

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

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## St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

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

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30pm to 5pm  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30pm to 5pm  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3.30pm to 5pm  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: 12:30 to 1.30pm

**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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## St Mary Magdalene's Parish Reconciliation Services

- **St Martha's, 3pm, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**
- **St Mary Magdalene's 3pm, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

*Individual Confession / Reconciliation with the Priests.*

*Priests from the Deanery will be available.*

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

Bishop Richard comes to:

**St Martha's Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**

to present to us the pastoral vision for our Diocese as we move towards 2030.

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## The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe National Youth Sunday

Today, which is known more commonly known as '**Christ the King**', is the final Sunday of the Church's year. Next Sunday we begin the Holy Season of Advent, a period of penance and preparation for the 'coming' or 'arrival' of the Lord. Just as at the end of the secular year we make new year's resolutions, so perhaps we might spend the days of this week thinking what we will do for the Lord next year:

- Am I coming to Holy Mass every Sunday as obligated, or only now and again?
- Do I fully participate in the Sacred Liturgy by responding to all the prayers and singing the Mass?
- Can I offer myself?
  - for ministry – Altar Serving, Reader, Musician, Money Collector and / or counter, Welcomer, Flower Arranger, Catechist for Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or RCIA; to name but a few!
  - or even for mission and pastoral care, such as the SVP, or taking Holy Communion to the housebound.
- Have I reviewed my financial giving? Will I still be giving the same amount as last year or will I have at least increased it in line with inflation?

Regardless do I, as the preface for the feast day tells us, co-operate with Jesus Christ in bringing about the '*eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace*'?

This Sunday is **National Youth Sunday**, and so at the 6pm Sunday Mass we formally enrol and accept our young people who are petitioning the bishop to '**be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit**' in the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2019. How could we expect to live in this world without the *spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety*; and without being filled with the *spirit of the fear of the Lord*!? Please pray for his adopted children already re-born to eternal life in Baptism that they will over the next year be more fully conformed to Christ and his Church.

Fr Simon.

### Advent Sharing Groups 2018 Starting week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November A Simple Path for Advent - Prayer and Reflection programme

<b>Monday's</b>	2.30 pm	Anne Wilkinson	215710
<b>Tuesday's</b>	8.00 pm	Cathy Bate	224031
<b>Friday's</b>	7:00 pm	Anne Barry & Lisa Young	846031 07801658296

To take part in any of these sessions, please contact the appropriate group leaders.

**We pray for those who have died: Mary Sharp RIP, Patricia Murray RIP and Eileen Pillinger RIP.**


**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, 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, Mary Tenneffe, Martin Tippin, Anne Wilkinson and Hazel Wood.

**Plate Collections**  
 18<sup>th</sup> November  
 £911.44  
 Gift Aid: £521.25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
 £141.04  
 Gift Aid: £107.09  
 Arundel Cathedral Maintenance  
 Gift Aid: £36  
 Holy Souls (11 Nov)

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 25<sup>th</sup> November Maintenance of Memorial Garden (blue envelopes)  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Flowers (blue envelopes)  
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 9<sup>th</sup> December Parish Poor 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

 **CTiB Prayer Cycle**  
**This week: St Martha's** (Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale)  
**Next week: Living Word Church** (Dale Barrett)

**Churches Together in Bexhill FOODBANK Advent 2018**  
**Foodbox:** An alternative way of preparing for Christmas. Please see posters and information leaflets at the back of the church. Your foodbox can be delivered directly to the foodbank on: Tues 1pm - 3pm or Thurs 10am-12 noon. Thank you!

 **Parish Advent and Christingle Service**   
**Including our children's Nativity Play**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm**  
**St Martha's Church**  
 Lots of children are needed for the Christingle Nativity Play: Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds and Wisemen.  
 Sign up - after any Mass: on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
 Two *short* rehearsals at St Martha's:  
 1<sup>st</sup> After 9am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
 &  
 2<sup>nd</sup> At 2pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**If you have any queries please contact Sarah on 01424 213514.**  
**Please join us for the Service and after in the hall for refreshments.**  
**Please contact Ron Brazier if you require a lift to the service.**  
**Tel: 844177**  
 All are welcome!

**RCIA – Rite of Acceptance**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**  
 During the course of the RCIA program, there is a spiritual journey through defined periods punctuated with formal rites. The first period is enquiring about the faith and receiving evangelization. Hopefully, the person comes to that initial conversion and step of faith, aided by the grace of God. This period ends with the **Rite of Acceptance**.  
 By celebrating this rite, each person is officially and publicly declaring his or her intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Church, learning its ways and participating in its lifestyle. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout the person's journey of faith.  
 By this time, each enquirer must have in mind someone who would be willing to "sponsor" them. The sponsors are practicing Catholics that they know. The duties of a sponsor are to go with them through the various rites, and provide support in matters of faith and practice. The next step in the RCIA journey will be **The Rite of Election on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019** to coincide with the start of Lent, and the final stage during Lent will lead to **Reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.  
 Please pray for all our candidates, sponsors and catechists on our parish RCIA.

