

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday

10:30am – 12:30pm

Please complete the "sign-up sheet" at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

Sacraments

Marriage

If you are intending to get married in this Parish or Diocese of A & B, the Bishop requires that a **notice of 1 year be given** under normal circumstances. Please contact the parish office in the first instance.

Baptism

If you are seeking Baptism for your son or daughter under normal circumstances, you will need to attend 1 x 1.5 hours session preparation course, which is held 3 or 4 times per year.

If you are thinking about having your child(ren) baptised please complete the Baptism application form available at the back of the church or from our website and post or hand into the Parish Office.

The next Baptism preparation classes for parents will be held on:

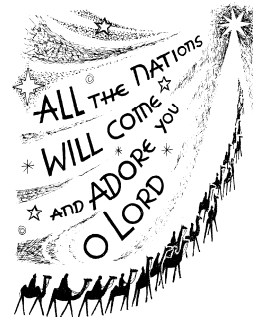
**Wednesday 17th January, 7:30pm
at the presbytery.**

Confirmation 2018

next meeting:

**4pm, Sunday, 14th January
St Mary Magdalene's
at the Presbytery**

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord brings the conclusion of the Christmas season. The Epiphany, as you know, celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world, to be the Redeemer and king of all nations and peoples. The essential reality of the Christian religion is that God reveals Himself to us. God comes to us; He makes Himself known to us at our own level, in our humanity. It is fundamental to Christian belief that God entered our human condition in order to enter into communion and close communication with us.

Though we may not have received everything we wanted for Christmas, still we are happy with the truth that the most important gift of Christmas is the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, the one sent by the Father to save and redeem us. The most precious gift of Christmas is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He will never leave us provided we remain faithful to him. God continues to reveal Himself to us. God's Light comes to us in the beautiful insights of people we meet who give us a way of seeing things in truly striking ways. You and I have all met such people. They move us to feel that God is near. Those are grace filled moments in our lives. God continues to give us epiphanies in those moments.

Like the wise men who followed the star to find and pay homage to the newborn Child, we too pay homage and worship the Lord every time we gather for Mass, and especially our Sunday Eucharist. May we be more committed to live our faith each day by sharing Christ with others.

God bless you, Fr Rajesh.

New Parishioners Day

Saturday 27th January, 11am to 12:30pm at the presbytery

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomer's or Clergy of our parish. We look forward to having you with us in our parish family in loving service and praise of God and taking part in whatever ways you can in our parish life. We invite you all to talk to our parish clergy in the presbytery. **Please do inform the parish office if you would like to attend.** There will be tea/coffee and refreshments.

We pray for those who have died: Margaret Carradine RIP, John Connolly RIP, Frances Abbott 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

31st December
£763.74
Gift Aid: £645.75

2nd Collection
£117.31
Gift Aid £85.80

(Parish Lourdes Fund)

7th January
Parish charity fund
(blue envelopes)

14th January
Pax Christi
(not in our scheme)

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: **St Michael's** (Robert Featherstone)

Next week: **Sidley Baptist** (vacancy)

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 John Vianney Cenacle

The Vianney Cenacle will meet on:

St Mary Magdalene's church.
Tuesday, 30th January
at 6pm

All welcome.

CAFOD

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

The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work. There 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

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 for the Congress is Canon Tom Traherne via Liz Fitch who you can contact on 01424 420815 or by email office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk.

Family Mass

All families are welcome at ALL Masses; however we do have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays:

9am at St Martha's and

10am at Our Lady of the Rosary

Please ask our parish Office for details. All Mass times can be found in the newsletter.

PAX CHRISTI

The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith.

"Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice".

Pax Christi works for Peace – based on justice.

Reconciliation – a process which begins when people try to mend relationships – after times of violence or dispute.

Nonviolence – a way of living and making choices that respects others and offers alternatives to violence and war.

Special envelopes for the special collection on 15th January are available at the back of the churches

www.paxchristi.org.uk

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



**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

**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.

**Film presentation by
 Cornelia Vischer**

Date for your diary

**St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall
 Wednesday, 11th April at 11am**

The restoration of the painting displayed at St Mary Magdalene's Church by the German painter August Neven du Mont
 All welcome!

**Eastbourne & Bexhill
 Newman Association**

**Monday 22nd January
 7.15pm for 7.30pm
 St Martha's Church Hall**

"A retired Kenyan farmer revisits food growing today".
 Talk by John Fowler who worked with the Church Missionary Society on Rural Development work in his native Kenya and Tanzania.
 All welcome.
 Contact either Alex Mthobi 07957632208 or Edward Echlin (01424 219788) for more information.

**Volunteers Needed
 For Missio-
 APF Red Box**

Missio is the Catholic church's official charity for overseas mission.

After many years of dedication the current volunteers have resigned due to busy work schedules.

A new representative is needed to coordinate the promotion and collection of the Red boxes and to liaise with the charity.

Please call the parish office in the first instance if you can help.
 Thank you!

**Jolly Parish
 Lunch**



**Tuesday 9th January,
 12 noon,
 The Wheatsheaf**
 Contact: Angela 220752.
 All welcome!

**Parish Children's Party
 Sunday 28th January at 2pm
 Our Lady of the Rosary Hall**

All children of Primary school age welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share.
 Dotty the crazy balloon maker will entertain.

Face-painting volunteers are needed for the day please!

If your child will be attending or you can help please call Ghislaine:
 731300 or 07449 275007

**Diocesan
 Directories 2018**

These are now available for purchase from the parish office. They cost £5.00

Points to Ponder

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

John Bunyan.

**Sacrament of
 Baptism**

Please pray for Noa Tudanca Lewis and her family and friends as she became part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism last week at St Martha's.

Fr Boniface.....

Fr Boniface wishes to thank all those who organised, prepared and took part in the lovely Jubilee Mass and celebration.

He wishes everyone blessings for 2018 and hopes to see you all in the summer.

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
Administrators:
Bonita Osmond-Maher
Lisa Young
Telephone: 01424 210263

Email:

stmm@btconnect.com

Website:

www.stmmbexhill.org.uk

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

Email:

stmm.finance@btconnect.com

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
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School

Headteacher:
Miss V. Vanderschelden
01424 735810
office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery
Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
01424 224499
info@stmmnursery.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Sat 6th January

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	CCRS Mass of celebration
Memorial Garden	After 10am Mass	Burial of Ashes of Peter Robinson RIP

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
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)

Mon 8th January

St Mary Magdalene's

Feast	The Baptism of the Lord
10:00am	Pearl Lucy RIP

Tues 9th January

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am	Holy Souls
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Wed 10th January

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am	Eddie Boylan RIP
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Thurs 11th January

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am	Cyril Hanson RIP
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Fri 12th January

St Mary Magdalene's

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10:00am	Jack Oliver Lucy & Arthur Mackie RIP
10:30am to 12:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 13th January

St Mary Magdalene's

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9:30am	Confessions
10:00am	Hanson & Driscoll Families living and deceased
12:30pm	Baptism of Aoife Amelia Brigid Apperly

Second Sunday Yr B

(Samuel 3:3-10. 19, Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20, John 1:35-42)

St Mary Magdalene's

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Sun 14th January

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

5:30pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Kathleen & Camillus Ewins RIP
9:00am	People of the Parish
10:00am	Christina Gramme RIP
11:00am	Merlyn Coward RIP
12:30pm	Baptism of Spencer Frankie Winchester Gooch
6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Pax Christi - Peace Day
(not in our scheme)

Points to Ponder

We should at least spend as much time thanking God for his favours as we have spent in asking for them.

St Vincent de Paul