

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

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## St Richard's Catholic College

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

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm - 8pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	11am - 12 noon
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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.***

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## Fr Simon's Induction Mass Friday 9th November, 7:30pm, St Mary Magdalene's

Bishop Richard will come and celebrate  
Mass in which he will induct Fr Simon our  
Parish Priest. After Mass there will be a  
reception in the hall afterwards.  
All Welcome.

We need volunteers to set up and to clear  
down afterwards. Anyone who is kindly  
available to help, please contact the  
parish office asap.

If anyone needs a lift to the mass (and  
home again) please call the parish office  
and we will arrange transport for you.

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## The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

### October: The Month of Our Lady

October is dedicated to Our Lady. Next Sunday is Rosary  
Sunday and we are permitted to celebrate one votive Mass of  
Our Lady, which will be at the Our Lady of the Rosary Church in  
Sidley as they celebrate their feast day, followed by a small  
celebration afterwards. If you are going to the Parish Lunch,  
there is still plenty of time to get to St Martha's for 12:45! As you  
pray the Rosary this month, along with praying for the Holy  
Father's intentions, I you like to propose we pray for the  
following intentions:

- For our family and friends and their intentions
- For our Parish called to Mission
- For vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the  
religious life
- For the pastoral plan of the diocese as we move forward  
to 2030
- For reparation of our sins, both personal and as a  
Church

When possible, we can pause at 12 O'clock and 6 O'clock to  
pray the Angelus, punctuating our day with prayer ensuring that  
everything we say and do is an offering to the Lord:

The Angelus  
The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...  
**and she conceived of the Holy Spirit (Hail Mary...)**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord..  
**Be it done unto me according to thy word (Hail Mary...)**

And the Word was made flesh...  
**and dwelt amongst us (Hail Mary...)**  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God...  
**that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ**

**Let us pray: pour forth we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace  
into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ,  
thy Son, was made know by the message of an angel, may  
by his passion and + cross, be brought to the glory of his  
resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God bless you, Fr Simon.

### 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:

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

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr John Mulligan, Louis Rosenau 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**

23<sup>rd</sup> September  
£865.27  
Gift Aid: £383.74

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£546.86  
SVP

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23<sup>rd</sup> September  
SVP  
(not in our scheme)

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7<sup>th</sup> October  
CAFOD Harvest Fast  
Day Collection  
(Cafod envelopes)

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14<sup>th</sup> October  
Parish Charity Fund  
(blue envelopes)

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**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

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**Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners**

**Ron Brazier:**  
844177

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**CTiB Prayer Cycle**

**This week: St Mary Magdalene's**  
(Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale).

**Next week:** The Pelham Trust

**Diocesan Pastoral Plan:**  
*"The Word who is Life"*

Following last year's consultation the Bishop returns to the Deanery to share with us the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese towards 2030.

This is an open meeting on:  
**13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St Martha's Hall, Little Common.**

This weekend there is a prayer card, available from all churches for you to take away and pray for the Mission to which the Lord has called us.

**Bishop Richard meets with confirmation catechists**

If you have - or recently have been - a catechist, volunteer, or other adult involved in Confirmation preparation in your parish, then Bishop Richard would like to meet with you and to hear from you this October. During these evenings, Bishop Richard will give some input and teaching, and will also want to hear from you about your needs and ideas. There will be three meetings around the diocese (just attend one of them!). If you want to attend, please Email [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org) so we can keep track of the numbers:

- Woking (St Dunstan's Church) - Thursday October 4th, 7pm to 9pm
- Horsham (St John's Church) - Monday October 8th, 7pm to 9pm
- Eastbourne (Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall) - Wednesday October 10th, 7pm to 9pm**

**We Journey Together**  
**Baptism of children 7yrs-12yrs**

The first meeting will be:  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November,**  
**6:30pm at the presbytery**  
Application forms are available at the back of all churches or from our website: [www.stmm.co.uk](http://www.stmm.co.uk). Please complete and return to the parish office.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please pray for: **Seth Baitmansour** and his family and friends as he 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk)  
Please complete the application form and return to the parish office.

**Parish Diary Oct / Nov**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> October	FHC Monday Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> October	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> October	FHC Saturday Session	11:00am St Mary Magdalene's hall
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Confirmation Parents/Candidates Meeting	4:00pm Presbytery
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> October	SVP meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**Annual Parish Lunch Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October St Martha's Hall, 12.45pm for 1pm**

Adults: £8.00, Child: £5.00  
*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept is the last chance to buy tickets.*  
 For more information contact Judith: 212990.

