

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

Welcome to New Parishioners
Afternoon Tea
Sunday 20th January
3pm at the presbytery

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners to our parish, we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself know to the Clergy of our parish and our parishioners.

Please do come along for Afternoon Tea and meet the Clergy and parishioners including members of the Pastoral group.

Please call the parish office by 18th January if you are able to attend.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for:

Caleb King Harakis

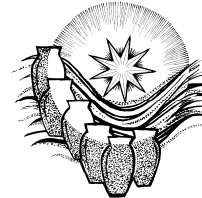
And his family and friends as he becomes part of the family of the church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Confirmation Group

The next session will be:

**Sunday 13th January,
4pm at the presbytery.**

**All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.**



Epiphany Chalk Blessing

On the Feast of the Epiphany we are invited to bless our homes for the coming year. The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries old tradition and households are invited to mark the lintel of their homes with the Epiphany blessing. Taking a piece of blessed chalk (*which you will find by the crib in each of our three Churches*) you mark the lintel of your front door as follows: **20 + C + M + B + 19** as you say the following prayer:

"From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and Myrrh in symbol of His burial. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfilment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"

NB: C + M + B has a double meaning:

- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar the traditional names of the Wise Men
- Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ Bless this house)

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

On the Epiphany of the Lord, in accord with the church, ancient practice announces the moveable feasts of the current year: *'Know my dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the 6th day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the 21st day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the 30th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the 9th day of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the 23rd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the 1st day of December the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen'.*

We pray for those who have died: Abraham Jacobs RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Stephanie Bacon, 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, 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
16th December
 £700.81
Gift Aid: £462.50
2nd collection
 £287.83
Friends of the Holy Land

23rd December
 £762.59
Gift Aid: £461.30
2nd collection
 £245.68
Gift Aid: £170.05
Parish Charity Fund

30th December
 £790.20
Gift Aid: £302.54
2nd collection
 £353.14
Gift Aid: £94.91
Parish Poor Fund

6th January
Parish Charity Fund

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: Kings Church Bexhill
 (Steve Young)

Next week: Gods Green House
 (Broadoak Chapel) (Paul & Talitha Ishi-smith))

Churches together in Bexhill (CTIB)
Sunday 20th January
United Service

at 4pm at St Mark's Church, Little Common, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18 – 23 January. All are welcome.

Hastings and district Interfaith Forum (HDIFF)

The first meeting of 2019 will be:

7pm-9pm
Tuesday, 15th January
at RVS, South Street,
St Leonard's TN37 6AP – details on poster at back of churches.

National Board of Catholic Women

Day with Bishop Richard on:
Saturday 23rd February,
10am to 1pm,
at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC)

Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life'.
 Book at:
nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

A & B News

Your free copy is available at the back of all churches.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

the 10am Mass on Tuesday 22nd January in St Mary Magdalene will be a votive Mass 'for the Unity of Christians'. All welcome.

Our Lady of the Rosary

The 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday 27th January will be a First Holy Communion Mass.

Congratulations to **Kieron, Saiska and Tabitha** who receive the Lord for the 1st time during this Mass.

Marriage Anniversaries:

The 10am Mass on Saturday 16th February in St Mary Magdalene will be a votive Mass for those celebrating wedding anniversaries in 2019. All welcome.

Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Training

The next planned **Initial Session** for our Deanery is in **September '19** and a **Refresher Session** for those who did their initial training in 2016, will be in **March '19**.

Dates for all of next year's training are being arranged by the Diocese. **However, if you wish to attend the next Eastbourne Deanery Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, BN21 4EU on Monday, 14th January, 2019 from 7pm - 9 pm please call the parish office by 7th January.**

Parish Diary - January

Wednesday 9 th Jan	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Thursday 10 th Jan	We Journey together Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Sunday 13 th Jan	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Monday 14 th Jan	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Tuesday 15 th Jan	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 16 th Jan	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30pm Prayer Room
Saturday 19 th Jan	FHC Session	11:00am Presbytery

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19
 For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office.

