

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

Welcome to New Parishioners

Tea and Cakes!
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 known to the Clergy of our parish and our parishioners.

Please do come along for tea and cakes and meet the Clergy and members of the Pastoral group.

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

St Martha's



Parishioners at St Martha's planted seven fruit trees to witness to the inclusion of other creatures in our Eucharist and to respond to the call from Pope Francis to care for our common home.

Funerals

Abraham Jacob RIP
St Mary Magdalene's Requiem Mass,
10am, Thursday 24th January

Teresa Morey RIP
St Mary Magdalene's Requiem Mass,
10am, Friday 25th January

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.

Why is Baptism so important?

Baptism is *'the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit', without which one cannot enter the kingdom of God'* (CCC 1215). The Baptismal Font is our *'tomb and mother'* – we die with Christ and rise with him to new life so that we might walk in newness of life as a Child of God. Christ's death didn't just restore us to God's friendship but raised us to a new dignity of being a son of God, enabling us to cry out **'Abba Father!'** Before, we understood God as distant, perhaps even to be appeased with sacrifices, but now Jesus has revealed God as relational, like a Father to Son. We become a Temple of the Holy Spirit, who makes his dwelling in a soul in a state of grace.

Forgiveness of sin is a key aspect: original sin and for adult baptism, personal sins also. Baptism purifies our creation, making us holy – **we become Saints!** (*Concupiscence remains, disordered desires that anchor us to this passing world, hindering the life of grace - hence the need for regular sacramental reconciliation throughout our earthly pilgrimage*). Baptism unites us to Jesus Christ; we are sealed with his indelible mark which cannot be undone or repeated. We share in his three-fold offices: we become **priests, prophets and kings**. These privileges bring obligations: A priest prays, offering his life to God, a prophet speaks the word of God and a king leads people, in truth, into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Baptism incorporates us into the Church of God, granting the privilege of participating in the Holy Liturgy, itself a memorial of the cross and the work of our redemption. The baptised are *'living stones'*, becoming **'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people'** (1 Peter 2:9) whom He has called out of darkness into his wonderful light (CCC 1268). A Christian who chooses not to gather with Christ's Body denies themselves the support and graces of the community; hence the obligation of the community to visit the housebound so that they are never cut off from the body. As we dip our fingers into the Holy Water and make the sign of the Cross, we remember with great joy the day of our baptism.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Abraham Jacob RIP, Teresa Morey RIP, Obal Usang 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, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, Ida Reynolds, Diana Richardson, Rachael Smart, Janet Smith, David Spooner, Carol Standen, Terry Standen, Mary Stewart, Connie Stoddart, Rosanna De Souza, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Mary Tenneffe, Martin Tippin, Kathleen Tunny, Anne Wilkinson and Hazel Wood.

Plate Collections

6th January
£1107.36
Gift Aid £587.00

2nd collection
£190.65
Gift aid £145.65
Parish Charity Fund

13th January
Maintenance to include Presbytery

20th January
Pax Christi
Peace sunday

27th January
Parish Pastoral 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: God's Greenhouse
(Broad Oak Chapel) (Paul & Talitha Ishi -Smith)

Next week: Bexhill United Reformed Church (vacancy)

Three Churches in Little Common

Little Common Methodist Church at 11.30am on Wednesday 23rd January

(Not the usual 3rd Wed of January but within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th Jan)

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

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 at 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 - 9pm please call the parish office

Parish Diary - January

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 St Mary Magdalene's Hall
Wednesday 23 rd Jan	Baptism Preparation Course	7:00pm Presbytery

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16th January, 6pm,
at the presbytery.

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

Justice & Peace Assembly: Workshops for those aged 15+
Saturday 26th January, 10am – 3.30pm
St Philip Howard Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

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

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.

Alongside the Assembly on modern slavery, the Ecological Conversion Group will be running introductory workshops on the theme of Justice & Peace and the links between environmental degradation and the rise of modern slavery.
 Covering issues such as Climate Change, Refugees, Poverty and destruction of our natural world, the workshops will explore how small changes in your daily life can make a real difference globally. The workshops are perfect for people looking to put their faith into action but not exactly sure how. Plus opportunities for you to get involved in your local community through volunteering. Packed lunch and reusable cup needed.
 Book at:
rosie.read@dabnet.org

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.

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

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

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
 Many thanks, Jack Doherty, for Fairtrade.

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

Parish Information

The Presbytery
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Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
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St Martha's

Cooden Sea Road, TN39 4SL

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Fr Rajesh Minz

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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)

Monday 14th January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am John Fitzgerald RIP

Tuesday 15th January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am In thanksgiving to St Anthony

Wednesday 16th January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Noreen Corness RIP

Thursday 17th January

Memorial St Anthony, Abbott

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Valerie Luck RIP

Friday 18th January

St Richard's 8.10am School Intention
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Catholic Women's League
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

Saturday 19th January

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Marion Cox RIP

Second Sunday Year C

(Isaiah 62:1-5, Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Cesidio Capaldi RIP

Sunday 20th January

St Martha's 9:00am Anthony Spiteri RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Christine Cunningham RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

Pax Christi (Peace Sunday)
(not in our scheme)

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.