**Annual Grandparents' Formation Day at St John the Evangelist Church, Horsham: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Start with 10am Mass.**

Theme is "Practical Ways of Encouraging your Grandchildren in the Faith".  
 Speakers will include Bishop Richard and Jack Regan, Diocesan Adviser - Youth and Young Adults Ministry, but content will cover supporting grandchildren of all ages.  
 Book at [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) or 01293 651161.

**Catholic Women's League Mon 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7:30pm**

St Martha's Hall  
 Theme: The Holy Rosary  
 Contact: Jac Young 220685

**CAFOD Fast Day Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

On Family Fast Day, Cafod invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us.

We are asked to fast, pray and give help to people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda.

The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, Cafod has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

On Family Fast Day, Cafod invites us to eat simply - perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal - and give the money we save to help people like Longora.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can.

**SVP:** The SVP group would like to thank everyone for such a great response to their recent appeal. All perspective members who would like to learn more about the work of the SVP are invited to the next meeting which will be held: **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm at the presbytery.**

**St Martha's**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm**  
 Open Forum  
 Community Meeting  
**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm**  
 Your views, ideas and suggestions are welcome to enhance the life of the parish.

**Jolly Parish Lunch**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 12 noon,**  
 The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.  
 Contact Angela: 220752

**Hastings and District Interfaith Forum**

jointly with the Council of Christians and Jews invite you to this meeting:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Disturbances at any of our church grounds!**

If you see anything suspicious please do **not** put yourself in a vulnerable position, please ring the parish office or telephone the Police. Thank you.

**St John Vianney Cenacle: Group of Prayer for Priests**

As Saint John Paul II wrote in a letter in 2004 - "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist".

**The 1 hour prayer session will be one before the last Tuesday of each month at St Mary Magdalene (next session 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6 pm).**

**Race Night**

**Our Lady of the Rosary Hall Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> November, from 7pm**

Children and (children at heart) come and be a jockey for the evening!  
 This is a family event so do come along with the children and enjoy a night of fun. Just bring a plate of food and drinks of your choice and plenty of change. Lots of fun to be had by all.

## 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 Simon Dray**  
**Fr Rajesh Minz**  
**Deacon Simon Kirkdale**

**Sisters of Providence**  
**(Rosminian)**  
01424 214818

### Parish Office

#### Administrators:

Bonita Osmond-Maher  
Lisa Young

**Telephone: 01424 210263**

#### Email:

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

#### Website:

[www.stmmbexhill.co.uk](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk)

#### Office Hours:

**Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm**

#### Finance:

Charles Durrant

#### Email:

[stmm.finance@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm.finance@btconnect.com)

### Hospitals

**Conquest Hastings**  
01424 757088

#### Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams  
[marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk](mailto:marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk)

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
**(SVP) Mary Williams**

[marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk](mailto:marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk)

### Parish Schools

#### St Richard's

#### Catholic College

**Principal:** Miss Doreen Cronin  
01424 731070

[admin@strichardscc.com](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)  
[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

#### St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

01424 735810  
[office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk)  
[www.stmarymags.co.uk](http://www.stmarymags.co.uk)

**St Mary Magdalene Catholic**  
**Independent Nursery**

**Supervisor:** Gemma Oliver-Taylor  
01424 224499  
[info@stmmnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@stmmnursery.co.uk)

## PARISH NEWS

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

#### Feast

9:30am

10:00am

St Mary Magdalene's

12:30pm

**St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

Confessions

Irene Herring RIP, David Herring's  
children & Mary Herring RIP (Birthday)

Baptism of Seth Baitmansour

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday Year B

(Numbers 11:25-29, St James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

6:00pm

Confessions

Cesidio Capaldi RIP

*Cafod talk after all Masses*

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

9:00am

10:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

Mary & George Caton RIP

Priests Intentions

People of the Parish

Agnes Varghese GE (20<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

#### Overseas Missions

(not in our scheme)

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

#### Memorial

**St Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

Maureen & Paddy Quirke RIP

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene's

#### Memorial

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

Marie Authers RIP

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

#### Memorial

**St Francis of Assisi**

Frank Ratcliffe RIP

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

10:45am

- 12.30pm

**Harvest Fast Day, Day of Abstinence**

Maureen Lenehan RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am

10:00am

Confessions

Tom Hanks RIP

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday Year B

(Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

6:00pm

Confessions

Maxie Hunnisett RIP

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October

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

9:00am

10:00am

11:00am

3:30pm

#### Rosary Sunday

Nicola Gough RIP

People of the Parish

Robert Stevens RIP

Baptisms of Robert Ford-Paton  
& Maeve Parry

Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

#### Cafod Harvest Fast Day

(cafod envelopes)

### Daily Missal

Spare copy of the CTS daily missal with  
zip up soft case and carry handles in vgc.  
Free to anyone who would like it.  
Please contact Alison on 220551.

### A & B News

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