

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.

FHC Mass Rehearsal dates

St Martha's
Friday 11th May at 6pm
(for 13th May Mass)

Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday 18th May at 6pm
(for 20th May Mass)

St Mary Magdalene
Friday 25th May at 6pm
(for 27th May Mass)

Shirts and ties have arrived and are ready for collection from the parish office. Mon-Fri 9am-1pm.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for Drew Linda Shirley Matthews and her family and friends as she receives the sacrament of baptism this weekend.

Confirmation 2018

The next meeting is today:
Sunday 6th May
4pm at the presbytery
Followed by Mass at 6pm

A & B News

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

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.



This is the time of the year when children in parishes around the country celebrate making their First Holy Communion. In our parish, we rejoice with the children and their families, who are receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

Jesus comes to us each day in the Eucharist. He tells us to eat and drink His Body and Blood, food and drink for our journey. If we don't eat and drink, the journey may be harder; we may lose direction, go astray and become separated from our Christian community.

Saint John Paul II once spoke to the children, telling them "You are the Church of today and the hope of tomorrow." Our children are the hope of our parish and beyond.

We pray that the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist will nourish our children and enrich a lifelong friendship with him. I like to encourage all children who have received their First Holy Communion to become altar servers. They learn why we do what we do in the Mass. They learn life skills such as teamwork, perceiving what needs to be done and doing it, punctuality and self-confidence and they get more out of the Mass by their participation. They make friends with the other altar servers and learn what it is like to contribute something to their community. Please speak to Deacon Simon after one of the weekend Masses for more information.

The parents and the catechists for the parish First Holy Communion preparation programme have put a lot of time and dedication and care into preparing these children. The parish and the clergy thank you for all you do in sharing your faith with the children.

God bless you always, Fr. Rajesh.

Fr. Rajesh will be away from: 14th to 28th May. His two nieces (Sushmita and Binita) are going to make their First Religious Profession in the Pallottines Order, Goa, India, on 16th May. Please will you include them and their family in your daily prayers.

We pray for those who have died Stephen Lemon, Larrie Fisher and David McGurk RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Phyliss McGlade, Paddy Pearson, Rachael Smart, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen, Danny McNally and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

29th April

£811.14

Gift Aid: £518.54

2nd collection

£99.50

Gift Aid: £105.00

Parish Charity Fund
(blue envelopes)

6th May

Parish Lourdes Fund
(blue envelopes)

13th May

The Catholic Communications Network
(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 Augustine's** (Robert Coates)

Next week: **St Oswald's, Hooe** (Paul Frostick)

SVP

Mass for the Sick

**Saturday 26th May, 2:30pm,
St Martha's.**

Followed by refreshments in the hall.
All welcome.

ENCOUNTER - A NEW PROGRAMME IN EASTBOURNE FOR 15-30s

The ENCOUNTER programme has been very popular and successful in the Diocese for a few years now, and this month it's coming to EASTBOURNE. Every month from now on, there will be an evening for those aged 15-30, where they can meet others, have fun, and deepen their faith in a relaxing, welcoming environment. It's complete free, and anybody in the age range is welcome. If you don't have anybody to go with, don't worry - the team will look after you!

The first evening is on Friday, May 18th, 7.30pm, at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall. Bishop Richard will be our guest speaker for the first evening.

To find out more, search for 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook (or just turn up!).

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage

**27 July - 2 August (by Air)
26 July - 3 August (by Coach)**

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

Family Mass

Families are welcome at ALL Masses; however we do have specific Liturgies for children on Sundays:

**9am at St Martha's and
10am at Our Lady of the Rosary**

Baptism Preparation for parents of children aged 0-6 years

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

**Wednesday 16th May,
7pm to 8.30 pm,
at the presbytery**

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 drop into the parish office.

Please note that one parent should be a practising Catholic and a member of our parish.

Parishioners from outside the parish would need a letter with permission and a reason for Baptism here from their Priest of their Church of worship.

'Deep Within'

Music of Arundel & Brighton Diocese in Lourdes 2017

Musicians from the Diocese (one or two you may recognise!)

Director - Anne Ward

Keyboard - Michael Carver

CDs will shortly be available from the Parish Office (£10 per CD).

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association

Thursday 17th May, 7.30pm – 9pm

"What can urban theology do for us? A Bishop's story". Talk by **Bishop Laurie Green.**

Christ the King Parish Room,

3 Princess Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT.

Entrance free. All warmly welcome. Contact Alex 07957632208 or Edward 01424219788 or John 01323 726334

Parish Diary - May

Sunday 6th May
 Wednesday 9th May
 Wednesday 16th May
 Sunday 20th May
 Wednesday 23rd May

Confirmation Session
 RCIA Mass of Thanksgiving
 Baptism Preparation
 Confirmation Session
 We Journey together Session

4:00pm Presbytery
 7:00pm Presbytery
 7:00pm Presbytery
 4:00pm Presbytery
 6:30pm Presbytery

St Mary Magdalene's Flower Team
Urgently need volunteer's please: Thursday's 10.30am-11.30am
 If you can help please call Helga: 848504 or Eileen: 215063

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19
 For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office.
 The 2018/19 Tax Year envelopes are at the back of all three churches for collection.
 If you pay by standing order please collect your set of **blue second collection envelopes**.
 The Year End letters will be sent out shortly. Please note that not all Special Collections are eligible under the Diocesan Gift Aid scheme.

