

**St Mary Magdalene's
Feast day
Sunday 22nd July**

*A very happy feast day
to all parishioners.*

Happy Holidays



Happy holidays to all who break up from school this week. Good wishes and prayers to those who move on to new schools, colleges, universities or the world of work.

Welcome to all visitors and holiday makers, we hope you have a pleasant stay! Do introduce yourselves to others and we hope that you find a warm welcome in our parish community.

We pray too for those who are away from our community at this time and pray that you will return refreshed and relaxed.

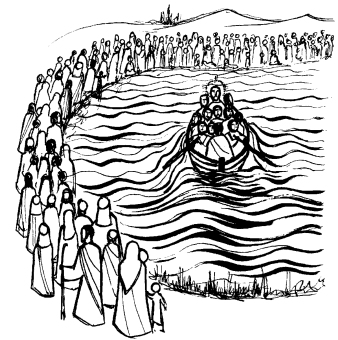
First Holy Communion Children aged 7-12

If your child is between the ages of 7-12 and you would like to apply for the next sacramental course, application forms are now available at the back of all churches and from our website. Please complete and return to the parish office.

The first meeting for parents and children will be on:

**Tuesday, 18th September
at 7pm,
St Mary Magdalene's church.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



We have received thanks from Bishop Richard for 'our kind welcome to the parish last weekend for the Confirmation celebration'. He thought it was a lovely celebration and asked me to pass on his thanks to all who were involved, together with his congratulations to the Confirmandi.

In reflecting on the Liturgy of the Word for this Sunday, I was drawn to the Psalm – Psalm 22, "The Lord is my Shepherd.". I was drawn, particularly to the verbs in the Psalm – leads, guides, revive, gives, you are there, give me comfort, prepared." These are all the things God has done, does and will do for me. My spontaneous response was, "My cup is overflowing."

A deeper look and I realise that "the Lord works marvels for me," – sometimes directly, but, most times through the goodness and kindness of others; through their graced presence to me.

Last Sunday's gospel is a story of challenge and hard work. Jesus sends the Twelve on their first missionary journey. In today's gospel, Jesus welcomes back His tired apostles (v. 30). Knowing that the Twelve are physically exhausted and in need of refreshment, he shows refreshment, He shows compassion by offering them rest. He is really a Good Shepherd. The rest He offers is above all, a time during which the apostles could recharge their spirits in prayer and recollection. Just like batteries, they are already weak and in need of recharging.

John Milton wrote, "Look heavenward, Angel, now." Learn from the Divine Shepherd. Pope Francis puts it into words for us, "Unless you let Him warm you more and more with His love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?" (Gaudete et Exultate).

God bless, Fr. Rajesh.

We pray for those who have died: Daniel (Danny) McNally RIP, Mary Coe RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Andrew Cruikshank, June Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, 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, Janet Smith, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, Eileen Sullivan, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen, and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

15th July
£821.82
Gift Aid: £486.00

2nd collection
£177.65
Christians Against Poverty

22nd July
The Little Way Association
(not in our scheme)

29th July
Church Flowers
(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 Peter's (David Reynish, Olivia Werrett).

Next week: St Mary's, Ninfield (Paul Frostick)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday
10:30am- 12.30pm
St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

6pm, Tuesday, 24th July
(not 31st as Ghislaine will be away)
St Mary Magdalene's church.
All welcome.

RCIA Programme

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to enrol on our next programme which will be starting in the Autumn.

Norman (Gus) and Kathleen Ingram celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on the 22 July 2018. They would like to thank all parishioners and local catholic schools for their kindness and support since arriving in Bexhill in 1990.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers

Bishop Richard will preside at a Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 15th September at 5pm, in Arundel Cathedral.

All who have served, are serving, or would like to serve are welcome to attend. Please bring cassock/cotta or an alb if possible. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral hall. (You May bring a packed supper if you wish).

St Leonard's on Sea Deanery Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training St Mary Magdalene's Hall Tuesday 21st August, 7pm-9pm.

An evening of initial safeguarding training for all parish volunteers, safeguarding reps and clergy. All welcome.

This course is for new volunteers and to be undertaken and refreshed every three years. A refresher course will follow early next year.

