

St. Mary's Parish

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from 9:30-
10:30 AM and as announced.

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com
Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427
Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mrs. Theresa Virzi, Grades 8-11 and Youth Minister
 Mr. Mark Schiapucci, Interim Choir Director
 Mr. Andrew John Rondelli, Interim Organist
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. For more information please visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america>.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,390.00
 WeShare: \$ 3,697.00

Mass Offertory and
 Envelopes Mailed
 or Dropped Off: \$ 8,582.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 17,669.00

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS UNDER

REPAIR: Thanks to your faithful support of the 2022 Grand Annual, the repair and renovation of both Lower Church bathrooms is now underway. Please use the Parish Center bathrooms instead for the duration of this badly needed project.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever."*

- St. Augustine



SAVE THE DATE ~ BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 5, all you can eat pancakes and sausages from 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM in Father Haley Hall. Come support the Scouts!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	January 14
5:00	Calvin Meisner, 9 th Anv.
7:30	Anne M. Tuohy
Sunday	January 15
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Richard "Dick" Trinke
11:30	Sadie Fraifer
Monday	January 16
9:00	Richard "Dick" Trinke
Tuesday	January 17
9:00	Amilcar C. Azevedo
Wednesday	January 18
9:00	Bernadette Owen
Thursday	January 19
9:00	Elizabeth Walker Macleod
Friday	January 20
9:00	Michael and Sylvia Paladino (Living)
Saturday	January 21
5:00	Jacqui Rossini
7:30	Elizabeth Walker MacLeod
Sunday	January 22
7:30	People of St. Mary's
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Recently there has been confusion at some Masses about when to stand for the Gospel. Some have been standing as soon as the instrumental **music** of the Alleluia begins, others when the **word** Alleluia is sung.

The correct time to stand is when the word Alleluia is sung. What exactly does Alleluia mean? A Hebrew acclamation, Alleluia literally means "Praise God!" It occurs in twenty Psalms in the Old Testament. The early Christians sang Alleluia as a response to the Psalms. The earliest record of its use is found in The Apostolic Tradition by Hippolytus (c.170 - c.236).

The creation of the Roman Proper of the Mass in the late seventh century established the Alleluia chant as an independent rite, acclaiming the arrival of the Gospel.

Today, the Alleluia, or an alternate acclamation during Lent, is the primary Gospel acclamation of the assembly in the Liturgy of the Word. By its very nature it is a song, and should be sung by all while standing and awaiting the Gospel.



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January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

A dramatic change greets us as we enter the church building this weekend. Gone are the evergreens, poinsettias, and lights of the Christmas Season. In their place is the simplicity of Ordinary Time. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," meaning "counted". Ordinary Time then, means "counted time," not time that is common or mundane. The count began anew this past Monday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will continue uninterrupted until Ash Wednesday, February 22. We might think of it as a countdown to salvation and the day we stand face to face with God. May we make the best and most generous use of the limited time each of us possesses in this passing life as we prepare for the eternal life to come.

The green color worn during these days of Ordinary Time has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Hebrew, for instance, the same word for the color "green" also means "young." Some may remember the beautiful prayer with which the priest and people used to begin every Mass: "Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam." "I will go in to the altar of God. To God Who gives joy to my youth." By His Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection, Christ has remade and revitalized the whole world, making us all young in our hope for eternal life in Him.

Today we hear John the Baptist cry out, "Behold the Lamb of God." This phrase appears in Latin in our St. Mary's church window of John the Baptist, "Ecce Agnus Dei." And of course it appears in our liturgy, when the priest holds up the Eucharistic Host – reminding us that the very same Jesus to Whom John pointed at the riverside, has now come down among us in the Body and the Blood.

It would have been easy for John to feel jealous of Jesus, Who would supplant his own ministry. After all, before Jesus arrived, John was the one who drew huge crowds to hear God's Word and invitation to repentance. But John had the precious gift of humility. He realized that by making room for Jesus, and trying to bring others to know Jesus as the Lamb of God, he was fulfilling the noblest work possible.

How do we react when someone comes along whose own gifts outshine our own? Do we feel threatened or jealous? Or do we pray for them, encourage them, and celebrate what they have to offer? Doing so is possible only if we are confident in our own worth as sons and daughters of God. When we remember that the phrase "Lamb of God," is a sacrificial one. And that Jesus valued each and every one of us enough to lay down His life to save us from our sins.

