant information/certificates to St Mary's parish office.

The closing date for September Applications will be June 3rd this year.

Parents will be informed whether their child has a place on the course by June 20th.

Keep in your prayers.....

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.

Death Anniversaries

Ferdinand De Freitas, Denis Witherow, Peter Oakley, Bill Martin, Patricia Sawyer, Eddie Bamin, Irena Short, Patrick Cumiskey, Joseph Harlowe and John Carden.

(Names are listed for 25 years inline with the foundation mass format - Taken from our Parish Registers)

FINANCE MATTERS - Saint Mary

23rd & 30th March

1st Collection: £1192.68 Gift Aid: £241.95

Sunday Tea & Coffee - Youth Ministry: £165

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?



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

Maundy 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 night prayer
- 7:00 pm Celebration of the Mass of The Last Supper, with washing of the feet – followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm **St Thomas More**

Good Friday, 18 April

- 10am Way of the Cross **St Thomas More**
- 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**

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**

EASTER OFFERING

The Easter Day Collection supports Fr Sebastian & Fr John directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. Our priests rely almost entirely upon our Christmas & Easter offerings for their income.

They do not receive a salary..

If you would like to give a gift to support them in their mission and ministry this Easter, you can use the Easter envelopes or the Dona machines for the Easter offering, as well as the basket collection - Thank you!



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

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: seeking volunteers St Mary's: 13th April & 4th May



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: 6th & 27th April



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



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

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

The Bethlehem Nativity Group

We are happy to announce that once again the Bethlehem Nativity Group will be visiting St Mary's on the weekend of the 26-27th April

They will be bringing many of their Olive Wood carved items to sell direct from the Holy land , proceeds of which go to support the Christian Community in Bethlehem.

OVERCOME YOUR MATHS ANXIETY FOR GCSE SUCCESS

Is understanding one formula holding you back?

Do you Panic or get frustrated when solving problems?



Breathe and Relax Help is here!

Limited Spaces available

OUR YOUTH CLUB LEADER LUIZA

Our Resident Straight A's Mathematics Mentor

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**TUESDAY 15TH APRIL & 27TH MAY
5.30-6.30PM**

Whatever your struggling with on your Maths GCSE Papers let us try to help! book your slot by email: brightonstmary@abdiocese.org.uk

St Mary's Church Hall – 5 Surrenden Road, BN1 6PA

Next Youth Club – Wednesday 23rd April



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

6 - 19 April 2025

This Fortnight at St Mary & St Thomas More

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

MONDAY 7th April

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 8th April

10am Mass - Special Intention - Jomi MS
(For Driving Test Success)

WEDNESDAY 9th April

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

10am Mass - For the Wellbeing of Janet Suzman

THURSDAY 10th April

9.45am - Morning Prayers - Laudes
10am Mass - Dec'd Family & Friends (C.Cullen)

FRIDAY 11th April

9am - 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10am Mass - Theresa and Leao Pires RIP

10.30am - Stations of the Cross

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am -

Saturday 12th April

NO 10am Mass

5.15pm - 5.45pm Confessions

SUNDAY 13th April- Palm Sunday.

Saturday Vigil Mass -6pm -

Sandra Kilpatrick, R.I.P.

10am Mass -With Procession & Blessing of the
Palms - Deceased members of the
Slattery & Lambrianou families

**St Thomas More - Mass 10am - With Procession
& Blessing of the Palms**

12noon - The Wells Family

MONDAY 14th April

NO 10am Mass

TUESDAY 15th April

10am Mass - The Neeson Family

WEDNESDAY 16th April

St Thomas More-Mass 9.30am

10am Mass - Vocations

The Chrim Mass Arundel Cathedral - 6pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April

6pm Mass - with Altar of Repose after

**7pm Mass - St Thomas More-Mass + Altar of
Repose till 10pm**

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

**10am - St Thomas More- The way of the Cross
3pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
3:00 pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion and
Death**

**Children's version with Catechists
in Church Hall**

EASTER SATURDAY 19th April

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

With Adult Baptisms & Reception into full
communion with the Catholic Church

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

10am Mass - Edward Bamin, R.I.P.

St Thomas More - Mass 10am -

12noon - for every grace & Easter blessing for all
St Mary's parishioners



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
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