

**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.

Confirmation 2018

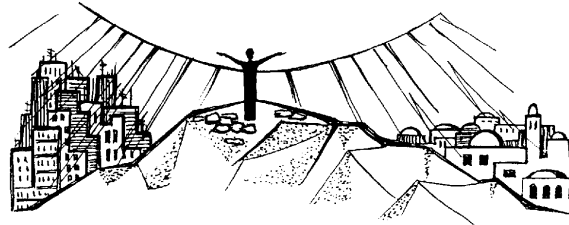
The next meeting is:
**Sunday 25th February
 4pm at the Presbytery**

Parish Reconciliation Service

**2pm,
 Sunday 18th March,
 St Mary Magdalene's
 &
 St Thomas of Canterbury
 St Leonards
 7:30pm,
 Wednesday 21st March**

Many priests will be available.

**Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and
 love for those who keep your covenant.**



Can it be Lent already? Yes, indeed, the season of Lent seems to have sprung itself upon us, with Easter being so early this year. Lent is already upon us and our old friend St John the Baptist is back in the readings, this time telling us to repent. We expect to be told during Lent to repent, but why? What is so bad about sin if it makes me feel better? The readings that precede the Gospel give us a clue.

The first reading from Genesis 9:8-15 is about God establishing His covenant with His faithful son, Noah. In the second reading, St. Peter is trying to remind us this as he refers to us as "beloved." He reminds us that Jesus wants to take us and lead us to the Father, and that baptism destroys our original sin. However, St Mark in just four verses of chapter one of his Gospel invites us to be driven, by the Spirit, into the desert of Lent and truly repent and believe in Jesus, the Good News.

Lord, this Lenten journey is so important for me. Thank you for giving me this time to become freer, to get closer to you, and to love others with your own heart. Keep showing me your love, so I can trust enough to let go of whatever it is I cling to instead of you. Thank you for accompanying me. I know you will be generous if I am only available to receive your gifts.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

'Lent is a time when we make good the deficiencies of other times.' St Benedict.

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

11th Feb
£725.27
Gift Aid: £506.70

2nd Collection
£148.39
Gift Aid: £128.50

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

18th Feb
Parish Pastoral Fund
(blue envelopes)

25th Feb
Cafod Lenten Fast Day
(Cafod envelopes)

4th March
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 **Beulah Baptist** (Graham Hoiliday, David Lockwood)

Next week: **Our Lady of the Rosary** (Rajesh Minz, Clement Anaedevha, Simon Kirkdale)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church Sunday 25th February

OLR children's choir will be singing and leading the music at the 10am Family Mass.

Rite of Election & Enrolment of Names - The Call to Continuing Conversion at Cathedral of Our lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel

2.30pm, Saturday, 17th February

Our RCIA candidate will be attending Arundel Cathedral with her sponsor, family and friends for the Service of Enrolment.

From now until Easter is a period of intense spiritual preparation for her and we ask all in our parish community to continue to sustain her through prayer and example.

Please pray for: Natalie Sadlier.

Marriage Preparation Course

The next course will be at: Christ the King Catholic Church, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT

On **3rd March**, If you wish to make a booking, please contact Marriage Care on 0800 3893801 or 01159 934255.

Or appointments@marriagecare.org.uk
John and Christine Mowbray (Eastbourne Centre Admin)

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.

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

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 23 February

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity?

With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat.

And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed.

Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk and a copy is on display at the back of all churches.

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

Monday 19th Feb
 Saturday 24th Feb
 Sunday 25th Feb
 Monday 26th Feb
 Wednesday 28th Feb
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FHC Mon group meeting
 FHC Sat session
 Confirmation session
 FHC Mon group session
 WJT Session
 RCIA Session

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@stmnnursery.co.uk

Lectio Divina Led by Bishop Richard Moth, 24th February

House of Prayer - 35 Seymour Rd East Molesey KT8 0PB
This day introduces the practice of Lectio Divina – Praying with the Scriptures for our own times. 10am and ends at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost: £20 - Advanced Booking essential.
 020 8941 2313 or www.christian-retreat.org
www.facebook.com/christianretreatsisters

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

St Patrick's Celebration Saturday 17th March from 7pm-10pm St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall

The Ballyregan Boys will be playing Irish music, and Irish Coddle will be served!
 Tickets will be on sale at the presbytery and after OLR Mass:
 £8 Adult, £4 Child, £20 Family.
 Bring your own drink to celebrate.

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"

Our Pilgrimage is first of all a spiritual journey permitting us to get to know God better;

we create the circumstances where we can find Him or He can find us.

Our Pilgrimage is about our service to each other, and most particularly our service to the sick;

this is intimately involved with our spiritual search in the same way as loving God and loving our neighbour are inseparable.

Our Pilgrimage is a time of joy and of fun; laughter, companionship, social times are important. We also set limits, which form part of our vision, and these can be expressed as follows:

<http://www.ablourdes.org>

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

Three Churches in Little Common

Next meeting: 11.30am Wednesday 18th February
 Rev Tricia Williams will host the meeting at Little Common Methodist Church. All are welcome to the short service, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat.

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
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
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info@stmmnursery.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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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Mon 19th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Noreen Corness RIP

Tues 20th February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Maria Hanks GE

Wed 21st February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Glenn Catling GE

Thurs 22nd February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Feast The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**
Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Fri 23rd February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Catholic Women's League
St Mary Magdalene's 10:30am to 12:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 24th February

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Sr Maximilianne Kolbe (Diana Young) RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Baptism of Chloe Bachellier

Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent Yr B

(Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Winnie Moore RIP
Sun 25th February
St Martha's 9:00am David Rowe RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am William & Winifride Storrow RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 12:30pm Baptism of Magni River McCarthy Smith
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

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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**). More info on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website. The Diocesan Contact for the Congress is Canon Tom Traherne via Liz Fitch: 01424 420815 or office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk.

Churches together in Bexhill: Marshalls needed for the good Friday walk of witness. Training/ advice given. For more info: Bridget 218487.