**Light of Love Service by St Michaels Hospice at St Mary Magdalene's Church**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 3pm**  
 We will welcome St Michael's Hospice, together with those from our local community who wish to come and remember a loved one at this time. The service starts at 3pm with tree lighting ceremony following at 4:00pm. Dedicate a star and remember a loved one, a few are available from the parish office. For more information contact:  
[lightsoflove@stmichaelshospice.com](mailto:lightsoflove@stmichaelshospice.com)  
 or 01424 456377.

**2018 Parish Annual**  
**Extended Mass Count: 24/25 Nov**

**Parish Diary - November / December**

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Confirmation Session 3	4pm Presbytery
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> November	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> November	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> December	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> December	WJT Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> December	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> December	FHC Session	11am St MM hall

**St Mary  
Magdalene's  
Flower Team**

They *urgently* need more volunteers. There are now only 3 members! They would especially be grateful for help to decorate the church for Christmas. If you are willing to help regularly or just for Christmas please contact Helga on 848504.

**Cafod World Gifts**

Booklets now available at the back of the churches.

**Fairtrade Sale**

**After Mass  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
St Martha's hall**

Inc: Advent Calendars, Christmas cards etc.

**Gift Aid  
Envelopes 2018/19**

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

**SVP**

The SVP group are appealing for donations of good quality sleeping bags. These will be distributed to the homeless during the cold weather. Please bring them to the parish office. Thank you.

**The Hastings & District  
Interfaith Forum (HDIFF)  
Festival of Faiths & Cultures  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6pm to 9.30pm**  
Concordia Hall, Church Road,  
St Leonard's on Sea  
Refreshments, Stalls, Raffle, and Festive music performances - **inc. Kerala Community. All Welcome!**

**Parish  
Christmas Day Lunch**



**St Martha's Hall,  
12:30pm for 1pm**

All parishioners and their friends welcome (*singles, pairs and families*) for a traditional turkey and pudding feast (with a vegetarian option). Wine and other drinks will accompany the meal. Although there is no charge, donations will be gratefully received on the day.

**If you would like to join us,  
contact the Parish Office: 210263  
or Julia Dance: 213078.**

**Justice & Peace Assembly**  
'Slavery On Our Doorstep',  
**DABCEC, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 10am**  
(coffee from 9.30). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected. Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police. To book contact [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) Or 01293 651161

**'The Real' Fairtrade Chocolate  
Advent Calendars:** These are now available, to order please call Jack: 01424 214605

**A & B News**

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

**Christmas Card  
Competition 2018**

**If you are in years 4, 5 or 6  
of Primary School  
you are invited to enter our  
'Parish Christmas Card  
Competition'**

Entries should be A5, and should have child's name, date of birth, school, telephone number and name of church they currently attend.

No words other than "Happy Christmas" on the picture please. Entries to be put in an envelope and marked "Christmas Card Competition".

Please send to the Parish Office or hand to the Priests.

The Winning entries will be used to advertise our Christmas Mass times and the winner will also receive a £20 voucher ☺.

**Final date for entries:  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

**CAP:**

**(Christians Against Poverty)**

We have received a request from CAP asking for Christmas Hampers to be donated to the charity and they will pass on to those in need.

Contact: Hazel Munn 07521 690754 or [hazelmunn@capuk.org](mailto:hazelmunn@capuk.org) by 7<sup>th</sup> Dec please.

**Flame 2019**

**Join 10,000 Catholic Young  
People at Wembley Arena:  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

Around five hundred people from A&B went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2018.

Tickets are already on sale can be booked online:  
[cymfed.org.uk/flame2019](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2019)

## 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

#### Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews  
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)

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# Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Memorial	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Patrick White RIP

## Christ the King Year B

(Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Mr & Mrs Thomas)
St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Irene RIP/David Herring RIP (Wedding Anniversary)
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Luigi & Emily Deceased & Di Paolo Family GE Inc. Confirmation Enrolment Mass

### Maintenance of Memorial Garden

(blue envelopes)

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	John McKeowan RIP
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Peggy & Roy Fisher RIP
St Martha's	11.15am	Requiem Mass of Mary sharp RIP and after at Eastbourne Crematorium
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Frank Ratcliffe RIP
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Noreen Brick GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Requiem Mass of Eileen Pillinger RIP and after at Bexhill Cemetery
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	8:10am	<b>Feast St Andrew</b> School Intention
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Anne and John McEwan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Otto Halligan-Witham RIP

## First Sunday of Advent Year C

(Jeremiah 33:14-16, Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28. 34-36)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Intentions of the Paris Family
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>		
St Martha's	9:00am	William Bird RIP & Blessing for 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Robin & Christine Lloyd
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	George Thomas Lowry RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Tony Barry RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	3:00pm	St Michael's 'Lights of Love Service'
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

### Christmas Flowers

(blue envelopes)