

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**CROWBOROUGH**

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**CHURCH TIMETABLE 21st to 28th MAY 2016**

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	Saturday Vigil MASS 6.00pm Sunday Morning MASS at 9.30am with Children's Liturgy for those able to sit and participate during term time.
<b><u>Neighbourhood MASSES</u></b>	Saturday - Holy Cross Chapel at 4.30pm Sunday - St Peter's, Rotherfield at 8.45am Sunday - St Thomas', Mayfield at 10.00am Sunday - Heron's Ghyll at 11.30am
<b><u>Weekday MASSES</u></b>	Monday to Friday: MASS 9.00am. Morning Prayer 8.45am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8.15am to 9.00am.
<b><u>Baptisms and Marriages</u></b>	By appointment. Preparation programme required for both Sacraments. Diocesan regulation for Marriage - 6 months' notice required.
<b><u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession]</u></b>	Saturdays 5.00pm to 5.30pm and on request.

**Funeral:** The funeral for Gerder Strudwick will be held on Friday in Heron's Ghyll Church at 12 noon, where her husband is buried.

**May Devotion:** Led by the school in the Cottage Garden on Friday afternoon at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Corpus Christi at the Cathedral, Arundel:**

**Thursday, 26th May** 9.30am to 5.30pm Carpet of Flowers on display. 5.30pm Bishop's MASS, followed by outdoor procession to the Castle for Benediction. All are welcome. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall.

**Next Sunday** is Corpus Christi Sunday.

**First Holy Communions** next Sunday in a special MASS at 1.00pm. All are welcome.

**Notes for Parents:**

1. There is no dress code for the First Communion children. The Church asks for dignity and simplicity in keeping with this sacred occasion.
2. The Church also asks a parent to present a child for Communion since parents promise at the Baptism service to lead their child to Communion and Confirmation. Where necessary another person can act in place of a parent.
3. The main focus for the child is meeting Jesus in Holy Communion so other considerations should not overshadow this.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**From the Pastoral Team:** A big thank you to Tilly Berry for all the time she gives to the training of our Altar Servers. We appreciate how she encourages so many to serve and to how well they do their tasks, especially on the more solemn occasions.

**Note: Parish Picnic Sunday** is on 26th June. The MASS on that Sunday will be at 11.00am please remember.

**For the attention of all Gift Aid donors:**

On 6th April, 2016 some changes to tax allowances became effective. Please remember that you must have paid sufficient income/capital gains tax that is at least equal to the amount reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations to charities. If you have paid insufficient tax, you will have to repay the shortfall. If you need tax advice, please contact either your tax office or a professional tax adviser.

Sarah Kilmartin, Diocesan Financial Secretary.

**'Three Days to Live':**

New guidelines now being followed in NHS hospitals promote dangerous practices which put sick, elderly people at risk of euthanasia. These dangerous practices include:

- Deciding a patient is certain to die within three days. There is no evidence that we can predict the exact day on which a person who is near the end of life will die.
- Stopping food and fluid. As long as the patient can assimilate food and fluids, these should be given. Dehydration kills.
- Giving powerful sedation to patients who are not in pain. Sedating patients deprives them of communication with their family. It masks some of the distressing effects of dehydration.

Please sign the list at the back of the church to call upon the Chief Executive of NHS England to ensure that the practice of assessing that patients have only 3 days to live and giving them no food or fluids, causing death by dehydration is eliminated from all NHS hospitals. [*Signatories must be aged 18 or over*]

**Diocesan Grandparents Pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead with Bishop Richard - Saturday, 28th May. Meet at 11.00am. MASS with Bishop Richard at 3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea provided. West Grinstead RH13 8LT.