

*Friday 29th June
Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of St Peter
and St Paul.*

Confirmation 2018

Confirmation Mass
Rehearsal:
Sunday 1st July at 3pm,
St Mary Magdalene's Church

Please note:

Change of Website Address

Our parish website address has
changed and it is now:

www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for
Luna McEniry
and Henrico Villahermosa
and their family and friends as
they become part of the family of
the Church through the sacrament
of Baptism this weekend.

GDPR

The Diocese have prepared a GDPR
Newsletter to Parishes. You can find this
on the Diocesan website
<https://www.dabnet.org/>

Please also look at the Diocesan Data
Protection Policy
& Privacy Statement

<https://www.dabnet.org/ContentDocuments/842.pdf>

<https://www.dabnet.org/ContentDocuments/843.pdf>

We will keep you updated as information
from the Diocese is received. Please
note that in the coming weeks we will
have to carry out a fresh Parish Census.

I thank you for the wonder of my being.



We usually associate John the Baptist with the Advent season. But here in early summer we encounter John once more, in order to celebrate his birth on June 24. So important is this solemnity that today it replaces the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The natural cycle of life involves both birth and death. Moments of joy, love, hope and sheer happiness accompany the birth of a child. We wonder what they will do, what choices they will make, what their personality will be, etc. This entire future life is pure potential and opportunity in a newborn. And at the conclusion of someone's life, we reflect back on what this person has become, the relationships and choices that made them who they were. We often look to the children and grandchildren, if the person was so blessed; and are in some ways comforted to know that something of the deceased lives on in their posterity.

Churches are often the points at which these significant life moments are ritualised, like Baptism, marriage, or a funeral. Our faith can be nourished by such events, but also by the daily activities of life.

For Elizabeth and Mary, too, their faith was nourished by the joys of a newborn with all the hope and promise that brought. On this day we recognise how fundamentally human our relationship with God is. Through the sacred event of a birth, which we know ultimately leads to a death, hope springs eternal and we live again the Paschal Mystery.

God bless, Fr. Rajesh.

The Word who is Life – Pastoral Plan

The Bishop has written to our Dean advising that the next stage of the Pastoral Plan is an open meeting for each deanery where the Team will make a presentation of the Pastoral Plan.

The date of our **Deanery meeting is 13th December at 7pm** and the Bishop has asked the Dean to identify a suitable location which will be published in due course.

The Bishop asked that the date of the meeting be published as soon as possible.

We pray for those who have died:

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Brendan Dillistone, Sean Gaughan, 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

17th June
£758.97
Gift Aid: £412.50

2nd collection
£215.23

Society for the Protection of the Unborn child (SPUC) (not in our scheme)

24th June
Peter's Pence
(Not in our scheme)

1st July
Apostleship of the Sea
(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: Crowhurst Healing Centre (Steve Gendall)

Next week: St Michael's (Robert Featherstone)

Annual General Meeting Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB) Tuesday 3rd July, 7.30pm

Bexhill United Reformed Church, Cantelupe Road. All Welcome! Refreshments 7pm! Nomination Forms are available to download from the Parish website or from the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday 10:30am- 12.30pm

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

6pm, Tuesday, 25th June
St Mary Magdalene's church.
All welcome.

Brighton Celebrate Weekend 2018

A non-residential weekend for all ages **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July at cardinal Newman School, Hove. BN3 6ND.** Our theme is: 'See, I am doing a new thing!' Is. 43:19 (NIV)

Main speakers: David Wells, Rev. John Ryeland and Michelle Moran with worship led by John Wright and drama from RISE Theatre. Daily Mass, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, Sacrament of Reconciliation. See poster for more information. Book online: <http://www.clebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton>.

Please consider joining a group from the Parish, who are attending. Car sharing or travel by Mini Bus: £10 each day. A few places still available. For more information or to book contact Bridget : 218487.

Share the Journey - CAFOD

Please join us for our parish event, taking place on: Saturday 21st July at 3pm
Meeting point : De la Warr Pavilion Colonnade

Distance : You decide how far

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*.

You can *Share the Journey* by joining us on a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world.

Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales, including our own, will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world.

CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration.

Deanery Confirmation - Invitation to Join the Music Group

Our Deanery Confirmation Mass:
3pm on Sunday 8th July

at St Mary Magdalene Church

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the music group from the parish of Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle to form a Deanery Group for this important event.

Further practices will be held on Tuesday 26th June and Tuesday 3rd July, both 7pm to 8pm at St Mary Magdalene's.

We hope as many as possible will feel able to come and support our young Confirmands in this way. *The Battle Music Group.*

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

If you are going to Lourdes with the Diocese and are travelling on 27th July from Heathrow, please get in touch so that we can organise a taxi from our parish. Please contact Ghislaine : 01424 731300 and leave a message. Thank you.