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

The Pilot

PILOT NEWSPAPER: You may have noticed that for the past six weeks there have been no Pilots provided in the church. This is because the Pilot has changed its delivery carrier, and we have not been getting them in time to put out. The Pilot is published every Friday. We used to get it Saturday morning and put it out for the weekend Masses. But now it is not arriving

until the following Wednesday. We have asked the Pilot to please find a way to get us an on time delivery again, but they were unable to do so. Rather than wasting money and recycling piles of late Pilots each week, we have therefore been forced to cancel our subscription - something we did not want to do. You may still subscribe to the Pilot directly using the information at <http://www.thebostonpilot.com/>.

PROFESSIONAL DJ,
MUSIC, LIGHTS,
TROPICAL
ATMOSPHERE,
FROZEN DRINKS,
LIMBO CONTEST,
BEST BEACH
OUTFIT CONTEST,
& TOTAL FUN
IN THE SUN!

HAWAIIAN LUAU!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

TIME 7 PM – 10 PM

PLACE St. Mary's Parish Center
708 Washington St., Holliston.

COST \$10 at the door.
*Drinks & snacks will
also be on sale separately.*

WHO Any and all 6th, 7th or 8th Grade Middle
School Students are invited to attend. The dance is
sponsored by St. Mary's Youth Ministry, but is open to
all Middle School Students from anywhere.
Invite a friend!

*For safety, you must remain in the building until a parent walks
inside to pick you up. Not a school sponsored event.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORING RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

On Saturday, January 21 in St. Mary's Father Haley Hall, the Council will sponsor its annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Hours are from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. To schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and search by zip code (01746) in the "Find a Blood Drive" field. For further information, contact the Knights of Columbus Council Blood Drive coordinator,

Rodman Burgett at 508-653-6130. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages - accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. In general, donors must be in good general health, be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.



MASS FOR UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN: Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 PM. To provide a sense of closure and to offer our prayers for our departed, unbaptized children, St. Mary's will celebrate a special Mass on Thursday evening, January 26, at 7:00 PM. The Mass will be offered for the souls of every child lost before receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. By commending these children to Jesus, Whose tenderness toward them caused Him to say: "Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them," (CCC1261) we will be surrendering our grief, and the hope that God, Who desires that all people should be saved, will see to it that His precious children, and ours, may soon share His joy in heaven. If you have lost a child prior to baptism, know someone who has, or just want to show your solidarity for grieving families, come to our special Mass on January 26. Add your voice to theirs in Communion with our Lord.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Dear Teens, As you know, due to warm weather and rain, Nashoba did not open last Friday. We have therefore rescheduled the Snow Tubing Trip to Friday, January 27. An online legal waiver will be emailed to all participants the week before.

If you were one of the 61 teens already signed up for this Friday, you don't have to do anything - we have your permission form and payment and you are good to go.

If you were not signed up, but would like to go on the new date AND have attended at least one Middle School Youth Group Meeting (October, November,

or December), you may add on by returning the attached Permission Form with payment no later than Friday, January 20. A detailed Trip Description page is also attached.

If you have not yet joined St. Mary's Middle School Youth Group, we hope to see you at our first Meeting of 2023 - Sunday, February 5, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. It is the annual Battle of the Sexes - a fast paced competition of wits and skill. We will also have signups that night for two awesome February Vacation Week trips: CoCo Key Waterpark for Grades 6 & 7, and Boda Borg for Grade 8.

Also, mark your calendar for the huge Middle School Luau Dance, Friday, February 10 - open to all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders from anywhere!

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP: Rescheduled for this Thursday, January 19, at 7 PM in the church for interested teens, parents and chaperones. Contact Theresa at StMarysYM1870@gmail.com for more information. This year's High School Mission Trip will take place on July 16 - July 23. All high school students welcome. Students must attend at least one T.G.I.F. meeting to attend Mission.

T.G.I.F (Teens Gather In Faith): If you have not made it to any meetings in 2022, come join us for some Chipotle in 2023! January 22 is CHIPOTLE NIGHT! Bring yourself, \$10, an appetite, and your friends! High Schoolers are welcome. Any questions, reach out to Theresa at StMarysYM1870@gmail.com. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram - [tgif.stmarys](https://www.instagram.com/tgif.stmarys).



LAST WEEKEND TO PICK UP YOUR FAMILY'S BOOK AT CHURCH:

The St. Mary's 150th Anniversary Book is here! This new 134-page history of our parish was researched and written by Betty Febo, St. Mary's Librarian and Historian. It contains beautiful color photos of parish life for the past century and a half, as well as details about the people and events that have shaped our dear St. Mary's.



If you are a registered parishioner, you may pick up your family's copy in the Lower Church Hall after any Mass through January 15. They are sorted alphabetically by last name, in clearly labelled plastic bags. A \$10 donation (cash or check), to cover the cost of your book is requested. It may be placed in the large wooden collection box / stand provided in the Lower Church.

