

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Friday  
10.30am- 12.30pm  
St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## Funerals

**Adrienne Lockwood RIP**  
Requiem Mass,  
St Mary Magdalene's,  
10am, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mr Vivian Bryceson RIP**  
Requiem Mass, St Martha's  
11.30am, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

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## Film Showing

The Parish Pastoral Group will be showing the acclaimed BBC drama series "Broken" in the presbytery on the following dates:

11 <sup>th</sup> February	2pm – 4.15pm
25 <sup>th</sup> February	2pm – 4.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Please note

Parish Office Closed:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

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## A & B News

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

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## My lips will tell of your help.

### St Richard's Catholic College

This Sunday at 11am Mass we welcome St Richard's Catholic College, who will help us celebrate the Sacred Mysteries worthily and well by leading our liturgy. Just before Christmas, St Richard had the Diocesan "Section 48" Inspection on the religious life of the school and were assessed as outstanding in all areas! The Diocesan inspectors said, *'it is an inspirational Christ-centred community with a strong moral purpose that underpins their life and work'*. Congratulations to Miss Cronin and the team, whom the inspectors note: *'The vision of leaders and managers for the success of each person is based on Gospel values and the Church's teaching. The leadership of the headteacher is outstanding. Her vision for progress in embedding spirituality into school life is understood and shared by pupils and their parents. Senior leaders and teachers embrace this vision. They provide a wide range of opportunities for pupils to develop their God-given talents and so prepare for adult life.'* The inspectors said that *'Religious Education is a strength of the school. It is a lead department; the attainment and progress of pupils have consistently risen since the last inspection'*.

### St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr (3<sup>rd</sup> February)

Although the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times takes precedence over St Blaise, both Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh will return to the sanctuary at the end of the Sunday Masses to impart the annual St Blaise *'blessing of throats'* using candles blessed yesterday on the Feast of Candlemas. According to the *"Acts of St Blaise"*, while he was being taken into custody prior to his martyrdom, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered prayers and the child was cured: *'through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen'*.

With my prayers and blessings, Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Maureen Ennor RIP, Adrienne Lockwood RIP, Vivienne Bryceson RIP, Canon Francis Moran - Mortlake 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 and Anne Wilkinson.

**Plate Collections**

27<sup>th</sup> January  
£830.95  
Gift Aid £88.98

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£566.25  
Gift Aid £113.04

Parish Pastoral Fund

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3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Parish Nursery

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10<sup>th</sup> February  
Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

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17<sup>th</sup> February  
Catholic Association  
for Racial Justice  
(CARJ)

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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

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**CTiB Prayer Cycle**

**This week: St Mary's, Ninfield**  
(Paul Frostick)

**Next week: St John's Baptist Church**  
(Kathy Lee)

**Marriage Anniversaries**

**The 10am Mass on Saturday**

**16<sup>th</sup> February at**

**St Mary Magdalene**

will be a votive Mass for those celebrating wedding anniversaries in 2019. All welcome.

**Morning for Altar Servers**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

**Holy Mass at 10am,**  
**St Mary Magdalene's**

Followed by catechesis and refreshments in the presbytery.

**CCRS Course**  
**coming to the Diocese**

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese are planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith. It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults.

Full details can be found at  
<http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php>

For more information, contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre: 01293 651157 or email  
[jon.harman@dabnet.org](mailto:jon.harman@dabnet.org)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

A renewed focus on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

At all Masses on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> February we have a visit and presentation from the Lay Apostolate for Adoration, so that we might strengthen the Friday Adoration and extend the opportunity for members of our parish to adore the Lord in the Eucharist.

**Day of Reflection for Readers**

**11am-4pm, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**at St Dunstan's Church,**

**Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT**

Led by Bishop Richard, with talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, and practical aspects of the ministry. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will end with Mass. Registration from 10.30am.

Refreshments provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking ESSENTIAL – please email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or telephone 01293 651164.

