

**Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament
 Every Friday
 10:30am- 12.30pm
 St Mary Magdalene's Church**

St Richard's Catholic College

If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transition.

With kind permission of the Headteacher, I cordially extend an invitation to you and your child to attend an evening at:

**St Mary Magdalene's Catholic
 Primary School
 on Thursday 27th September
 at 6.30pm**

I, together with members of the Leadership and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven and SENCo shall be delighted to talk to you about St Richard's Catholic College.

Miss D Cronin, Principal.

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Richards on the following dates:

Mon 24 th Sept	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 28 th Sept	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 29 th Sept	11am - 1pm
Thurs 4 th Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 5 th Oct	7pm - 8pm
Sat 6 th Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 15 th Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 20 th Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 22 nd Oct	11am - 12 noon
Tues 23 rd Oct	11am - 12 noon

**Please call the parish office to
 book an appointment.**

**Please note there will be a charge
 of £10 for the re-issue of any
 sacramental certificates.**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.



Last weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrated The National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. Approximately 10,000 people took part. Some information about the events can be found at catholicnews.org.uk and on Facebook.

The emphasis of the whole event was the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and how life changing that is. In this time of serious trial for the Church we need renewal, which starts with each one of us. I would encourage you all to seriously consider if you can give some time to adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on a Friday morning, even only 15 minutes will change your life. We need to give Jesus the chance to draw each one of us ever closer to Him for our own sake, the sake of our families, our parish and our Church.

The Eucharistic Congress intended to encourage a renewed appreciation of the precious gift of the Eucharist. "And so for those who, due to other commitments, find it hard to spend time in Adoration, you are encouraged to return to the practices that we learned at a young age; to fast for at least one hour before receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion; to arrive in good time for Mass so as to spend time in prayer preparing to unite our joys and sufferings to the cross in the Eucharist; and spending a little time after Mass to make our thanksgiving for the graces we have received. These practices help us not to take the Eucharist and the Mass for granted.

Here in our parish, as in parishes all over the country we are beginning to prepare for a new First Holy Communion program. **The FHC parents meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th September, 7:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church.** We thank our catechists and especially parents who help prepare them for FHC program. **In order to support the present catechist team,** we would like to invite more volunteers to help with the program. Anyone with teaching experience would be especially welcome, but we also need others simply to be around and support the parents and children. Please let the Parish Office or Fr Simon know if you can help us. We pray that the gift of the Eucharist may enrich our children for a lifelong friendship with our Lord Jesus.

God bless, Fr. Rajesh.

We pray for those who have died: Fr John Mulligan, Fr Peter Lessiter RIP, Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP, Barry Mockford RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Andrew Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Sean Gaughan, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Abraham Jacob, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, Rachael Smart, Janet Smith, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Sarah Surman, Martin Tippin, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

9th September
£886.27
Gift Aid: £531.60

2nd collection
£117.94

The Catholic Education Service

16th September
Home Mission Sunday
(not in our scheme)

23rd September
SVP
(not in our scheme)

30th September
Overseas Mission
(not in our scheme)

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:
844177



CTiB Prayer Cycle

This week: All Saints' Sidley
(Michael Bailey, Richard Tuset)

Next week: Society of Friends
(Daphne Hill)

Annual Dialogue and Unity Day 2018: Saturday 29 September

at DABCEC, Southgate Drive, Crawley. Come along, bring your friends from other Churches, share your experiences of working, praying and growing together.

Our theme is The Role of Christian Unity in the Renewal of the Church.

We will hear from Fr Sebastian Ostrynski, Head of the Chemin Neuf Community in the UK, a Catholic community with a charism for ecumenism. Times of prayer, sharing and information. Bring a packed lunch – tea, coffee and cake provided.

To book: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org

Three Churches in Little Common

next meeting of our Three Churches group will be hosted at:

Little Common Methodist Church at 11.30am on Wednesday 19th September. All are welcome to these informal meetings, followed at 12 noon with refreshments and a chat.

'The Challenge of Listening to the Other - the Importance and Pitfalls of Interfaith Dialogue'

Hastings and District Interfaith Forum jointly with the Council of Christians and Jews invite you to this meeting: **Tuesday 9th October, 7pm, hosted by the Bexhill Islamic Centre, Clifford Road, Bexhill on sea TN40 1QA .**

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Danny Rich, Senior Rabbi and Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism since the middle of 2005 – see posters at the back of churches.

