

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

Funeral
Joan Keen RIP
Funeral service Bexhill Cemetery
21st February, 11.30am

National Board of Catholic Women:
Day with Bishop Richard
Saturday 23rd February,
from 10 am to 1 pm

at the St Philip Howard Centre
(formerly DABCEC).

Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life', highlight what women are doing in this diocese, share what you can offer and discuss what you would like to achieve.

Book at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

Fairtrade Fashion Show
St Richard's Catholic college
on Thursday 7th March
at 6.45pm

With a 'Talk' by Barbara Wilson,
Brighton, Fairtraders Coordinator
for SE Asia.

Adults: £5 includes
free glass of Fairtrade wine,
Concessions / Schoolchildren: £2
Incl free fruit juice.

The poorest farmers cannot increase their income, but you could help, please come along. Website updating please click and like !! bexhillfairtrade.com
Jack Doherty.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.



"The Beatitudes"

Have you ever read Holy Scripture and thought, *'that sounds a bit odd?'* Maybe it is the translation that you are using. The Liturgy Office of England and Wales has authorised the following bible versions for use in our liturgical celebrations, *'Jerusalem Bible'*, *'Revised Standard Version'*, with an option for the *'Good News Bible'* for Masses with Children (*i.e. when the congregation is almost exclusively children*). For personal Lectio Divina and study, the New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition is often a useful translation.

Week in week out, the Church in England & Wales uses the *'Jerusalem Bible'* for the Liturgy of the Word, but occasionally the translation lets us down. This weekend we pray Luke's version of the Beatitudes, but our translation seems to give us the *'Happitudes!'* We have the same problem when we hear Matthew's version.

No! I am not *"happy"* when I am poor, persecuted or in mourning, but I may well be *"blessed"*. When we recognise these times in our life, we can see that grace sustains us and brings us through the other side. In the deepest depths of our pilgrimage we find that we are not left to walk alone but are accompanied by Christ at every step of our journey back home. Happiness is an attachment to the things of this passing world, a disordered desire for human glory. Instead, we are destined for blessedness, the eternal reality of heaven, which God wishes for us. Thus, the Beatitudes are never simply a lofty ideal, but the blueprint of the Christian life - be poor, be devout, be humble and offer everything we say and do for the greater glory of God. It is about having a humble attitude to God.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

Next Weekend 23rd / 24th February

We welcome, at all Masses, speakers from the Lay Apostolate for Adoration. They will give us a presentation on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and how we might enhance our Eucharistic devotion in our parish.

We pray for those who have died: Joan Keen RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, 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

10th February
£856.91
Gift Aid £483.60

2nd collection
£355.72
Gift Aid £251.20

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

17th February
Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)

24th February
Parish Lourdes Fund

3rd March
Maintenance to include Memorial Garden

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: Beulah Baptist (David Lockwood)

Next week: Our Lady of the Rosary (Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale)

Three Churches in Little Common

Our next meeting is at **St Mark's Church Hall at 11.30am on Wednesday 20th February**. Pat Mack will lead us and will be speaking about love. All are welcome to these informal meetings which are followed by tea/coffee and a chat.

Morning for Altar Servers
Saturday 23rd March 2019
Holy Mass at 10am,
St Mary Magdalene's

Followed by catechesis and refreshments in the presbytery.

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

<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.

CCRS Course

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A renewed focus on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

At all Masses on the **weekend of 23rd / 24th 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.

Newman Association

Monday 18th February, 7pm-9pm

'Never again: the legacy of clerical sexual abuse' A talk by Will Kent from Catholic Voices. **Christ the King Parish Room**, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. Entrance free. All warmly welcome. Contact Alex 07957632208 or Edward 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334

Pastoral Care Group

Planned Events:
Film Showing

The acclaimed BBC drama series "Broken" in the presbytery on:

25th February	2pm – 4.15pm
11th March	2pm – 4.15pm

Afternoon Tea and Benediction at Holy Cross Priory

Thursday 2nd May from 2pm to 5.30pm
£12 (inc door to door lift)
£8 (not inc. door to door lift)

Full details and application forms are in all church porches or ask at the Parish Office - completed forms to be returned by 15th April.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham
29th June

Depart 6.30am and return by 10.30pm
Cost of the coach is £30.

