

4th February 2018
Fifth Sunday Yr B

PARISH NEWS

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday
10:30am – 12:30pm

Please complete the "sign-up sheet" at the back of St Mary Magdalene's church to volunteer or contact the Parish Office.

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 at the back of the newsletter.

Enrolment Mass We Journey Together St Mary Magdalene's church

Sunday 4th February
11am

Please remember:

**Leo, Kieron, Hareshmayaathra,
Beau, Castiel,
Shanon and Tabitha**

in your prayers as they journey towards the Sacrament of Baptism.

Thought for the week

"Christian joy cannot be bought!

It comes from faith and from meeting Jesus Christ, who is the reason for our happiness."

Pope Francis.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.



Thank you to all who have given up your time to attend the meetings: **Diocesan Vision for Mission, Planning 2030**. The richness of the discussions on how deeply we feel the gift of faith has been precious. By sharing our own challenges and reflecting on what will help us to nurture and sustain our faith to overcome those challenges was positive. Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Together with our parish representatives, we have met to distil the responses from the questionnaires and captured the reflections from our meetings. We will feed this back to the next Deanery meeting, following which findings from our parish, deanery and the steps the Bishop will be taking will be shared in due course.

'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too because that is why I came.' In the Gospel of Mark there is a theme that is referred to in Theological circles as 'The Messianic Secret'. Throughout the Gospel Jesus has to hide from the crowds and tell people not to tell others what He has done for them. In the two Sundays before Lent begins we have great examples of this great 'secret', while he is in Capernaum. However, Jesus is very clear. His purpose in life was to preach, to make His Father known to everyone He met. While that may have made Him more popular than He liked and was forced to constantly have to find quieter places to be, 'that is why I came.'

So, if we have lost our purpose in life let's turn to our Lord and find our purpose in Him. Then, when we know our purpose in life, even if that makes us more popular than we would like to be we can rest assured that is why we are here.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

Lent Reflections 2018

in partnership with House on Rock publications

Living Jesus contains six group sessions on discipleship and the call to holiness for small group faith-sharing. The booklet also contains prayers and artwork as well as pages dedicated to helping parents share the themes with their children.

Please note if you would like to form a new group, please contact the parish office for information and recourses.

Friday	10.45 am	Anne Barry/Lisa Young	846031
Monday	2.30 pm	Anne Wilkinson	215710
Tuesday	7.30 pm to 9 pm	Cathy Bate	224031

To take part in any of these meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader. Or to purchase a book for personal reflection (£2.00) contact the Parish Office.

We pray for those who have died: Albert Harris and Canon Francis (Frank) Harrington RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Lawrie Fisher, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Frances McNaughton, Hazel Oakley, 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

28th January
£758.68
Gift Aid: £473.20

2nd Collection
£106.82

CARJ

Catholic Association for Racial Justice (not in our scheme)

4th Feb
Maintenance to include church halls (not in our scheme)

11th Feb
Lourdes Pilgrimage fund (special envelopes or 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 **St Mary's, Ninfield** (Paul Frostick)

Next week: **Bexhill Foodbank**

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

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

Women's World Day of Prayer St Martha's Church

Friday, 2nd March, 10.30am

Service prepared by the Christian women of Suriname

"All God's creation is very good!"
All welcome. Refreshments in the hall after the service.

Diocesan Directories 2018

Available for purchase from the parish office or the Repository. Cost £5.

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard

In 2016 and 2017, Bishop Richard invited Confirmation candidates to join him at Evenings of Reflection held around the Diocese.

More than 350 people attended in 2017, and had the chance to meet with Bishop Richard and to be led in the practice of Lectio Divina. Bishop Richard will be doing the same thing in 2018.

Saturday 10th March
St Mary Magdalene's hall,
7pm to 9pm. Booking is essential.
Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

Understanding CAFOD

You are invited to join us on Saturday the **17th of Feb at 10:30am-2pm** (10am for the Parish Mass) in **St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea.**

We will finish with a soup lunch. *Where does CAFOD work? What do they do? How can we help?* These and other questions will be answered. All are welcome. Do join us and let the local CAFOD office know you're coming to ensure we've enough soup. 01483 898866
arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Called by Name Retreat

Called by Name is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held **9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey, Crawley.** An opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel.

The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ. £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation.

To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on TOC@worth.org.uk / 01342 710318.

