

PARISH NEWS

5th August 2018
Eighteenth 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

Rosminian Sisters Sister Colette

Sr Colette will be sadly leaving St Mary Magdalene's parish on Sunday 12th August and moving to Loughborough Convent.

Sr Colette arrived at the parish in 2004, she has tirelessly dedicated herself to the Lord's work and the parish community for the last fourteen years.

On behalf of the parish we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of her loving and caring work, and we wish her well in the next stage of her journey.

May God's blessings and grace be with you, Sr Colette, as you start new ventures of your life in Loughborough. We shall miss you, please stay in touch.

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.**

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed:
Wednesday 8th August.



The Lord gave them bread from heaven.



The story is often told of the most unusual penance St Philip Neri assigned to a woman for her sin of spreading gossip. The sixteenth-century saint instructed her to take a feather pillow to the top of the church bell tower, rip it open, and let the wind blow all the feathers away. This probably was not the kind of penance this woman, or any of us, would have been used to!

But the penance didn't end there. Philip Neri gave her a second and more difficult task. He told her to come down from the bell tower and collect all the feathers that had been scattered throughout the town. The poor lady, of course, could not do it - and that was the point Philip Neri was trying to make in order to underscore the destructive nature of gossip. When we detract from others in our speech, our malicious words are scattered abroad and cannot be gathered back. They continue to dishonour and divide many days, months, and years after we speak them as they linger in people's minds and pass from one tale-bearer to the next.

We often do not realize the power of our words. Our words can be used to build-up or to tear down. We can have a positive impact on other people's lives when we use our words for good. Consider how much we appreciate it when someone takes time to express words of gratitude, honour, or praise; or how enriched we are when someone takes a genuine interest in our lives. Conversation that focuses on what is good and honourable can edify other people's lives and help strengthen the community.

Sometimes, however, our speech can be used in a destructive way. St James states, "the tongue is a fire," and he describes how easy it is to fall into sinful speech: "No human being can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men" (Jas.3:6, 8-9).

We are all capable of falling into this sin. Five suggestions to help us avoid it are: **1. Change the subject. 2. Say something positive about the person who's the target of gossip. 3. Confront gossip politely yet firmly. 4. Point out missing information. 5. Turn gossip into prayers.** Whenever you hear gossip, pray for the people the gossip is about.

Whenever you avoid falling into this temptation, you prevent further damage to relationships and help usher God's peace into them. That's a powerful way to live out your faith! Recall the words of Jesus: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

We pray for those who have died: Daniel (Danny) McNally, Patricia Welling, June Cruikshank, Norah Low, Phyliss McGlade RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Andrew 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, 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
29th July
£729.25
Gift Aid: £444.90

2nd collection
£79.35
Gift Aid: £97.00
Church Flowers

5th August
Maintenance for the
Memorial Garden
(blue envelopes)

12th August
Parish Charity Fund
(blue envelopes)

19th August
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
Ron Brazier:
214818

**Our Lady
of the Rosary**
Mary Carroll:
220334

St Martha's
Clare Brazier:
844177



CTiB Prayer Cycle

This week: Bexhill Foodbank

Next week: Beulah Baptist
(Vacancy, David Lockwood)

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

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

**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).

Catholic Women's League

Monday 6th August 2018
7:30pm, St Martha's Hall
A Talk On The Music Of Anne Shelton.

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!

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.

Application forms are available at the
back of all churches and from our
website: **www.stmbexhill.co.uk**
Please complete and return to the
parish office.

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
Children's bulletin's/worksheets are
available at all churches.

**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/

Parish Diary

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A Garden Full of Cultural Delights

Sunday 12th August between 1 – 5 pm.

Hastings and District Interfaith Forum is one of the sponsors of this open air family event held annually at:

St Leonard's Gardens – just behind the Royal Victoria Hotel.

Lots of children's activities, performances, food and stalls.

Details on poster at back of church.

Our parish Kerala community will be among the performers and are well worth seeing.

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Committee Meeting

**OLR hall
6pm,
Tuesday 4th September
All Welcome.**

CAFOD Share the Journey Update

Thank you to all who have supported this important campaign.

For up to date information on CAFOD's work please see the latest Cafod diocesan bulletin, which can be downloaded from:

<https://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/2018/08/01/our-brief-monthly-update>

The story about the walks can be found:

<https://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/2018/07/31/share-the-journey-so-many-walks/>

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.

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

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.

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

Please remember to pop your signed card in the CAFOD box (there is one in each of our churches) by Sunday 22 August for bulk mailing.

If you prefer you can post it direct to CAFOD:

CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

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.

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
Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Sisters of Providence
(Rosminian)
01424 214818

Parish Office
Administrators:
Bonita Osmond-Maher
Lisa Young
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stmm@btconnect.com

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

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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
01424 224499
info@stmmnursery.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 4th August	Memorial	St John Mary Vianney
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	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)

Monday 6th August	Feast	The Transfiguration of the Lord
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Christopher McGlynn RIP and GE of his family

Tuesday 7th August		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Katherine Wallace RIP
St Martha's	1:00pm	Funeral Mass of Daniel McNally RIP and after at Bexhill Cemetery

Wednesday 8th August	Memorial	St Dominic
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Frank Ratcliffe RIP

Thursday 9th August	Feast	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Andrea Robinson's parents GE (In Slovakia)

Friday 10th August	Feast	St Lawrence
		<i>Day of Abstinence</i>
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Special Intentions Durrant Family
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	

Saturday 11th August	Memorial	St Clare
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Miss Elizabeth Francis RIP

Nineteenth Sunday Year B

(Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2, John 6:41-51)

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

Sunday 12th August		
St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Philomena Lowry GE (Birthday)
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Threslamma Joseph RIP

Maintenance for the Parish charity fund
(blue envelopes)