

PARISH NEWS

29th July 2018

Seventeenth Sunday Yr B

St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary
The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common, Sidley and the surrounding areas

St Martha's Feast day Sunday 22nd July

*A very happy feast day
to all parishioners.*

Welcome!

We welcome Fr Kevin Alban from Aylesford Priory, who will kindly be helping us with all Masses in the parish this weekend.

Fr Boniface

A warm welcome to Fr Boniface who arrives on Tuesday and will be staying with us until Fri 18th August. We hope you have a peaceful and restful time.

Happy Holidays



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.**

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.



Our new parish priest, Fr Simon Dray will arrive in the Parish on 23rd August. He will celebrate Mass across the parish over the weekends of 26th August and 2nd September, as well as celebrating the beginning of year Mass for Years 7 & 11 at St Richard's on 5th September.

When Bishop Richard asked him to move back to Bexhill he had already arranged a holiday with his Dad between 6th & 23rd September. As you may know Fr Simon's mother died last year so time away with Dad is very precious indeed.

This Sunday Fr Simon is in Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage and will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the People of the Parish.

This Sunday's Gospel (John 6: 1-15) of the feeding of the crowd begins a sequence of readings that could allow us to reflect upon the Eucharist and that's not a bad thing as we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress this coming September. There's much that we could focus on in this familiar narrative from St Mark. But look at what Jesus uses: he takes what is offered to him and he transforms the little that is given into something that is enough for the crowd to have plenty. The Lord takes the little we give him, the simple things we offer him the – sometimes – meagre things we let him have and he uses them. Look at what we offer the Lord at Mass: simple bread and simple wine – symbols of sustenance and joy – and he gives them back to us changed and transformed into his very self. That's all we need! We are given him as our food and our sustenance so that we are strengthened to become more like him in the lives we lead. May we come to know Christ truly present among us. May our eyes recognise him in his greatest Gift so that we might come to recognise him in others.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

We pray for those who have died: Daniel (Danny) McNally RIP, Mary Coe RIP and Norah Low 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, Michael Halse, 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, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen, and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

22nd July
£794.53
Gift Aid: £543.20

2nd collection
£163.46
The Little Way Association

29th July
Church Flowers
(blue envelopes)

5th August
Maintenance to
Memorial Garden
(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 Mary's, Ninfield
(Paul Frostick)

Next week: Bexhill Foodbank

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

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.

A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage

Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are currently on the A&B Pilgrimage to Lourdes. They will of course pray for us at the grotto.

Inclusion Festival (IFAB)

A day to celebrate diversity in our Diocese, the value of each person, and where all people's needs are met.

St Wilfrid's School on Sunday
16th September, 2018, from 11 am.
Mass with Bishop Richard at 2.30 pm.
Picnic lunch needed.

Registration is required. Go to -
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ifab2018>
Enquiries to Margaret Fraher –
01293 651196.
All are Welcome!

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 Martha'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.

Cafod's Share the Journey Update

Representatives of our three churches took part in the Share the journey walk along the promenade. The total accumulated distance walked came to 46miles. This included additional miles previously walked by the participants.

If you were not free to join the walk there is still time for you to take part - until the end of August. Go to: www.cafod.org.uk for information on how to join.

The following information is also taken from the cafod website:

How far have we walked together?

By June 2018 we reached our initial goal of 24,900 miles - the distance around the world.

By July 2018 we managed to walk around the world a second and third times!

Now we want to walk a fourth time around the world.

The totaliser shows how far individuals and groups have walked so far to support the campaign.

It takes us on a virtual journey from Rome - where Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign - to visit the places and meet the people most affected by migration. Read their stories and watch their videos.

CAFOD

"Share the Journey" action cards Please support Cafod's campaign urging the UK government to ensure global agreements on migration and refugees:

- Respect human dignity
- Protect the vulnerable
- Support lost countries
- Keep families together
- Track the reasons why people migrate

Cards now available in all churches.

Youth 2000: Walsingham 5-Day Camping Festival:

**23rd – 27th August.
For 16 – 35 year olds.**

Families also welcome.
Please see poster or visit www.youth2000.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

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.

A & B News

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

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

Parish Information

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Deacon Simon Kirkdale

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(Rosminian)
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Conquest Hastings
01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit
Contact: Mary Williams
marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams
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Parish Schools

St Richard's
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www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
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Miss V. Vanderschelden
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office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery
Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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

Church Flowers

(blue envelopes)

Monday 30th July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Intentions of the Goodridge Family

Tuesday 31st July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Memorial** St Ignatius Loyola
Merlyn Coward RIP

Wednesday 1st August

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Memorial** St Alphonsus Ligouri
Irena Hulewicz RIP

Thursday 2nd August

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Beryl Tappin RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 4:00pm Reception of the body of Mary Coe RIP

Friday 3rd August

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Funeral Mass of Mary Coe RIP and after at
Bexhill Cemetery
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

Saturday 4th August

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am **Memorial** St John Mary Vianney
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Confessions
Ouseph Joseph RIP

Eighteenth Sunday Year B

(Exodus 16:2-4, Ephesians 4:17. 20-24, John 6:24-35)

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

Sunday 5th August

St Martha's 9:00am Peter Bird RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Maura & Michael McElligott RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

Maintenance for the Memorial Garden

(blue envelopes)

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.