If you cannot afford the \$10 donation, please take your book anyway. We want to be sure that every St. Mary's household has a copy of this book which helps us know where we have come from as we move forward together into the New Year of Grace 2023.

Books not picked up by today, January 15, will be delivered to your home by St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 in February.



ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP RESUMES THIS WEEK: The Mom's Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30 in Fr. Haley Hall for faith sharing and prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, there will be snacks and coffee provided. This coming week's meeting is Tuesday, January 17. We will be discussing how we see and nurture our own personal relationship with God.

WINGS: (Women in God's Spirit) is pleased to present our 2023 Winter Bible Study entirely via Zoom (due to the unpredictable New England weather and continuing Covid, flu, etc.). The

Winter Season will begin on Wednesday, February 1 at 10 AM and end on Wednesday, March 8. Continuing our fall theme of "Called to Relationship", WINGS has chosen Kevin Perrotta's book "Relating to Others as Jesus Would" as our guide. Books may be purchased through Amazon or Loyola Press. Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase the book to participate in the Winter Bible Study. WINGS will share references to the relevant bible verses with you each week; however, the book will contain additional useful material. WINGS requests dues of \$20 per season (unless you have already paid for the year). All women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Checks payable to St. Mary's Parish can be mailed to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane, Holliston, MA 01746. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELVIRA: Happy Birthday to St. Mary's parishioner Elvira Haberski, on her 100th Birthday next Thursday, January 19!

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Koval Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2023 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF HELP: Regular coffee, peanut butter canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, Beef Ramen, cookies, Progresso soups, canned beef stew, tuna 5 oz., snacks and juice boxes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

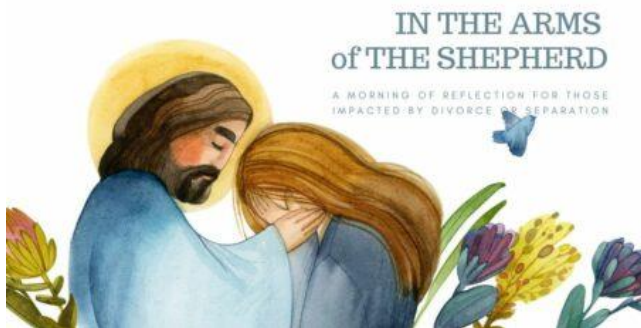
SNOW DAYS: If Holliston Schools close or are delayed for weather, the 9 AM Daily Mass is also cancelled.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Saint Mary's is beginning a prayer shawl ministry! Prayer shawls will be knitted or crocheted by parishioners who also pray for the recipients, then given to anyone going through a difficult time. Ideally, we'll start in January. If you knit or crochet (or if it's your New Year's Resolution to learn!) please contact Jane at JaneLebak@gmail.com or (603) 438-6468.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: WWME is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>. What better gift can you give your spouse for Christmas than to tell them you want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together! Dates:

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY - Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA - Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

JANUARY 15 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In today's Gospel, John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Our faith and Sacred Scripture confirm this for us – Jesus is the Son of God. Pray today's Psalm with an open heart and open mind: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." What is God's will for us - for you? It is to speak the name of Jesus and tell of His work in your life. It is Jesus' will that you make disciples. Not everyone will do this the same way. Ask for the grace to see how you can testify – talk about - Jesus.



IN THE ARMS OF THE SHEPHERD ~ A MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY DIVORCE OR SEPARATION: The Family Life team invites all those impacted by divorce or separation to attend "In the Arms of the Shepherd: A Morning of Reflection" on Saturday, March 4 at the Pastoral Center, Braintree from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Mother Olga, founder of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth will offer the keynote; Irina Robinson, Director of Family & Respect Life in the Fall River Diocese is the lay witness speaker. Adoration, Confession, Mass, small-group sharing and a light breakfast are included. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/INHISARMS>.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY POLICIES REMINDER: A scanned copy of St. Mary's Cemetery Policies is provided on the next bulletin page. While most of the cemetery is compliant, the new section has seen many installations of benches, trees, and other prohibited items. It is no longer possible to access some graves for burials without removing these items. **We therefore urge you to remove any such items yourself as soon as possible.** Burials happen with little notice, and we are not always able to reach you. Thank you!

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St. Mary's Cemetery Policies

One full size grave can have three cremations and/or one full size burial.

The maximum monument (headstone) size for the number of graves purchased is as follows: single grave (2x1) under 3 feet in height; two graves (3x1); three graves (4x1); four graves (4x1). The only exception is in the older sections of the Cemetery.