Parish Diary - February

Sunday 4th Feb
 Thursday 8th Feb
 Saturday 10th Feb
 Wednesday 14th Feb
 Monday 19th Feb
 Saturday 24th Feb
 Sunday 25th Feb
 Monday 26th Feb

Confirmation session
 SVP meeting
 FHC Sat group meeting
 RCIA session
 FHC Mon group meeting
 FHC Sat session
 Confirmation session
 FHC Mon group session

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



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

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Parish Collection
 11th February 2018**

The Diocese cannot financially assist sick & disabled people with their carers without your help.

If you are part of the parish Gift Aid scheme please use your usual parish (blue) second collection envelopes.

If you are a UK taxpayer but not part of the parish scheme please complete the Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes - to be found at the entrance of the churches.

Fairtrade Fortnight



26th Feb - 11th March

**Friday 2nd March,
 2pm to 3.15pm**

St Mary Magdalene's Hall
 Fairtrade Presentation by Sumatran /Indonesian coffee producer, Mayhana.

**Fairtrade Breakfasts
 Sunday, 4th March
 St Martha's hall
 after 9am Mass**

**&
 Our Lady of the Rosary
 hall after 10am Mass**

**Fairtrade Coffee Morning
 Saturday 10th March,
 St Mary Magdalene's hall
 from 10am to 12noon**
 to include stalls , bric a brac and children's game.

One of the 6 founders of the Fairtrade movement of justice and fairness Gospel values was our own CAFOD about 25 years ago.

For more information:
 Websites: fairtrade.org and bexhillfairtrade.org.uk

Our Lady of the Rosary

The next Committee meeting will be:

**6pm, Thursday
 8th February, OLR hall**

We will be discussing upcoming events.
 All welcome.

**Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes pilgrimage
 27 July - 2 August (by Air)
 26 July - 3 August (by Coach)**

Please note that some pilgrims may be asked to travel one day earlier and/or one day later.

2018 Online Application Form for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Pilgrims.

Assisted Pilgrims, please contact the Pilgrimage Office (01403 740110) for a printed Application Form - please do not complete this online application.

For more information go to:
<http://www.ablourdes.org>

**The Arundel & Brighton pilgrimage vision
 "love in action"**

**Jolly Parish Lunch
 12 noon, Tuesday
 13th February,**

West Station, Bexhill.
 Contact Angela: 22075

Catholic Women's League

**Monday 5th February
 7:30pm, St Martha's Hall**
 Annual Review and Liturgy
 Contact: Jac Young
 220685

**Cake Sale - in aid of
 caritas (CWL national charity)
 11th February after 9am
 Mass St Martha's hall**

Donations of cakes can be left in the hall before mass. If you do have any donations that need to be collected call: Jacqueline Young:
 220685

"Hastings and District Interfaith Forum (HDIFF)

**"Working to Support Refugees"
 Tuesday, 13th February at**

St Martha's Church Hall 7pm to 9pm

A meeting to explain what "The Links Project" and "Voices in Exile" are doing in East Sussex to help refugees.
 See poster for more details.

**St Mary Magdalene's Church
 Votive Candles**

Following a Health & Safety incident involving votive candles at St Mary Magdalene's church, the votive candle stands have now been moved and placed in front of Our Lady's Altar.

Please do not move them.
 Thank you.

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 3rd February

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Pearl Lucy RIP

Fifth Sunday Yr B

(Job 7:1-4, 6-7, Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Sun 4th February

St Martha's 9:00am Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Mrs A Bloomfield RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Mary & Laurie Boakes RIP
Inc. We Journey Together Enrolment
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm People of the Parish

Survive - MIVA

(not in our scheme)

Mon 5th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am John de Freitas RIP

Tues 6th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Anne Storey GE

Wed 7th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Patrick Eyre GE

Thurs 8th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Ray Harris RIP

Fri 9th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Margaret Hanson RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 10:30am to 12:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Eastbourne Crematorium 1:00pm Funeral of Albert Harris RIP

Sat 10th February

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Richard Naef GE
St Mary Magdalene's 12 noon Wedding of James Mountford and Melanie Wood

Sixth Sunday Yr B

(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Kathleen Gallagher RIP

Sun 11th February

St Martha's 9:00am Patricia Andrews RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Bonnie Naef GE
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm People of the Parish

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

(blue envelopes or special envelopes)

We have been asked to repeat the correct wording for a bequest for a parish/special purpose:

I give to the Trustees of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust of Bishop's House The Upper Drive Hove East Sussex BN3 6NB being registered charity Number 252878 [the sum of £..... free of tax] [.....of my residuary estate] on trust for such charitable purposes in connection with St Mary Magdalene's Parish, Bexhill on Sea, in the said Diocese as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit and the receipt of the Financial Secretary or other officer of the Trust shall be a full discharge to my executors in respect of the same.