Please call the parish office if you wish to enrol by 15th August.

For more information on Training contact: Rosemary Terry, Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator: Tel. 01273 859715
Email: rosemary.terry@dabnet.org

It is also possible for individuals to book online for this session via the Diocesan website in the safeguarding Section under Course and events:

www.dabnet.org/Courses/

Catholic Women's League Monday 6th August 2018 7:30pm

St Martha's Hall
A Talk On The Music Of Anne Shelton

Parish Diary

Thursday 2nd August SVP Meeting

6:00pm

**St Mary
Magdalene's
Feast Day**

Fr Boniface would like to wish all parishioners a very happy feast day.

**Gift Aid Envelopes
2018/19**

For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Newsletter

Please note that the parish newsletter is also available online from our website:

www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

If you are able to access it in this way, please do so. This will help us to reduce our paper usage whilst caring for the environment.

Bishop Richard is currently holding a consultation on how we prepare people for confirmation.

If you've recently been confirmed then we'd like to hear from you.

The diocese has created a short survey which you can access:

<http://bit.ly/surveyconf>.

We would also ask parents to pass this on to their children who have recently been confirmed.

**Message from
Bishop Richard**

Our recent Confirmation celebration also happened to be the 60th birthday of Bishop Richard. He has expressed his gratitude to us for providing him with a birthday cake, lovingly made by Mary Carroll, and for presenting him with a birthday gift on the day. As a gift a tree has been dedicated to Bishop Richard at Grove and Pennypot Wood, through the Woodland Trust.

This idea was originally inspired by the Encyclical of Pope Francis 'Laudato Si'.

Go to: woodlandtrust.org.uk. Dedicate a tree, for more information.

**Share the Journey with
CAFOD**



**Please join us for our parish Cafod Walking event, taking place on:
Saturday 21st July at 3pm**

Meeting point : De la Warr Pavilion Colonnade

Distance : You decide how far

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.

**Divine Mercy
Pilgrimage
Bank Holiday**

Monday

27th August 2018

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Friars, Aylesford Priory at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX

Led by Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC and Marian Father.

More info: Divine Mercy Apostolate -

Marian Fathers. Tel: 0208 998 0925; email: info@divinemercury.org.uk

More info: www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

Click-to-pray app:

The Jesuits in the UK have produced this very useful app which you can use to download a daily reflection for use in your prayer life. It is especially helpful for commuters. You can find it on www.clicktopray.org.

Jolly Parish Lunch

There will **not** be lunch arranged throughout August, the next date is:

Tuesday, 11th September, 12 noon,

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.

Contact Angela: 220752

Lourdes

Please pray for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which begins on 26th July in Lourdes. Approximately 800 pilgrims including the sick and disabled along with helpers, nurses, doctors, chaplains and other will spend a week at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in prayer and celebration.

Holiday Time ☺

The summer holidays are in full swing and many are away or going away. Others are also home for the holidays and we are glad to see many of our young people back from university. If you are travelling, be sure to find Mass at your destination. With the internet and various forms of media, you can plan ahead. Please travel safely and return refreshed.

Parish Information

The Presbytery
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Bexhill - Irvine Unit

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Independent Nursery

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 21st July

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Paula Wallis GE

Sixteenth Sunday Year B

(Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Denis, Mary, Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 22nd July

St Martha's 9:00am Len & Helen Niven (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Sr Imelda GE (For services to the parish)
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

The Little Way Association
(not in our scheme)

Monday 23rd July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Baby Angelo Di Mascio RIP

Tuesday 24th July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Ann & Charles Wright RIP

Wednesday 25th July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Feast** St James 'the great', Apostle
Teresa Hooper GE

Thursday 26th July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Memorial** Saints Joachim and Anne
Lawrence & Teresa Fisher RIP

Friday 27th July

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

Saturday 28th July

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Shane O'Neill RIP

Seventeenth Sunday Year B

(Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15)

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

Sunday 29th July

St Martha's 9:00am Dorothy Bird RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Lily Evans

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East Sussex Joint Community Rehabilitation

Aftercare from a stay in hospital is available; for anyone in need please call the Bexhill Hospital branch contact:
Joanna Hart - 01424 726750 for further details.