First Holy Communion Children aged 7-12

The first meeting for parents and children will be on:

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for: **Cadi Simmons** and her family and friends as she becomes part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Please complete the application form and return to the parish office.

Parish Diary

Tues 18 th September	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery (small meeting room)
Tues 18 th September	FHC Parents Meeting	7:00pm St MM Church
Wed 19 th September	Parish office closed - Staff training	
Fri 9 th November	Fr Simon's Induction Mass	7:30pm St MM Church

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

'Deep Within' Lourdes CD available for sale from the parish office. £10 per CD

Music of Arundel and Brighton in Lourdes. In aid of the Diocesan Lourdes fund. Perfect gift for the music lover!

Christian Film

An inspiring Christian film: "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) will be showing at Eastbourne' Curzon cinema for one day only on: **Wednesday 26th September at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm**
See posters at the back of all churches.

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.

Congratulations...

"Congratulations to **Lilly Di Mascio, Liam Di Mascio and Joshua Rice** on being enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers and for receiving their bronze medal.

More servers (*for those who have made their First Holy Communion*) are welcome at each of our three Churches and at all Masses.

Simply come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass and make yourself known to the MC or priest."

Organised by The Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle
Monday 24th September, 7pm for 7.30 -9pm.
St Martha's Church Hall,
'A Hospital Chaplain's Ministry'.

Talk by Revd. Frances Baldwin who has been a hospital chaplain at the Conquest Hospital since 2011. Entrance is free.

All welcome.

For more info contact either: Alex Mthobi (07957 632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788).

Annual Parish Lunch
Sunday 7th October
in St Martha's Hall
12.45pm for 1pm

Tickets will be on sale from 16th September, after Mass.

Adults: £8.00, Child: £5.00

Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

For more information contact: Judith: 212990.

2018 Parish Annual Mass Count

For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our money collectors to count all parishioners including babies and those who go out for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The counts take place over the following weekends:

22/23, 29/30 Sept, 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28 October
3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 November.

Adoremus - National Eucharistic Congress

I was very blessed to attend this Congress last weekend. Some information about the days' events can be found at catholicnews.org.uk and on Facebook. The two keynote speeches were given by Bishop Robert Barron, an auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles. Some of you may be familiar with his work. The first address was on the subject of the Mass and was riveting. The second address was on Achieving Sanctity, very important for all of us. These talks can be found either on sound cloud, through the above website, or on You Tube. Finally we finished with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the streets of Liverpool. 10,000 people in the pouring rain. Cardinal Nicholls said our procession was undertaken in a spirit of prayer and penance following the abuse scandals. There was a lot of prayer and the rain certainly provided the penance.

Finally, amazingly among 10,000 people, by chance I met Fr David and he asked me to give his love to each one of you.

Barbara Elms.

CAFOD

Would like to thank St Mary Magdalene's Parish for their generous support this year, and for your latest donation of £607.11. The donation can support people like Cynthia Ntala, who is the chair of a CAFOD-funded vegetable garden in Zimbabwe.

Parish Information

The Presbytery
St Mary Magdalene's
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St Martha's
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Catholic College

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St Mary Magdalene Catholic Independent Nursery

Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
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PARISH NEWS

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 15th September	Memorial	Our Lady of Sorrows
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Marie McNaboe RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12 noon	Baptism of Cadi Simmons

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Year B

(Isaiah 50:5-9, St James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35)

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

Sunday 16th September

St Martha's	9:00am	William (Bill) Austin RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vanhoutteghem Family & Friends

Home Mission Sunday

(not in our scheme)

Monday 17th September

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mr & Mrs Pontet-Piccolomini
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Tuesday 18th September

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Foundation
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Wednesday 19th September

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Lucretia Quintah RIP
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Thursday 20th September

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Memorial St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions Funeral of Barry Mockford RIP and after at Eastbourne Crematorium
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Friday 21st September

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Feast St Matthew <i>Day of Abstinence</i> Tom Hanks RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	

Saturday 22nd September

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Rubén Varela Torres RIP

Twenty-Fifth Sunday Year B

(Wisdom 2:12. 17-20, St James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37)

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

Sunday 23rd September

St Martha's	9:00am	Eilish Whitaker RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	The Good Estate of Stan & Winn Yeo
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

SVP

(not in our scheme)

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.