

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

Welcome to New Parishioners
Tea and Cakes!
Today - 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 do come along for tea and cakes and meet the Clergy and members of the Pastoral group.

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

Pax Christi
Peace Sunday
Second collection this weekend.

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

You can visit their website:
<http://paxchristi.org.uk/>

This Peace Sunday you can read the Holy Father's message here:
<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/world-day-of-peace-2019>

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

When was the last time you went on retreat?

This weekend our "**Confirmandi**" are on retreat in Whitstable. It is perhaps the most important part of their sacramental preparation as it gives them space to discern what the Lord is asking of them at this stage in their pilgrimage. The word "retreat" literally means to *'leave the field of battle'*, and so all of us would do well to take some time away from the rigours of our labours. But, don't we do this when we have a holiday!? Yes and no. This is usually about relaxation and perhaps even cultural enrichment, but even so the etymology of the word is *'holy day'* and so even on holiday we still need to say our prayers and take our place at the foot of the cross as the Church celebrates the Most Holy Eucharist in the Holy Mass.

A retreat is a holiday for the soul as we leave behind all the worldly distractions that prevent us from properly reflecting on the vocation to which God has called us - firstly the universal call to holiness and then that particular service or duty that God asks of us for Him, His Church and His Holy People. Our Lady tells us, ***'do whatever he tells you'***, but how can we do this if we do not take time away with Christ. Even if we can't *'go away'*, we can still *'get away'* by spending some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and at least twice a year the parish will hold mornings of reflection to prepare for Advent or Lent. Perhaps the easiest 'retreat win', is participation in the events of Holy Week, especially the Easter Triduum.

A retreat is for everyone, but especially beneficial for those who have discerned a calling to ministry, such as a Proclaimer of the Word (Reader) or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Recognizing the privilege of having the Word of God on their lips or handling the precious body and blood of the Lord they understand the need to take time away with Christ, *'to know him more clearly, to love him more dearly and follow him more nearly, day by day'*.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr. Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Abraham Jacob RIP, Teresa Morey RIP, Maureen Ennor RIP, Obal Usang RIP, Adrienne Lockwood 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

13th January
£885.16
Gift Aid £897.20

2nd collection
£151.43
Gift Aid £138.30
Maintenance to include Presbytery

20th January
Pax Christi
Peace Sunday

27th January
Parish Pastoral fund

3rd February
Parish Nursery

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: Bexhill United Reformed Church (vacancy)

Next week: St Peter's (David Reynish, Olivia Werrett)

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)

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

Thursday 31st January at 6pm

St Mary Magdalene's church All welcome.

Arundel & Brighton Refugee Crisis Appeal

Thank you for your wonderful response to the Diocesan Refugee Crisis at the Parish Advent with Christingle Service. A total of £447.25 (£72.20 of which was Gift Aided) was donated.

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.

Statement from the Bishops' Conference on Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens

If you are an EU citizen, have you seen the Bishop's Conference statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU citizens?

You can read it here:

<http://catholicnews.org.uk/europe-settlement-scheme-121218>

The statement expresses our solidarity with EU citizens many of whom are our Catholic brothers and sisters, and also signposts you to the Government's "Settlement Scheme"

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

which allows for EU citizens to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

Parish Diary - January/February

Wednesday 23 rd Jan	Baptism Preparation Course	7:00pm Presbytery
Monday 28 th Jan	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Saturday 2 nd Feb	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Mother's prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Sunday 10 th Feb	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 13 th Feb	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Thursday 14 th Feb	We Journey together Session	6:30pm 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 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.

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Committee Meeting
New date:
Monday 28th January, 6pm, at the presbytery.

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.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
 Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, **16th March 2019.** £599.00 per person sharing: See poster at the back of churches for more information. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Residential Retreat for Doctors:
 Spiritual Director Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB.
 Theme: 'Love Your Neighbour As Yourself'.
1st-3rd March at Worth Abbey.
 £150 full board.
 Sessions include: Who and What We are, Personal challenges, Drawing strength from Prayer, Nurturing our Healthcare Vocation,. Opportunity to join the monastic community at prayer. Full details from the Retreat Organiser Dr Joe O'Dwyer8.
 Email jodwyer@doctors.org.uk putting 'Doctors Retreat in subject line.

Worth Abbey Open Cloister Retreats 2019
 Poster with details in the church porch or visit: www.worth.co.uk

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Independent Nursery**

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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)

(special envelopes)

Monday 21st January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Memorial St Agnes**
Antony Varghese RIP

Tuesday 22nd January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Elizabeth Francis RIP

Wednesday 23rd January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Jetwin Stephen GE

Thursday 24th January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Memorial St Francis de Sales**
Requiem Mass of Abraham Jacob
RIP and after at Eastbourne
Crematorium

Friday 25th January

St Richard's 8.10am **Feast The Conversion of St Paul**
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am School Intention
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Requiem Mass of Teresa Morey RIP
- 12.30pm and after at Hastings Crematorium
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 26th January

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am **Memorial Saints Timothy and Titus**
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Confessions
Luke Walsh RIP

Third Sunday Year C

(Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10, Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Margaret & Thomas McGowan RIP

Sunday 27th January

St Martha's 9:00am Dennis Driscoll RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 9:00am Baptism of Tabitha Reina
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Priests Intentions
And FHC Mass
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Robert Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm People of the Parish

Parish Pastoral Fund

(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.