

PARISH NEWS

24th December 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Edition, Holy Family, Solemnity of Mary Mother God, The Epiphany of the Lord Yr B

St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary

The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common, Sidley and the surrounding areas

Parish Christmas Day Lunch

St Martha's Hall
12:30pm for 1pm

All parishioners and their friends welcome (*singles, pairs and families*) for a traditional turkey and pudding feast (with a vegetarian option).

Wine and other drinks will accompany the meal.

Although there is no charge, donations will be gratefully received on the day.

If you would like to join us,
Tel: Julia Dance 213078

Christmas Masses 2017 St Mary Magdalene's Parish

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December

- 6.00pm Children's Mass
St Mary Magdalene's
- 8.00pm Christmas Mass
St Martha's
- Midnight - Midnight Mass
St Mary Magdalene's

6pm Children's Mass and Midnight Mass - Carols will commence 30 mins before Mass

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December
The Nativity of the Lord

- 8.00am Dawn Mass
St Mary Magdalene's
- 9.00am Children's Mass
St Martha's
- 10.00am Children's Mass
Our Lady of the Rosary
- 11.00am Christmas Mass
St Mary Magdalene's

Christmas Collection is the 'Clergy Offering'

Feast of St Stephen
Tuesday 26th December

- 10.00am Mass
St Mary Magdalene's

Crib Offering is for the 'Catholic Children's Society A & B Crisis fund'

Postcodes

St Mary Magdalene's: TN40 1RH
Our Lady of the Rosary: TN39 5HG
St Martha's: TN39 4SL

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.
(Christmas Eve Vigil Mass)

Today a Saviour has been born to us;
He is Christ the Lord.
(Midnight Mass)

This day new light will shine upon
the earth: the Lord is born for us.
(Christmas Dawn Mass)

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
(Christmas Day Mass)

He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever.
(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

O God, be gracious and bless us.
(Solemnity of Mary Mother of God: Sunday 31st December)

Happy and Holy Christmas to you all and every Blessing for 2018.

On behalf of Fr Clement, Deacon Simon, the parish staff and myself, thank you for your prayers, best wishes and gifts. Thank you, in advance for your Christmas offerings for the clergy.

Christmas is one of the most joyous seasons of the year when we look forward to Mass with our families, exchanging gifts, sharing greetings, and meeting loved ones. The true meaning of Christmas is that God entered the real world, the everyday world of flesh and blood in Jesus Christ. God did not choose to enter the safe world of silent sanctuaries and hallowed spaces rather he pitched up in the rough and tumble, working world of people with jobs to do, fields to tend, anxieties to manage, with the government breathing down their necks at tax time. This is the Good News of Christmas that God, in Christ, comes to us where we are and as we are - in the midst of the hustle and bustle, the joys and struggles of our daily lives. Pausing for prayerful reflection on the true meaning of Christmas can help us to be aware of this loving God who comes to us in the sacrament of every moment.

God bless you, Fr Rajesh.

❖ Your **Christmas Offering** is your personal gift to the '**Priests of the Parish**'

❖ All money at the crib will go to the '**Catholic Children's Society A & B Crisis fund**'

❖ Parish Office closed for Christmas Holidays:
Monday 25th December to Monday 1st January 2018
Re-opens: **Tuesday 2nd January 2018**

We pray for those who have died: Elizabeth Cooper RIP, Eileen Purfield RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Frances McNaughton, Paddy Pearson, Angela Simon, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, Amalia Young, Sally Moore, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, James Burden, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

17th December
£756.32
Gift Aid: £570.00

2nd Collection
TBA
(Friends of the Holy Land)

24th December
(Parish Charity Fund)
(blue envelopes)

25th December
Clergy Christmas Offering
(Christmas envelopes)

31st December
Parish Lourdes Fund
(blue envelopes)

Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy
For a visit from one of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team for Anointing, Holy Communion, or a general visit. Volunteers needed for visiting patients please contact:
The Conquest Chaplain:

Cecilia Weathers
01424 757088

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners

St Mary Magdalene's Sr Collette: 214818

Our Lady of the Rosary Mary Carroll: 220334

St Martha's Clare Brazier: 844177



CTiB Prayer Cycle

This week: **Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB)**

Next week: **Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB)**

World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage
21st August-26th August 2018
Bishop Richard is leading a pilgrimage to Dublin to participate in the World meeting of families.

For more information about the event: Please see flyers or go to:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/

Please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152

or katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

St Martha's Church
Open Forum: Parish Meeting
Monday 15th January
at 7pm, St Martha's Hall

Everyone is welcome. Your views, ideas and suggestions are needed to take the Parish forward.

St John Vianney Cenacle
The Vianney Cenacle will meet on:
St Mary Magdalene's church.
Tuesday, 30th January at 6pm
All welcome.

What is your New Year resolution? Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD?

CAFOD The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work. They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, the parish or with fundraising, campaigning and more. If you would like more information or feel that you could help CAFOD then please contact Martin on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

The family of Peter Robinson would like to thank everyone for their condolences, kind words and Masses. It was very much appreciated.

Fr Boniface Moran OSB...

Celebrates the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. In recognition of this special occasion, Fr Boniface will celebrate at the

10am Mass

on Saturday, 30th December, St Mary Magdalene's Church

This will be followed by food, refreshments and a celebration in the hall.

