

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday
10:30am – 12.30pm

FHC Mass Rehearsal dates

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.

Please can we ask FHC parents/carers to collect their children's blue 'I Belong' books from the parish office, which were left at the 11am FHC Mass. Thank you!

Confirmation 2018

The next meeting is today:

Sunday 20th May
4pm at the presbytery
Followed by Mass at 6pm

There will be an extra session on **Sunday 3rd June** - for a film showing of 'The Shack'.

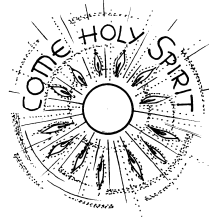
Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Simon Yates and Kelly Buck** who get married at St Mary Magdalene's Saturday, 12th May

May God bless you, guide you and keep you in his care!

With love and prayers from St Mary Magdalene's parish.

The Lord has set His sway in heaven.



As we draw near to Pentecost we pray that the Holy Spirit may enkindle in us the fire of his love. It is a risky thing to define God, yet St John has no hesitation in saying quite simply that God is love. Jesus reveals to us the Father's love which is always accompanied by joy. There is no effective communication of the values of the gospel without the love of God and the joy of the Holy Spirit.

This weekend and the following, the parish is celebrating First Holy Communion with our families. These events are always occasions of love and joy. To have the privilege of belonging to a faith community enriches us all and we pray that the gift of the Eucharist may enrich our children for a lifelong friendship with our Lord Jesus.

I look forward to being with my family. You are in my prayers and I would ask you keep me in your prayers. I will pray specially for you all and our parish, when I visit the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Goa, it is a very Sacred Church of Goa. The basilica holds the mortal remains of St Francis Xavier who died in 16th century: Saint, Priest and Missionary especially to India, Japan and China.

"In this life, we find our greatest comfort living in the midst of danger, that is, if we confront them solely for the love of God."- *Saint Francis Xavier.*

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

Today is the 52nd Celebration of World Communications Day

The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 13th May in 2018, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work. Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the collection on the day. There is also the possibility of donating online at:

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd>

Prayer cards for the day are also available at the back of all three churches.

We pray for those who have died: 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

6th May
£719.24
Gift Aid: £498.20

2nd collection
£107.95
Gift Aid: £85.55
Parish Lourdes Fund
(blue envelopes)

13th May
The Catholic Communications Network
(not in our scheme)

20th May
Parish Nursery
(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 Oswald's, Hooe**
(Paul Frostick)
Next week: **St Barnabus**, (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)

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

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/>

SVP

Mass for the Sick
Saturday 26th May, 2:30pm,
St Martha's Church

Followed by refreshments in the hall.
All welcome.

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 are now 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

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

Baptism Preparation
 Confirmation Session
 We Journey together Session

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

**Summer Fayre
 St Richard's
 Catholic College
 Saturday, 30th
 June**
11 am - 2:00 pm
*Photo booth, Craft stalls,
 BBQ,
 Face Painting, Cakes,
 Tombolas, Inflatables,
 Pimms Bar, Fairtrade
 Stall, Grand Raffle,
 Disco Dome*
**50p entry or £1 per
 family,**
*including free entry into
 the lucky programme
 competition to win a
 Cash prize.*

**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.

**Please note:
 Change of Website Address**
 Our parish website address has
 changed and it is now:
www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

**The Word who is life Vision for
 Mission - Feedback to
 Bishop Richard Moth**
 If you would like to see a copy of the
 Parish feedback please either view or
 download from our website:
www.stmmbexhill.co.uk
 or contact the parish office
 for a copy.

**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

**Christian Voices, celebrate
 their 10th Anniversary this
 year and their next play is
 "Leap of Faith",
 Monday, 14th May, 8pm,
 St Martha's Hall**
 Admission is free but any
 donations given at the end of the
 performance will go to the
 Poor Clare Nuns in Lynton.
 Refreshments served afterwards.
 All welcome!

**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
 twenty people travel on the coach)*
**9:45am: Depart St Mary Magdalene's
 11.15am: Arrive at Aylesford for
 tea/coffee
 12 noon: Mass
 12.45pm: Lunch - bring your own or visit
 cafe - free time.
 2.00pm: Rosary walk
 3.15pm: Depart
 5:00pm: Arrival in Bexhill (approx)**
 Please complete and return form (available
 from the back of the churches) to the parish
 office **by 28th May.**



**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

**Fr Rajesh will be away
 from: 14th to 28th May**
 We wish him a happy
 holiday and hope he gets
 a well deserved rest.
 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.

Catholic Women's League
 All Parishioners aged 75 years and over are
 invited to
**Afternoon Tea at 3pm,
 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.

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
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info@stmmnursery.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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

Parish Lourdes Fund

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Mon 14th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Feast St Matthias Intentions of Sarah Surman GE
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Tues 15th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Freda Joyce Baker RIP
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Wed 16th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Dennis Connor RIP
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Thurs 17th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
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Fri 18th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Marie McNaboe GE
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	

Sat 19th May

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Joan Eileen Walsh RIP

Pentecost Sunday Yr B

(Apostles 2:1-11, Galatians 5:16-25, John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Josephine Brown RIP

Sun 20th May

St Martha's	9:00am	Herbert Whitehead RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions And FHC Mass
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Evangeline Cabasagan RIP & Joel Cabasagan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

The Parish Nursery

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