Flowers may be planted within 12 inches directly in front of the stone.

Bushes may be planted on either side of the monument (never to exceed two feet in height) and must be kept pruned by the planter accordingly. Rose Bushes are not allowed.

No planting of trees.

No planting or any other alterations in the back of the headstone.

No fences, borders, curbing, statues, chairs, hedges or hardscapes shall be erected.

Benches may be placed only if serving also as the grave headstone and located accordingly at the head of the grave.

Seasonal flowers may be placed on graves with the understanding that the cemetery staff will remove them if they interfere with maintenance of the area.

No glass containers may be left on graves as they are a safety hazard.

The Parish reserves the right to change, alter and or amend any of the above policies or to add new ones at any time without notice.

(Promulgated May 1, 1985)

THIS WEEK! COORDINATOR / TEACHER

MEETING for GRADES 3 – 7: On Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 PM there will be a meeting in Room 3 – 4 for teachers to meet with their Grade Coordinators.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, January 15, 2023 the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Jan. 15	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	
Mon., Jan. 16	No Classes	Martin Luther King
Tues., Jan. 17	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
Sun., Jan. 22	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
Mon., Jan. 23	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Jan. 24	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Weds. Jan. 25	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM

MONITORS ARE STILL NEEDED!

Grade Level	Monitor Needs	DAY / TIME Once or twice a month indicated by 1X or 2X below.
GR-2A	1	Sun., 8:10 to 9:25 AM (2X)
GR-2A	1	Sun., 10:45 AM to Noon (2X)
GR-4A	1	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM (2X)
GR-6A	1	Sun., 4:00 to 5:30 PM (2X)
GR-7A	1	Sun., 5:00 to 6:30 PM (2X)
GR-9A	1	Sun., 12:30 to 2:30 PM (1X)
GR-10A	1	Sun., 12:30 to 2:30 PM (1X)

UPDATE ~ THE GRADE 7 CHASTITY PROGRAM

WILL BE RESCHEDULED: The new dates will be announced at a later date. Classes will still meet on Wednesday, January 11 and will cover the Safety Session that was cancelled due to a power outage. The Sunday, January 15 session will meet as usual.

GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS:

The dates for First Communion Masses for 2023 are Saturday, June 10 and Saturday, June 17 at 10:30 AM. The children will be assigned alphabetically this year with last names beginning with "A" through "G" assigned to the June 10th Mass and last names with the letter "H" through "W" assigned to the June 17th Mass. Letters will be mailed out next week outlining the remainder of the Grade 2 year including the parent meetings in March and Retreat on Saturday, April 29.

CONFIRMATION I- GRADE 9: Next session is

Sunday, February 12 at the 11:30 AM Mass.

Fellowship will follow in Fr. Haley Hall and class from 1–2:30 PM.

**UPCOMING GRADE 9 RETREATS:**

Students in Grade 9 have a choice of attending one of two retreats. The first retreat is scheduled for Monday, January 30 from 4 – 9 PM or Thursday, March 2. The retreats will be held on the premises. The retreats will focus coming together and time for prayer. If you have any questions

regarding the Grade 9 retreats, please contact Theresa Virzi x223 or stmarysYM1870@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION II- GRADE 10: Next session is

Sunday, January 29 at the 11:30 AM Mass. Fellowship will follow in Fr. Haley Hall and class from 1–2:30 PM.

FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES! MUST SEE VIRTUS EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN (EGC)

NEW SAFETY PROGRAM: The Boston Archdiocese has rolled out a new Safety Program for 2023 for Grades K-12. Parents can view the program at:

www.VIRTUSonline.org. Enter the **User Name:** Parent_Boston and then the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page click on the **education tab** at the top. You can view the Lesson plans for Grades K – 12. *Please take the time to view this program before the scheduled safety classes begin in January through February 2023.*

SAFETY CLASSES SCHEDULED FOR 2023:

Parents who want to Opt-Out their children from the Safety Class must submit an Opt-Out Form prior to the session to the Religious Education Office

- **GR-1:** Sunday, January 29.
- **GR-3:** Sunday, Jan. 22 and Tuesday, Jan 24.
- **GR-4:** Sunday, Jan. 15 and Tuesday, Jan 17.
- **GR-5:** Sunday, Jan. 29 and Tuesday, Jan 31.
- **GR-6:** Tuesday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 12.

**R.E. CLASS SNOW CANCELLATION:**

When Holliston public schools are closed or released during the day due to inclement weather then Religious

Education classes will not be held. Class cancellations will be aired on Channel 5 and Channel 7 during the week day and on Channel 4 on Saturday & Sunday only.