This is a great opportunity for our parish community to celebrate with Fr Boniface and to rejoice with him for 50 years of service to the Lord.

Fr Boniface wishes everyone a holy Christmas and a blessed new Year and hopes to see some of you shortly after Christmas.' He will be staying at the presbytery: 28 Dec-5 Jan.

Crib Offerings

This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Richard, this parish will be donating crib offerings to: **'Catholic Children's Society A & B Crisis fund'**

Every single penny will go towards the Crisis Fund and will support local children and families who have nowhere to turn.

Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Liverpool 2018

The bishops of England and Wales have announced that they plan to hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year (**7-9 September 2018**).

You can find more information on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website. The Diocesan Contact is to be advised shortly.

Parish Diary - January

Wednesday 10th Jan
 Thursday 11th Jan
 Saturday 13th Jan
 Sunday 14th Jan
 Monday 15th Jan
 Wednesday 17th Jan
 Saturday 20th Jan

RCIA Session
 SVP
 FHC Sat group Session
 Confirmation Session
 FHC Mon group session
 Baptism Preparation session
 CCRS Day of Reflection

7:30pm Presbytery
 6:00pm Presbytery
 11am St MM hall
 4pm St MM hall
 6:30pm St Martha's hall
 7:00pm to 8:30pm - Presbytery
 10:30am Presbytery

Christmas Card Competition Winner 2017

Jeseena Joseph age 10yrs, who attends St Mary Magdalene's church and St Mary Magdalene's primary school.

Jeseena will receive a £20 voucher.

Thanks and congratulations to all the other entrants who will each receive a small gift.

Please come to the parish office to collect your prize and gifts.

Christmas cards with Mass times are now available from the back of all three churches.

Wednesday Club

We will take a break from: **28th December**
 Re-opens on: **10th January 2018**

Congratulations to our Primary School

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School produced a beautiful Nativity and Advent Service.

They help those who attend and take part to celebrate Christmas thoughtfully and prayerfully.

A & B News

This month's free copy is available from the back of all three churches.

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Sat 23rd December

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mary & Theresa Oliver RIP and Pat Hlder & Mrs Florence Raey RIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr B

(Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38)

St Mary Magdalene's	5.00pm-	No Mass -
	6:00pm	Confessions Only

Sun 24th December

St Martha's	9:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Peggy & Roy Fisher RIP

Parish Charity Fund
 (blue envelopes)

Christmas Masses Sunday 24th December

Evening Masses of the Vigil of Christmas/Midnight

*(Vigil Mass: Isaiah 62:1-5, Apostles 13:16-17. 22-25, Matthew 1:1-25)
 (Midnight Mass: Isaiah 9:1-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14)*

St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish
St Martha's	8:00pm	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	Midnight	People of the Parish

*(One collection at the Christmas Masses – your personal gift to the priests)
 (Please use Green Christmas envelopes also available at the back of the church)*

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day, The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

*(Mass at dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:15-20)
 (Mass during the day 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18)*

St Mary Magdalene's	8:00am	SVP for the Sick & Housebound
St Martha's	9:00am	SVP for the Sick & Housebound
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	SVP for the Sick & Housebound
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	SVP for the Sick & Housebound

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Tues 26th December	Feast	St Stephen
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Annelous Igbokwe RIP
Wed 27th December	Feast	St John
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Lesley Gallocher
Thurs 28th December	Feast	The Holy Innocents
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Eddie Harding RIP
Fri 29th December	Feast	St Thomas Becket
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	John Feehan GE
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am to 12:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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Parish Information

The Presbytery
St Mary Magdalene's
Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

St Martha's
Cooden Sea Road, TN39 4SL

Our Lady of the Rosary
Southlands Road, TN39 5HG

Clergy:

Fr Rajesh Minz
Fr Clement Anaedevha
Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Sisters of Providence
(Rosminian)

01424 214818

Parish Office
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Lisa Young

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

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Hospitals

Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams
marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams

marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

Parish Schools

St Richard's

Catholic College

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
01424 731070

admin@strichardscc.com

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St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School

Headteacher:

Miss V. Vanderschelden

01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
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St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery

Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
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Sat 30th December

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Andrew Heneke & Michael Reid

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Yr B

(Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3, Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19, Luke 2:22:40)

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Edna & Fred Herring RIP (Wedding Anniversary)

Sun 31st December

St Martha's 9:00am Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am George Lowry Thanksgiving
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Durrant Family Thanksgiving

Parish Lourdes Fund

(blue envelopes)

Mon 1st January

St Mary Magdalene's

Solemnity Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00am Enrik Rrukaj RIP

Tues 2nd January

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial Saint Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

10:00am Miss Elizabeth Francis RIP

Wed 3rd January

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Renata Sapieha GE

Thurs 4th January

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Holy Souls

Fri 5th January

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Joan Benzie RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:30am to 12:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 6th January

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am CCRS Mass of celebration

The Epiphany of the Lord

(Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

(The Epiphany of the Lord)

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Margaret & Thomas McGowan RIP

Sun 7th January

St Martha's

9:00am Mick Hanson RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Colin Brignall RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm People of the Parish

Parish Charity Fund

(blue envelopes)

St Mary Magdalene's Catholic Independent Nursery

There are currently places available for 2-5 yr olds
at our Parish Nursery.

For more information please contact the Nursery Supervisor - Gemma:

01424 224499 or

07821 530044 or infor@stmmnursery.co.uk