St Martha's Open Forum
Monday 21st January, 7pm, St Martha's hall
 All are welcome.

Film Showing
 The Parish Pastoral Group will be showing the acclaimed BBC drama series "Broken" in the presbytery on the following dates:
11th February 2pm – 4.15pm
25th February 2pm – 4.15pm
11th March 2pm – 4.15pm
 This will be shown in two parts each week with a short break in between and is about the life of a parish priest. Those who have already seen it highly recommend it.

Chilworth Abbey Study Day
Saturday, 19th January 9am-4pm
St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR

Catholic Women's League
Monday 7th January 7:30pm, St Martha's Hall
 Fun Quiz on the year 2018
 Contact: Jac Young 220685

Parish Fairtrade Breakfast
St Mary Magdalene's Hall
Saturday 23rd February after 10am Mass

You are warmly invited to a presentation of the fifth episode of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by the acclaimed author and speaker Bishop Barron, This is organised by Fr John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion about its subject matter.
 The day begins with Mass at 9am, followed by coffee.

Justice & Peace Assembly
 'Slavery On Our Doorstep', **DABCEC, (St Philip Howard Centre)**
Saturday 26th January, 10am (coffee from 9.30am).
 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 Or 01293 651161.

Fairtrade Fortnight is from 25th February to Sunday 10th March 2019
 A great percentage of farmers and workers in the developing world are often women, who are sometimes exploited and treated in unjust and unfair conditions. The Fairtrade system ethos and criteria works to eliminate this unchristian treatment, the theme for Fairtrade Fortnight is "SHE DESERVES" fair pay, safe conditions, a break, etc, watch this space.
 Anyone interested in helping to organise events: eg Fair Bake morning, Fairtrade coffee, Fairtrade stalls, etc, please see www.bexhillfairtrade.com fairtrade.org.uk
 At your place of work you might be able to organise a Fair coffee or baking using Fairtrade ingredients such as bananas, cinnamon, vanilla, chocolate, etc. Every effort has a direct benefit on the poorest to raise their happiness and life chances.
 Many thanks, Jack Doherty, for Fairtrade.

Midday prayer and lunch will divide the day which concludes at 4 pm.
 Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch and, if possible, a friend.
 Refreshments will be provided.
 More information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Flame 2019
Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena: Saturday 2nd 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

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

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Fr Rajesh Minz

Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Sisters of Providence
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Bexhill - Irvine Unit

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St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams

marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

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Catholic College

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admin@strichardscc.com

www.strichardscc.com

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Interim Head:

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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 5th January

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Joan Benzie RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Caleb King Harakis

The Epiphany of the Lord Year C

(Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

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

Sunday 6th January

St Martha's	9:00am	Danny McNally RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Fr Rajesh Minz Anniversary of Ordination
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Parish Charity fund

(blue envelopes)

Monday 7th January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Colin Brignall RIP
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Tuesday 8th January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Pearl Lucy RIP
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Wednesday 9th January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Holy Souls
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Thursday 10th January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Cyril Hanson RIP
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Friday 11th January

St Richard's	8.10am	School Intention
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	John Fitzgerald RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	

Saturday 12th January

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Christina Gramme RIP

The Baptism of the Lord Year C

(Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11, Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16. 21-22)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Jack Oliver Lucy & Arthur Mackie RIP

Sunday 13th January

St Martha's	9:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Angela Murphy RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Cesidio Capaldi RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Maintenance to include Presbytery

(blue envelopes)

Bequest for a parish/special purpose:

I give to the Trustees of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust of Bishop's House The Upper Drive Hove East Sussex BN3 6NB being registered charity Number 252878 [the sum of £..... free of tax] [..... of my residuary estate] on trust for such charitable purposes in connection with St Mary Magdalene's Parish, Bexhill on Sea in the said Diocese as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit and the receipt of the Financial Secretary or other officer of the Trust shall be a full discharge to my executors in respect of the same.