*Please note that priority will be given to people who have not previously attended a readers' day with Bishop Richard.*

**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 - February**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mother's prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	We Journey together Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SVP meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mother's prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room

**Gift Aid  
Envelopes and  
Standing Orders  
2018/19**

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

**Catholic Women's League  
Monday 4th February**

**7:30pm St Martha's Hall**  
All parish ladies welcome to attend our Circle Dancing evening.  
Contact: Jac Young 220685

**Jolly Parish Lunch**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**12 noon,**  
The West Station Restaurant,  
Bexhill. Contact Angela: 220752



**Fairtrade Fortnight  
25<sup>th</sup> February to  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Anyone interested in helping to organise events: eg Fair Bake morning, Fairtrade coffee, Fairtrade stalls, etc, please see [www.bexhillfairtrade.com](http://www.bexhillfairtrade.com) fairtrade.org.uk

**Parish**

**Fairtrade Breakfasts.....**

**Our Lady of the Rosary and  
St Mary Magdalene in  
St Mary Magdalene Hall on  
Saturday after Mass at 10:35am  
23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
and at  
**St Martha's after Mass on  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Pastoral Letter from  
Bishop Richard**

<https://www.dabnet.org/ViewArticle/?section=TheBishop&id=1545>

At Masses this weekend we will listen to a pastoral letter from Richard, our Bishop. At the 11am Mass in St Mary Magdalene, due to the long standing and pre-planned school visit, we will make the letters available for you to take away and read. In his letter, Bishop Richard refers to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan which you can read here:

<https://www.dabnet.org/ContentDocuments/937.pdf>

**Volunteers Needed!**

Would you be willing to join a rota to collect St Martha's newsletters etc from Presbytery: On a Friday between 12 noon and 1pm. If so, please Contact Bridget 01424 845015

**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)

**St Richard's  
Catholic College**

The Governing Body of St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors represent the diocese and are appointed by the Bishop at the recommendation of the parish priest. If you have skills and time to offer the college please contact the

Principal, Miss Cronin  
[misscronind@strichardscc.com](mailto:misscronind@strichardscc.com)  
or the Chair of Governors,  
Alison Horan  
[ahoran@strichardscc.com](mailto:ahoran@strichardscc.com)

**Word Day of  
Prayer**

(formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer)

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March  
10.30 am**

Little Common Methodist Church

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia - "Come - Everything is ready!"

**All Welcome!**

**Hastings and District Interfaith  
Forum (HDIFF)**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at  
St Martha's Church Hall  
from 7pm to 9pm**

Our Kerala Community of St Mary Magdalene's Parish have kindly agreed to give a presentation about themselves, their origins in Kerala, what brought them to Bexhill, how they have been welcomed, and what life is like for them – details on poster at back of church.

The full HDIFF 2019 Programme of monthly meetings is at the back of All three churches.

## 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

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Feast** **The Presentation of the Lord,  
Candlemas**

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions  
10:00am Irene Herring RIP

### Fourth Sunday Year C

(Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13, Luke 4:21-30)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Kathleen & Camillus Ewins

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

St Martha's  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am Danny McNally RIP  
10:00am Priests Intentions  
11:00am Pearl Lucy RIP  
*St RCC attending and leading the liturgy*  
6:00pm People of the Parish

**Parish Nursery**  
(blue envelopes)

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

**Memorial** **St Agatha**  
10:00am Robert James RIP

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

**Memorial** **St Paul Miki and Companions**  
10:00am Thomas Kennedy RIP

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Aherne Family

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

St Richard's  
St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

8.10am School Intention  
10:00am Maureen & Norman Grace RIP  
10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
- 12.30pm

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions  
10:00am Margaret Hanson RIP

### Fifth Sunday Year C

(Isaiah 6:1-8, Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Bill & Vi Hayes RIP

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

St Martha's  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am Patricia Andrews RIP  
10:00am Peter Michael Haragan RIP  
11:00am Priests Intentions  
6:00pm People of the Parish

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**  
(special envelopes)

### Funeral Planning for parishioners:

Help is available for parishioners to ensure that your wishes for your funeral are known by friends, family and the parish using the form provided by the Pastoral Care Project: [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk)  
Or copies are available from the parish office £1.00 per copy.