

PARISH NEWS

**19th August 2018
Twentieth 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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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.

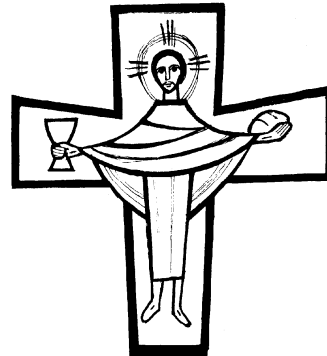


We pray for all those receiving their examination results at this time, and in the coming weeks.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for: Imogen May Olivia Smith and her family and friends as she becomes part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.



On behalf of the parish, I would like to extend a gracious welcome to Fr Simon Dray, as our new parish priest. We have long-awaited and we are joyful now to greet Fr Simon with the warmest welcome.

For some weeks now, our readings especially, the gospel have continued to tell us that Jesus is the bread of life. This is simply to remind us of the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our Christian life.

You are what you eat! That should be true when it comes to the Eucharist. The food and the drink we receive at Mass is our nourishment to sustain us in all we do to be like Christ. But those gifts of Christ's Body and Blood are given precisely that we might become what we receive – Christ. We are to become what we eat and drink. Christ is given to us as food and drink so that we might have life in us and so that his life, flowing through us, might enable our world and others to know he is near through us. Christ is truly present to us in the Eucharist; his real presence makes his home in us so that, seeking to be like him, we might be reminders and signs of his presence in the ordinariness of our week – at home, at work, in the places where we encounter others.

May our world know 'Christ living among us' because of the witness we give and the life we live.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on the following dates:
Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Monday 27, Tuesday 28 August.

We pray for those who have died: June Cruikshank RIP, Norah Low RIP, Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP, Mary Burke RIP and Angelo (George) Lopes RIP and Clare Simon 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, Abraham Jacob, 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

12th August
£815.72
Gift Aid: £479.70

2nd collection
£107.91
Gift Aid: £122.70
Parish Charity Fund

19th August
Parish Nursery
(blue envelopes)

26th August
Holy Ghost Fathers
(blue envelopes)

2nd September
Maintenance to
include St Martha's
heating
(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

Ron Brazier:
214818



CTiB Prayer Cycle

This week Our Lady of the Rosary
(Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale)

Next week: Little Common Methodist (Tricia Williams)

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).

Baptism Preparation for parents of children aged 0-6 years

The next Baptism preparation class for parents will be held on:

Wednesday, 12th September, 7pm-8.30pm, 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.

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 First Holy Communion 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.

Confirmation 2018/19

For those in Years 10 and 11 at School who have been Baptised and made their First Holy Communion and wish to be Confirmed:

Please register by completing the application form to be found at the back of the churches or on the parish website.

The Parents and Candidates Introduction and First Session will take place on:

Sunday 14th October at 4:00pm St Mary Magdalene's Parish Hall, followed by Mass at 6pm.

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.

Parish Diary / August/September

Thurs 30 th August	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Thurs 6 th September	Divine Renovation Reading Group	7:00pm Presbytery
Wed 12 th September	Baptism Preparation Session	7:00pm Presbytery

**Gift Aid Envelopes
2018/19**

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

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.

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 pray.....

As the State of Kerala, India continues to strive through the heavy rains and floods, we urge everyone to join us in praying for the people of Kerala, who are in the midst of severe adversity. Kerala continues to battle with a resurgent monsoon, with cities and villages submerged by floodwaters. The state, which is facing the worst floods in history would be grateful of your prayers at this time.

CAFOD

Share the Journey Update

Thank you to all who have supported this important campaign.

Please remember to pop your signed card in the CAFOD box at the back of all churches, by Sunday 26 August for bulk mailing or post direct to:
CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

Volunteers Needed

CAFOD is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales, and part of Caritas International. They are currently looking for people across the area who volunteer their time to support their work. They would like to hear from you if you are interested in raising awareness of their work and the needs of the world in our parish, in local schools or with our local MP.
Tel: 01483 898866 or email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Our Lady of the Rosary Committee Meeting
OLR hall
6pm, Tuesday 4th September
All Welcome.

Fairtrade Rice

Poor farmers, among 70% of the Malawi population, have to pay for secondary education!

The income from 90 bags (kg) pays for a YEAR in secondary school for a daughter or son. Thank you for your continued support in putting, literally, your money where your mouth is and your Gospel values of justice and respect for the vulnerable. We have a supply of brown and white rice. The price has just (!) gone up due to the international financial situation which hits the poor countries very hard: £3.00kg and £2.20 500g. Available after many Masses and St Martha's during September. Names to: 214605. Spread the message to your friends as well.

Many thanks. Jack Doherty.

Pax Christi

Would like to thank the Parish of St Mary Magdalene's for their generosity. We recently raised £277.79. Go to www.paxchristi.org.uk for more information about the work of Pax Christi.

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.

Jolly Parish Lunch

Tuesday, 11th September, 12 noon,
The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.
Contact Angela: 220752

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
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Charles Durrant

Email:

stmm.finance@btconnect.com

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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
marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

Parish Schools

St Richard's
Catholic College

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admin@strichardscc.com
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School
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 18th August

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Holy Souls
Memorial Garden	10.45am	Burial of Ashes of Bernard Sullivan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	2:30pm	Baptism of Imogen May Olivia Smith

Twentieth Sunday Year B

(Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	The Hargan Family living and deceased
Sunday 19th August		
St Martha's	9:00am	Patricia Andrews RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Maureen Grace RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

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Monday 20th August

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial St Bernard

10:00am Philomena Nolan RIP

Tuesday 21st August

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial St Pius X

10:00am Funeral Mass of Mary Burke RIP and after at Eastbourne Crematorium

Wednesday 22nd August

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Deceased Members of Joseph & Thomas Family

Thursday 23rd August

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Bishop Peter Doyle's Golden Jubilee (CWL)

Friday 24th August

St Mary Magdalene's

Feast St Bartholomew

Day of Abstinence
10:00am Funeral of Angelo 'George' Lopes RIP and after at Bexhill Cemetery
10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

Saturday 25th August

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions
10:00am John Keegan RIP

Twenty First Sunday Year B

(Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69)

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

Sunday 26th August

St Martha's
Our Lady of the Rosary
St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am Patricia Margaret Andrews RIP
10:00am Peter Dolan RIP
11:00am People of the Parish
6:00pm Priests Intentions

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