

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Diocese of Arundel and Brighton
In the Pastoral Care of Bishop Richard Moth

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CHURCH TIMETABLE 19th TO 26th MAY 2018

Sunday

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.

**This Week's
MASS Times**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.00am MASS

Morning Prayer 8.45am.

**Reconciliation
[Confession]**

5.00pm to 5.30pm Saturday and other days on request.

Baptisms

12 noon Sundays, unless during MASS by appointment.

Weddings

By appointment with Fr Kevin. In this Diocese one year's notice is required in normal circumstances. A Marriage Preparation Course is also required.

Today: The Festival of Pentecost. MASS Readings and Bidding Prayers will be in various languages.

Corpus Christi at the Cathedral: World famous 'Carpet of Flowers', Wednesday, 30th May 9.30am to 8.00pm. Thursday, 31st May 9.30am to 5.30pm, Bishop's MASS, followed by the Procession beginning at 5.30pm to the Castle for Benediction and return. All are welcome.

First Communion Sunday at St Mary's is on the Festival of Corpus Christi - 3rd June. Special MASS at 1.30pm. Please note.

Parish Picnic Sunday - 1st July: Please note MASS at 11.00am, followed by the Picnic in the Garden. Do come along. At the end of the MASS the Confirmation certificates and the First Communion certificates will be presented and new Altar Servers will receive their medals.

'Catch the Wind' - Crowborough and Rotherfield Churches Together: Please do consider coming along to pray for our local community on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9.00am to 9.40am in the Oasis building, opposite the sorting office in Beacon Road.

We need - 2 more Sacristans and 2 more Communion Ministers for the Saturday Vigil MASS at 6.00pm. Volunteers for Sacristans, please contact Bill Ashurst tel: 663091. Volunteers for Communion Ministers, please contact Fr Kevin. Thank you.

Communication is part of God's plan for us and an essential way to experience fellowship.

Made in the image and likeness of our Creator, we are able to express and share all that is true, good and beautiful. We are able to describe our own experiences and the world around us and thus to create historical memory and the understanding of events. But when we yield to our own pride and selfishness, we can also distort the way we use our ability to communicate. This can be seen, from the earliest times, in the biblical stories of Cain and Abel and the Tower of Babel [cf. Gen 4:4-16; 11:1-9]. The capacity to twist the truth is symptomatic of our condition, both as individuals and communities. On the other hand, when we are faithful to God's plan, communication becomes an effective expression of our responsible search for truth and our pursuit of goodness.

In today's fast-changing world of communications and digital systems, we are witnessing the spread of what has come to be known as "fake news". This calls for reflection, which is why I have decided to return in this World Communications' Day Message to the issue of truth, which was raised time and time again by my predecessors, beginning with Pope Paul VI, whose 1972 Message took as its theme; "Social Communications at the Service of Truth". In this way, I would like to contribute to our shared commitment, to stemming the spread of fake news and to rediscovering the dignity of journalism and the personal responsibility of journalists to communicate the truth.

Parish Pastoral Team will meet on Tuesday evening, 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Thursday: 3.30pm First Communion MASS practise.

Next Sunday: Diocesan Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese of Peru [Gift Aid] Link with the Diocese of Chulucanas.

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