

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

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**Mission Appeal**  
We welcome Fr Henry Somah from the Society of African Missions (SMA) who will be celebrating some of our parish Masses on 2/3 March as well as appealing for your prayers and financial support.

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**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Please pray for:  
**Eleni Rose Hodge**  
and her family and friends as she becomes part of the family of the church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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

**Parish Fairtrade Breakfast**  
St Martha's after Mass on  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Fairtrade Fashion Show**  
St Richard's Catholic College  
on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
at 6.45pm

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. *Jack Doherty.*

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## The Lord is compassion and love.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This weekend we welcome the **Lay-Apostolate for Adoration** who will encourage us to rediscover the joy, beauty and holiness of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is *'the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Saviour who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the 'King of Glory'; respectful silence in the presence of the 'ever greater' God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.'* (CCC 2628).

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives, and so worship of the Blessed Sacrament is necessary both in and outside of the Holy Mass. In our celebrations, Christ is present on the Altar and outside of the liturgy our focus is on the tabernacle where Christ remains truly present in our midst. We've seen in some Churches signs that exhort us to, *'talk to God before Mass, listen to God during the Mass, and talk to others after Mass'*.

At Holy Communion, we make a firm act of adoration, either by kneeling to receive Holy Communion or where that is not practical, as we come in procession, we genuflect or make a profound bow as we welcome the Lord, his body, blood, soul and divinity, under our roof. *(Don't forget we need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion and have fasted at least an hour beforehand)*. If not, we make a silent spiritual communion, such as, *'I wish, Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which you most holy Mother received you; with the spirit and fervour of the saints.'*

As the memorial of the cross, we see in the Holy Mass the work of our redemption re-presented before our eyes as the priest elevates the Sacred Host and Precious Chalice. In this moment the priest shows us the depth of Christ's love and we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament expands this moment; the Master is here and waiting for us to come to him. We place ourselves in his loving presence; and as he makes himself present to us, he fortifies us on our pilgrimage home or at least for the week ahead!

With my prayers and best wishes,  
Fr Simon.

### Lent Reflection Groups

<b>Monday</b> Starts: 4 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Anne Wilkinson	215710
<b>Tuesday</b> Starts 12 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm-9pm	Ghislaine Cornfield	07491 477773

*Tuesday group will be an Alpha course on prayer at the presbytery at 7.30 pm. More information at the back of the church and on page 2 of this newsletter. To take part in any of these meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader.*

**We pray for those who have died: Joan Keen RIP, Maureen Cunningham 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**

17<sup>th</sup> February  
£911.94  
Gift Aid £718.05

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£391.33  
Gift Aid £ n.a

Catholic Association  
for Racial Justice  
(CARJ)

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24<sup>th</sup> February  
Parish Lourdes  
Fund

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3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Maintenance to  
include Memorial  
Garden

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10<sup>th</sup> March  
Society for the  
Unborn Child  
(SPUC)

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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



**CTIB Prayer Cycle**

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

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

**Vianney Cenacle  
Prayer Group**

The Cenacle of prayer for priests  
will be meeting:  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm**  
at St Mary Magdalene's church  
**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**

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 (CCRS) has been established  
since 1991 and has been successfully  
run in the Diocese.

It aims to provide an introduction to  
Catholic Theology and 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)

**The Prayer Course  
Lent 2019**

During Lent there will be a prayer course which  
is provided by the team that started the Alpha  
course. The starting point of the course is that,  
as the bible says, we do not know how to pray  
Romans 8:26. The apostles asked Jesus to  
teach them how to pray and he gave them the  
Our Father as the model of prayer.

**The course will run every Tuesday during  
Lent from 7.30pm until 9pm in the  
presbytery from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March until  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

There six sessions are based on the Lord's  
prayer and each session there to encourage  
discussion.

The course is open to all ages and to all people  
as we will share our experiences in  
communicating with God.

**"Send out your light"  
A Lent Service**

**of Music and Prayer  
from Taizé and Iona  
4pm, Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
St Thomas of Canterbury and  
English Martyrs Church**

Magdalen Rd  
St Leonards TN37 6ET

**All welcome!**

Anyone who would like to help with the  
music please come to a practice at 3pm.

**Worth Abbey Open Cloister  
Retreats 2019**

Poster with details in the church porch  
or visit: [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk)

**Funeral Planning for parishioners:**

Help parishioners to ensure that their wishes  
for their funeral are known by friends, family  
and the parish using the form provided by the  
Pastoral Care Project.

See their [website](#) for more information. Or  
copies are available from the parish office  
£1.00 per copy.

**Parish Diary - February/March**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	FHC - Parents meeting	7:00pm St MM church and hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers prayer group	7:30pm St MM church
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	WJT Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	FHC Session	11am St MM hall

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

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

**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

"Come-Everything is ready!"

**All Welcome!**

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

**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!

And

**Catholic Women's  
League**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
7:30pm, St Martha's Hall**  
Annual Review and Liturgy  
Theme: Lent/Ash Wednesday  
Contact: Jac Young 220685

**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.

**Thank you....**

The following charities would like to thank St Mary Magdalene's Parish for their recent generous donations:

**The Royal British Legion  
Bexhill foodbank  
Surviving Christmas  
The Pelham  
Missio  
Demelza**

**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)

**Pastoral Care Group  
Planned Events:**

**Film Showing**

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

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> February 2pm – 4.15pm  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March 2pm – 4.15pm**

**Afternoon Tea and  
Benediction**

**at Holy Cross Priory**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Depart 6.30am**

**and return by 10.30pm  
Cost of the coach is £30.**

Full details and application forms are available in the church porches; completed forms must be returned by 8<sup>th</sup> March. For more information contact Ron Brazier, Pastoral care group: 844177.

**Pre - Walking  
Pilgrimage Event:  
3-day Bank Holiday Mini  
Pilgrimage 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May**

In preparation for the Annual Walking Pilgrimage there will be a 3-day pilgrimage at the beginning of May. More information to follow. The Summer Walking Pilgrimage this year is from Lincoln to Whitby. For more information: <http://thepilgrims.org.uk/wp/>

## 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  
Please 'phone the Parish Office -  
01424 210263

#### St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

#### Mary Williams

Care of the Parish Office  
01424 210263

### 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  
[info@stmmnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@stmmnursery.co.uk)

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's  
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### Memorial

9:30am  
10:00am  
12:30pm

### St Polycarp

Confessions  
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  
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5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Frances Gorry RIP

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

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

9:00am Priests Intentions  
10:00am William & Winifride Storrow RIP  
11:00am Francesco Russo RIP  
6:00pm People of the Parish

#### Parish Lourdes Fund (blue envelopes)

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am John de Freitas RIP

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Holy Souls

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Frances Gorry RIP

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Jean Durrant RIP

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene's

### Feast

10:00am  
10:45am  
- 12.30pm

### Women's World Day of Prayer

### St David

Henry & Mary O'Hara RIP  
Inauguration Mass of Lay-Apostolate  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions  
10:00am Patrick Lanney RIP

### Eighth Sunday Year C

(Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Spittal & Brennan Family GE &  
Deceased

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

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

9:00am  
10:00am  
11:00am  
6:00pm

### Mission Appeal at all Masses

Mary & Joseph Callaghan RIP  
Peggy Barrett RIP  
Priests Intentions  
People of the Parish

#### Maintenance to include Memorial Garden (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'.