Full details and an application forms are in the church porches; completed forms must be returned by 8th March. For more information contact Ron Brazier, Pastoral care group: 844177. **All welcome!**

Parish Diary - February/March

Tuesday 19 th Feb	SVP meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 20 th Feb	Mother's prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Wednesday 20 th Feb	Adoration meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 20 th Feb	Mothers prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Monday 25 th Feb	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Saturday 2 nd March	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Tuesday 5 th March	FHC - Parents meeting	7:00pm St MM church and hall
Wednesday 6 th March	RCIA meeting	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 7 th March	Mothers prayer group	7:30pm St MM church

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

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

Church Flowers

Due to unforeseen circumstances the present St Mary Magdalene's church flower team has been sadly depleted to two members.

In order to continue having sufficient fresh floral arrangements in the church on a weekly basis the team needs at least two more helpers.

If you are willing and able help for a couple of hours each week, please contact Helga on 01424 848504.

**Fairtrade Fortnight
25th February to
Sunday 10th March 2019**

Anyone interested in helping to organise events: eg Fair Bake morning, Fairtrade coffee, Fairtrade stalls, etc, please see www.bexhillfairtrade.com fairtrade.org.uk
Bake Fair ! Bake a cake using some FT ingredients and win a prize at Breakfast.
For recipes see: fairtrade.org

Parish Fairtrade Breakfasts

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

**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

Kerala and Interfaith

The Hastings and District Interfaith Forum would like to thank the St Mary Magdalene's Kerala community, and in particular, Chris Thomas, who gave a brilliant presentation about Kerala, its people, traditions and culture.

The meeting was held in St Martha's hall and was attended by over 45 people who enjoyed mingling and chatting for an hour after the presentation.

Volunteers Needed

By HUG (Homelessness Unity Group) at a shelter provided by St Barnabas church, Bexhill, for the homeless during the cold weather. From 7.30pm – 10.30pm and 7.15am – 8.15am to provide some simple food, drinks and a chat.

Volunteers are especially needed at weekends.

Help is also needed at the Tuesday & Thursday morning drop in centre at the shelter where guests can get a meal.

If you can help please contact Ron Brazier 844177.

**Catholic Women's
League
will be holding their
National Coffee
morning on**

**3rd March after the 9am
Mass at St Martha's**
Come and see what we are about and enjoy a coffee and cake and a raffle. And friendship!

**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 or the Chair of Governors, Alison Horan ahoran@strichardscc.com

Christian Voices

Do you enjoy acting or singing? Christian Voices, the Musical Drama Group, are looking for a male actor and female singer to sing their contemporary songs. Drama rehearsals are on a Wednesday evening. Anyone who is interested, please contact Alan Young on Bexhill 220685 or sw@aljac.plus.com

Word Day of Prayer
(formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer)
**Friday, 1st March
10.30 am**
Little Common Methodist Church
"Come - Everything is ready!"
All Welcome!

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:

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Lisa Young

Telephone: 01424 210263

Email:

stmm@btconnect.com

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Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

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stmm.finance@btconnect.com

Hospitals

Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams

marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams

marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

Parish Schools

St Richard's Catholic College

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
01424 731070

admin@strichardscc.com

www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews
01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk

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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery**

Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
01424 224499

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 16th February

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	For all married couples and Those preparing for marriage

Sixth Sunday Year C

(Jeremiah 17:5-8, Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Fidel Viloría RIP
Sunday 17th February		Racial Justice Day
St Martha's	9:00am	David Rowe RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Irene Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)
(not in our scheme)

Monday 18th February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Denis James Shanaghan & Baby RIP
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Tuesday 19th February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Brian Davis RIP
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Wednesday 20th February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Ray Harris RIP
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Thursday 21st February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mary Gardner RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	1:30pm	Funeral of Joan Keen RIP

Friday 22nd February

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Feast The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Robert Stevens RIP
	- 12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 23rd February

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Memorial St Polycarp
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Margaret Mulligan RIP
		Baptism of Eleni Rose Hodge

Seventh Sunday Year C

(Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Frances Gorry RIP
Sunday 24th February		
St Martha's	9:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	William & Winifride Storrow RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Francesco Russo RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Parish Lourdes Fund
(blue envelopes)

Fr Gerard Hatton, Parish Priest of Knaphill

Statement from the Diocese: 'following an admission into A&E last week, Fr Gerard Hatton has undergone emergency surgery to remove an empyema on the brain and remains in Intensive Care in a stable, but serious condition. He is responding well to the medication administered to control the infection and is making slow progress'.

At 2.30pm this Sunday 17th February there is a Holy Hour in Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne to pray for Fr Gerard's recovery.