

11th February 2018
Sixth 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

Every Friday
throughout Lent

Lectio Divina
6.30pm -

**The Prayer Room
in the Presbytery**

(please go to the parish office -
Anne will meet you)



7pm

Stations of the Cross
St Mary Magdalene's Church

**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.

Confirmation 2018

The next meeting is:
Sunday 25th February
4:00pm at the Presbytery

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

God in his providence offers us each year the season of lent as a sacramental sign of conversion. Lent summons us, and enable us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly in every aspect of our life.

To experience this time of grace anew, with joy and truth, it is expedient that we reflect deeply on the gospel narrative of today in Mark 1:40-45 which portrayed the compassion of Jesus as friend of outcasts. Following the Jewish law as stated in the first reading in Leviticus 13:1-12.45-46, a man infected with leprosy must be regarded as unclean and must be separated from the people as long as the disease lasts.

However, Jesus out of compassion and feeling sorry for him stretched out his hand and cured him. In this way, restored him back to the community. This shows how God loves us completely, and desires that we be healed, freed from the burden of suffering and are reunited with the community. Sin in our lives as Christians is like leprosy which is contagious in its own way and can make us unclean, isolated and lonely.

During lent, the Church, Our Mother and Teacher offers us the soothing remedy of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting. By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies, comfort zones which lead us to self-deception, and then find consolation which only God offers. With almsgiving, we are set free from greed and avarice and this helps us to regard our neighbour as sisters and brothers. This is the example set before us by the early Apostles that in the sharing of our possessions we bear tangible witness of the communion which is ours in the Church. Fasting weakens our tendency to sin and gives us important opportunity for growth. It allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. Yet, it further expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for God. **Fasting wakes us up to be more attentive to God and our neighbour and in this way revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.** May we find a hiding place in the Lord during this Lenten season so that we may be surrounded by cries of deliverance. Amen.

God Bless, Fr Clement.

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: Canon Frank Harrington RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Larry 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, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, James Burden, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

4th Feb
£809.51
Gift Aid: £514.30

2nd Collection
£136.34

Survive MIVA
(not in our scheme)

11th Feb
Lourdes Pilgrimage fund
(special envelopes or blue envelopes)

18th Feb
Parish Pastoral Fund
(blue envelopes)

25th Feb
Cafod Lenten Fast Day

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 Foodbank**

Next week: **Beulah Baptist**
(Graham Hoiliday, David Lockwood)

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!"

Refreshments in the hall after the service. All welcome.

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

17th Feb, 10:30am-2pm

(10am for the Parish Mass)

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall

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

CAFOD Lent Fast Day:

This year Fast Day is on Friday 23 February.

Day of fasting and prayer for peace in the democratic republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the world

The Holy Father announced last Sunday that

Friday 23rd February

the Friday of the First Week of Lent

has been given this special designation.

The Apostolic Nuncio has asked that the Bishops should take whatever initiative they think opportune to favour the participation of the local churches in this Papal initiative.

This is also the CaFOD Family Lent Fast day and so could dovetail into this annual work too, especially as CaFOD has projects in both DRC and South Sudan.

Parish Diary - February

Wednesday 14th Feb
 Monday 19th Feb
 Saturday 24th Feb
 Sunday 25th Feb
 Monday 26th Feb
 Wednesday 28th Feb
 Wednesday 28th Feb

RCIA session
 FHC Mon group meeting
 FHC Sat session
 Confirmation session
 FHC Mon group session
 WJT Session
 RCIA Session

7:30pm Presbytery
 6:30pm St Martha's hall
 11am St MM hall
 4pm Presbytery
 6:30pm St Martha's hall
 6:30pm Presbytery
 7:30pm 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
info@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 on 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 games.

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

First Steps Parent and Toddler group

They marked their 3 year anniversary by holding a cake sale in aid of St Michael's Hospice and St Wilfred's Hospice.

They raised £50 and Top Gear Car Sales matched this by donating £50 for the two Hospice charities. Thank you to everyone for their help and support.

The group will be closed for half term Friday 16th and open again on Friday 23rd Feb.

**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"**

Day of Recollection Saturday, 17th February

The theme for the day is "I am the Bread of Life" and will be led by Fr Simon Hall. The day will begin with **Holy Mass at 10am at Holy Redeemer**, followed by coffee in the Hall; First Talk in the Church then prayer time followed by lunch. The afternoon will start with a Second Talk, Exposition and Benediction and will close by 3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

Fr Míceál

Parish Priest - Parish of the Good Shepherd

"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.

Jolly Parish Lunch

12 noon, Tuesday 13th February, West Station, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 22075

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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Bonita Osmond-Maher
Lisa Young
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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

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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 10th February	Memorial	St Scholastica
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

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(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

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Mon 12th February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Emma Naef GE
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Tues 13th February

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Robert Stevens RIP
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Wed 14th February

St Martha's	9:00am	Hennie De La Roux RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Holy Souls
Our Lady of the Rosary	7:00pm	James Burden RIP

Thurs 15th February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Edith Haywood RIP
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Fri 16th February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Dorothy Haywood RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am to 12:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Mary Magdalene's	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Sat 17th February

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Irene Herring RIP (Birthday)

First Sunday of Lent Yr B

(Genesis 9:8-15, St Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Ted Witham RIP

Sun 18th February

St Martha's	9:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Peter Michael Haragan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	David Spooner GE
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

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Please note Mass at St Mary Magdalene church on Tuesday 13th February is 9:30am.

Walk This Way: A Lent Service of Music and Prayer from Taize and Iona on **Sunday 18th February at 4 pm in St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs, Magdalen Rd, St Leonards TN37 6ET.** All welcome. Anyone who would like to help in leading the music is asked to come to a practice at 3.00pm.