You are warmly invited to join the Parish PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD Tuesday 26th June
Departing Bexhill 9.45 am and returning approx. 5.00 pm
Cost - £15* per person
**(this cost may be reduced if more than 20 people travel on the coach)*
 09.45 Leave St MM
 11.15am: Arrive at Aylesford - time for tea/coffee
 12.00: Mass
 12.45: Lunch - either bring your own or go to the cafe followed by free time.
 14.15: Rosary walk
 13.30: Depart
 17.00: Arrival in Bexhill (approx)
Please complete and return form (available at the back of the church) to the parish office by 28th May

Jolly Parish Lunch Tuesday, 8th May, 12 noon, West Station, Bexhill.
 Contact Angela: 220752
 All welcome!
 (Parking behind police station)

Christian Voices, the Musical Drama Group, celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year and their next play is "Leap of Faith"
 It is based on the events leading up to Thomas the Disciple's denial and acceptance of the resurrection of Jesus.
Monday, 14th May St Martha's Church Hall 8.00 p.m.
 Admission is free but any donations given at the end of the performance will go to the Poor Clare Nuns in Lynton.
 Refreshments will be served afterwards.
 Come along and enjoy the evening!

INSPIRE 2018 Youth Ministry Leadership Conference St Joseph's Church, Redhill, Saturday, 12th May 10am-3.30pm
 Tickets are still available for the Diocesan youth ministry leadership day. It's open to anyone who is interested in youth and young adult ministry, including parents and Confirmation leaders, and tickets are just £10. There is a very impressive line-up of speakers: We've got Will Desmond, founder of the ASCENT, Dominican Friar Father Nick Crowe, Lizzie Wakeling (talking about young people and mental health), Bishop Richard, and others. We'll also be bringing you up to date on the current discussions at the Vatican around 'Young people, faith, and vocational discernment.'
 To book: [Email YMBookings@dabnet.org](mailto:YMBookings@dabnet.org).


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

Catholic Women's League
 All Parishioners aged 75 years and over are invited to an **Afternoon Tea at 3pm on Sunday 20th May at St Martha's Hall.**
 CWL are hosting this event on behalf of the charity "Contact The Elderly".
 Lifts can be organised by CWL.
 Please ring Beryl Connor 844122 by 6th May to confirm your place.

Hastings and District Interfaith Forum Tuesday 8th May 7 pm -9 pm at St Martha's Church Hall.
Fr Reynish, Rector of St Peter's, Bexhill, will speak about his sabbatical last year to study Islam and meet Moslems. He visited Southern Spain, Iran, Morocco, and Ammerdown, an Ecumenical and Interfaith Centre in Somerset. Full details are on the poster at the back of the church.

CAFOD: "Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal.
Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government.
 To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent"

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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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

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admin@strichardscc.com
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School

Headteacher:
Miss V. Vanderschelden
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St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Sat 5th May

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Simon Beardshaw RIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr B

(Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48, St John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Deceased members of the Antonelli Family

Sun 6th May

St Martha's 9:00am Mrs Florence Raey RIP
And May Procession
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Anastazia & Zbigniew Zglobis RIP
And FHC Mass
St Mary Magdalene's 2:00pm Baptism of Drew Linda Shirley Matthews
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

Parish Lourdes Fund

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Mon 7th May

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Kate Ashbey RIP

Tues 8th May

St Mary Magdalene's **9:30am** Elizabeth Harding GE
St Mary Magdalene's 11:30am Funeral Mass of Stephen Lemon and after
at Hastings Crematorium

Wed 9th May

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am The Burden Family & James Burden RIP

Thurs 10th May

St Martha's 9:00am Nicola Gough RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Harry & Peggy Paris RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 7:00pm Josephine McGahern RIP

Fri 11th May

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Mick Hanson RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

Sat 12th May

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Ada & Richard Griffiths RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 12:30pm Marriage of Simon Yates & Kelly Buck

Seventh Sunday of Easter Yr B

(Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26, St John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Peter Robinson RIP

Sun 13th May

St Martha's 9:00am Carol Dickens & Family GE
And FHC Mass
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vanhoutteghem
& Family & Friends RIP

The Catholic Communications Network

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Please note: Tuesday 8th May, Mass will be at 9:30am due to a funeral.