Parish Diary - June/July

Tuesday 26th June
 Tuesday 3rd July
 Thursday 5th July

Music rehearsal for Deanery Confirmation Mass
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 SVP Meeting

7pm-8pm St MM church
 7pm-8pm St MM church
 6pm 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.

**Many thanks from the
 Catholic Women's League**

to all parishioners who helped us
 raise a total of £328.00 for our
 charity CARITAS
 as a result of the two "Sausage
 Sizzles" held.

**Our next meeting:
 Monday 2nd July 7:30pm at
 St Martha's Hall**

A Talk from Chestnut Tree
 Children's Hospice. Contact: Jac
 Young 220685

**St Mary Magdalene's
 Catholic Independent
 Nursery**



Ofsted carried out an inspection of our
 Nursery on 15th May; having provided
 24hrs notice!

We are delighted to announce that the
 inspection report graded the Nursery as
GOOD in all sections.

A huge thank you to the staff and all
 those involved in helping to achieve this
 great result.

**DO YOU LOVE
 FLOWERS?**

If you do, you probably
 enjoy seeing the flowers in
 St Mary Magdalene's
 church each week. Our
 flower team meets every
 Thursday morning after the
 10am Mass, and they are
 currently seeking
 volunteers to share the
 work, which usually takes
 about 1½ hours. No
 experience necessary –
 training will be given. If you
 are interested please
 phone Helga on 848504 or
 Eileen on 215063.

**'Do you use a car
 wash? Perhaps you
 can help?'**

Safe Car Wash App:

The campaign 'Safe Car Wash
 App' was launched by the Church
 of England and the Catholic
 Church in England and Wales
 amid growing concerns that some
 of the estimated 18,000 hand car
 washes operating around the
 country are exploiting workers.
 The app lets drivers punch in their
 location when arriving at a car
 wash then flick through a series of
 slavery indicators such as whether
 the car wash only accepts cash,
 evidence of workers living on site
 or whether the workers seem
 fearful. If the answers indicate a
 high likelihood of slavery, users
 will be directed to a modern
 slavery helpline.

You can download the app for
 Android and Apple phones.

St Martha's Wild Life Garden

We are lucky enough to have attracted a
 hive of tree honey bees to the bird box in
 the garden. We have put up warning
 notices. Karl our wonderful grounds-man is
 keeping an eye on them and informs us we
 have no problem; if they are not disturbed.
 This is great news in view of the declining
 population of bees.

For more information:
www.ec.europa.eu-honeybees

APF Red Boxes

Please bring your red boxes in to the
 parish office for counting; remembering
 to clearly label them with your name
 and church you attend. Thank you.

**Aylesford Priory Pilgrimage
 26th June**

When I arranged for this date there was
 nothing in the Aylesford diary apart from
 12.00 Mass. I have now found that there is
 a Young Adults Pilgrimage on that day
 which will mean our day will perhaps be a
 little livelier than normal. I propose that we
 do the Rosary Walk soon after arriving and
 join the Pilgrimage Mass (outdoors) at
 1.00pm led by Bishop Paul. I am sure this
 will add something to our day.
 Ron Brazier.

**Eastbourne & Bexhill
 Newman Association**

**Mon 25th June,
 7:30pm**

St Martha's Hall

'Respecting and
 Safeguarding Human
 Life.....at both ends'.

Talk by John Du Waal who
 is chairman of East Sussex
 Life.

Entrance free. More info:
 Alex Mthobi (07957
 632208) or Edward Echlin
 (01424 219788).

**Deep Within' CD
 Music of Arundel &
 Brighton Diocese in
 Lourdes 2017**

Available from the Parish Office
 - £10

A & B News

This month's free copy is available from
 the back of all churches.

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

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Fr Clement Anaedevha
Deacon Simon Kirkdale

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01424 757088

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Independent Nursery

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 23rd June

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Alvyn Luck RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Luna McEniry

The Birth of St John the Baptist

(Isaiah 49:1-6, Apostles 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66. 80)

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

Sunday 24th June

St Martha's	9:00am	Hester & Ellis Eyre RIP
		St MM school led Mass
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Robert Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Henrico John Villahermosa
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Peter's Pence

(Not in our scheme)

Monday 25th June

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	David & Lisa Young - 30 th Wedding Anniversary
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Tuesday 26th June

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Arthur and Freda Valenzuela & Lois & Walt Conklin GE
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Wednesday 27th June

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Gloria Coward RIP
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Thursday 28th June

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mariakutty Stephen RIP
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Friday 29th June

St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Maura O'Keefe RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	
Our Lady of the Rosary	7:00pm	Maureen Grace RIP

Saturday 30th June

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Katrina Parthé GE

Thirteenth Sunday Year B

(Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15, Mark 5:21-43)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Joan O'Carroll RIP

Sunday 1st July

St Martha's	9:00am	Mick Hanson RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	We Journey together candidates
		Baptism Mass
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Apostleship of the Sea

(not in our scheme)

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