

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

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:

Mon 22nd Oct 11am - 12 noon
Tues 23rd 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.*

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

**There will be a Music Rehearsal on
Sunday 28th October at 2:30pm.**

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.
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.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Baptism, Reception and other Sacraments

Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for 2019 are now underway. If you were baptised as a baby your sacramental journey may have been straightforward. Indeed, parents with children aged 6 and under are encouraged to request baptism without delay. Life sometimes gets in the way and our decision to ask for the sacraments gets a bit lost. In the sacraments we encounter Christ who journeys with us and transfigures us, so that we may live a holy life. It is never too late, in this life, to request the sacraments. Please pray for those discerning their journey in faith. These can be difficult decisions as we're all challenged to see where we need Reconciliation and conversion to the Gospel of Life.

The **RCIA programme** is suitable for un-baptised adults who hear Christ's call for baptism; for Christians who feel called into full communion with the Catholic Church; for Catholic Adults who were not Confirmed as teenagers; and for any Catholic who wishes to top up their formation in the faith.

The '**We Journey Together Programme**' is suitable for unbaptised children aged 7-13 years old (*those aged 14-17 will be directed to the Confirmation programme*); and is also suitable for children who were baptised as Anglicans but who now wish to become Catholic. It is also suitable for any Catholic child in School Years 6, 7 or 8 who find they need more stimulating content than what the age appropriate Year 3 First Holy Communion programme can provide. The WJT programme begins on 8th November so please apply now.

Those wishing to **get married** in 2019 should see one of the clergy team ASAP. Please also come and see one of the clergy team if *you got married outside of the Catholic Church*, and now with no impediment, wish to have that marriage con-validated by the Church. Additionally, the clergy are very happy to see anyone who has entered a second civil marriage and feels they have grounds for the annulment of their first marriage and wish, with Pope Francis' encouragement, to begin a process of '*discernment and accompaniment*' to explore any possible steps forward.

For all the sacraments please contact the Parish Office for more information and see the application forms in all our Churches.

God bless, 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: **20/21, 27/28 October, 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 November.**

We pray for those who have died:

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

Plate Collections

14th October
 £892.82
 Gift Aid: £486.80

2nd collection
 £164.12
 Gift Aid: £121.96
 Parish Charity Fund
 (blue envelopes)

 21st October
 World Mission
 Sunday
 MISSIO
 (Not in our scheme)

 28th October
 PACT
 Prison Advice &
 Care Trust
 (Not in our scheme)

 4th November
 Retired Priest fund
 (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:
844177



CTiB Prayer Cycle

**This week: Sackville Road
 Methodist** (Tricia Williams)

**Next week: St Augustine's
 Methodist** (Robert Coates)

**November Remembrance
 Liturgies at
 St Mary Magdalene Church**

Bereavement Mass: 10:00 on
 Saturday 3rd November,
 followed by **Blessing of Memorial
 Garden** and Refreshments

**Requiem Mass for those fallen in
 war** on the 100th Anniversary of the
 Armistice: 11:00 on Sunday
 11th November

**Requiem Mass for the Deceased
 Clergy and Religious of the
 Diocese:** 10:00 on Tuesday
 13th November

And at Turkey Road Cemetery:
Blessing of Graves: 14:30 on Sunday
 4th November.

**Supporting the Bereaved
 Course:**

Could you support your Parish Priest
 by becoming a friend to those
 parishioners who are bereaved?
 Could you walk beside them in their
 grief? Why not talk to your Parish
 Priest about the next course?
**Introductory Day on Friday, 9th
 November from 9:30 am to 3:30
 pm at The Christian Education
 Centre, (DABCEC),
 Crawley RH10 6RP.**

Course runs over seven Tuesdays
 from 15th January and 5th March
 inclusive, but not 19th February.
 Contact: katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for Zachary Allen and his
 family and friends as he becomes part of
 the family of the church through the
 sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**Pontifical Mass of St Philip
 Howard and Installation of New
 Chapter Canons**
 (Note: one is Fr. David Parmiter!)

Sunday 21st October at 3pm - Arundel
 Cathedral. Followed by tea in the
 Cathedral Centre.
 All welcome!

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

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

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 return to the parish office.

**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:
**13th December at 7pm in St Martha's
 Hall, Little Common.**

Please pray for our Diocese,
 our Bishop and the people of our Parish
 as we focus on the mission to which the
 Lord has called us.

Parish Diary Oct / Nov

Sun 28 th October	Music Rehearsal for Fr Simon's Induction Mass	2:30pm St MM Church
Wed 31 st October	RCIA Session 2	7:00pm Presbytery
Thurs 8 th November	We Journey Together (WJT) Session 1	6:30pm Presbytery
Fri 9 th November	Fr Simon's Induction Mass	7:30pm St MM Church
Sun 11 th November	Confirmation Session 2	4:00pm Presbytery
Mon 12 th Nov	First Holy Communion (2)	6:30pm St Martha's
Sat 17 th Nov	First Holy Communion (2)	11:00am St MM Church Hall

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

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.

Catholic Women's League

Monday 5th November
7:30 pm St. Martha's Hall
"Preparing for Christmas" Craft Evening
All ladies of the parish welcome
Contact: Jac Young 220685

Parish Marriage Catechists' Study Day

with Bishop Richard on Saturday 24th November at DABCEC, RH10 6RP from 9.45 am to 4pm.

How can we help to save creation!?!?

The United Nations Climate Change Report just agreed by 195 countries talks of disastrous future for our planetary home if we continue.....and don't do something ! Pope Francis is providing leadership, especially Laudato Si, and says we have responsibility in justice to take measures seriously to avert disaster, famine and awful poverty from Climate Change. What can we do in Bexhill community? Come along to a meeting on Wednesday 24th October at either 11am to 12 noon or 7pm to 8pm with your suggestions and hear others as well.

Venue: Quaker Friends Meeting Centre. Albert Road

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 23rd October at 6 pm).

Annual Justice & Peace Assembly: Advance "Human Trafficking" – Slavery On Our Doorstep

Saturday 26th January DABCEC, RH10 6RP 9.30am to 3.30 pm. Guest Speakers tba.

Morning of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 24th November after 10am Mass and until 12 - 1230pm in St Mary Magdalene's Hall

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop Richard invites Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for a Day of Reflection 10:30 to 16:00 on

Saturday, 17th November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, KT13 8JD

Please bring a packed lunch
Booking Essential: 01293 651164

Our Lady of the Rosary Family Mass 28th October

The children will be helping to sing and lead the music at this mass

Jolly Parish Lunch Tuesday 12th November

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. All welcome!
Contact Angela: 220752

THE BIG ENCOUNTER 2018 FESTIVAL FOR 16-35s Saturday 10th November 6.30pm at Worth Abbey

Our annual festival for 16-35 year olds is happening at Worth Abbey (Performing Arts Centre). It is open to anybody in that age group, and we've got an amazing line-up.

The Youth 2000 Worship Band will be leading the music, and Bryony Wells will be our keynote speaker. Bishop Richard will also be with us. This is the second annual BIG ENCOUNTER, and we're expecting a few hundred people, so spread the word. Entry is free, and you don't need to book. For more

info: Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

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

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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

01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk

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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery**

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 20th October

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Jack Jeffreys RIP

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Year B

(Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm P.M. George RIP

Sunday 21st October

St Martha's

9:00am Elsie Salt

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Christine Whitehead GE

St Martha's

12:30pm Baptism - Zachery Allen

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Priest's intentions

World Mission Sunday MISSIO

(not in our scheme)

Monday 22nd October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Roger Hunt RIP

Tuesday 23rd October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Omana & Vdayan RIP

Wednesday 24th October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Tom Hanks RIP

Thursday 25th October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Yvonne Stevens RIP

Friday 26th October

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Mrs K. Shread RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

Saturday 27th October

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Kathleen Skinner RIP

Thirtieth Sunday Year B

(Jeremiah 31: 7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Carol Pattison RIP

And Reception into Full Communion of
Jennifer Howells

Sunday 28th October

St Martha's

9:00am Nicola Gough RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Priest's intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm People of the Parish

PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust)

(not in our scheme)

Advent Small Group Material:

The Diocese itself is not producing an Advent booklet this year. We can recommend "Global Healing" which is a film-based resource for parishes, groups and individuals, responding to Laudato Si and Pope Francis' vital call to care for our common home. Further details from

www.ourcommonhome.co.uk Alternatively, from House On Rock we can suggest their 'Lift up your Hearts' programme, which has the themes of mercy and forgiveness, in preparation for the Christmas period. Go to www.houseonrock.co.uk/faith-sharing Jon Harman Adviser for Formation and Spirituality jon.harman@dabnet.org (01293) 651157