

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

Stations of the Cross

- 3pm on Fridays at St Martha's
- 6pm on Friday's at St Mary Magdalene, led by the Kerala community in Malayalam
- 10.30am on Saturday's (after the 10am Mass) at St Mary Magdalene

The Time of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night?

The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Roman Calendar says: *"The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the 'mother of all vigils'. Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ's resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before the dawn of Sunday"*.

The Exsultet, the Easter Proclamation repeatedly sings, *"this is the night"* when proclaiming the Paschal Mystery; and so the intention of the Roman Missal is that the vigil take place after nightfall, that is, after the time in the evening when daylight is last visible, at a time roughly equivalent to astronomical twilight, which is the time after which the sun does not contribute to sky illumination.

On 20th April, the sunsets at 20:01 and astronomical twilight is about 21:20; some pastoral flexibility is permitted in the calculation and so we shall gather to celebrate the Vigil in the Holy Night and the 1st Mass of the Resurrection at 21:00 (9pm).

Next week, we will consider the date of Easter...

The Lord is my light and my help..



Hastings and District Interfaith Forum

This is an organisation which promotes respect, tolerance and friendship between people of different faiths and cultures in our area. Founded by Habiba Anwar Batthi, of Hastings Voluntary Action, following her attendance at a CTIB United Service at St Mary Magdalene's in 2007. Its monthly meetings are advertised through Churches Together in Bexhill, who are group members. The meetings may be to listen to an invited speaker, to discuss issues affecting people of different cultures, to socialise and share food. The meetings are open to all. Several of our parishioners are regular attendees. Our parish Kerala Community have participated to great acclaim when song and dance have been the order of the day. *Gill Meyer and Béla Ogonovsky are Members of HDIFF.*

Easter Triduum

The Pinnacle of the Church's Year
The "Cup Final" of our Liturgical Celebrations

St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

8pm on Thursday 18th April

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3pm on Friday 19th April

(with an extra 3pm Service at St Martha's on Good Friday)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

9pm on Saturday 20th April

Inc. baptisms, receptions and confirmations.

CAFOD Fast Day: Envelopes are available at the back of all churches. If you wish to view the video of "The story of Mahinur" which was mentioned in the talks last week, please go to: <https://projects.cafod.org.uk/bangladesh/>

Funerals: John Aldworth RIP, Funeral Service Hasting Crematorium, Wednesday 20th March, 2.45pm - All welcome.
Ida Reynolds RIP, Requiem Mass, St Martha's, Friday 29th March, 12 noon. All welcome.

We pray for those who have died: Fr Alexander Fraser RIP, Ida Reynolds RIP, Fr Charles Jeffries RIP, John Aldworth RIP, Elizabeth Monsef RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, Diane Batkin, Tony Batkin, Angela Burden, Winifrede Connellan, Andrew Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, 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 March
£965.99
Gift Aid £981.95

2nd collection
£338.33
Gift Aid n/a

Society for the
Unborn Child
(SPUC)

17th March
CAFOD
Lenten Fast Day

24th March
SVP

31st March
Street Pastors

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: Servants with Jesus
(Menaka Simpkins)

Next week: All Saints' Sidley
(Michael Bailey, Richard Tuset)

Morning for Altar Servers

Saturday 23rd March 2019

at St Mary Magdalene

Holy Mass – 10am

Stations of the Cross – 10.30am

Followed by Catechesis

Easter Triduum Retreat for

Young Adults (18-35s)

at Worth Abbey Benedictine

Monastery,

celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To book, The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net. If you have any questions, email youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk.

The prayer course – Lent 2019

If you want to know more about prayer or share your experience, come to the 5 sessions on **Tuesday evenings at the presbytery, 7.30pm-9pm.**

The sessions are: 19th March: Petition; 26th March: Intercession; 2nd April: Listening; 9th April: Perseverance, 16th April: Warfare. We are sharing our experience of prayer with one another. We follow the format of the course provided by the team which offers the Alpha course. All ages and all experience in prayer welcome. Ghislaine Cornfield and Cathy Bate.

Lent Reconciliations

Saturday: 9.30am & 5.30pm
at St Mary Magdalene

Reconciliation Service
with Adoration:

St Mary Magdalene

Friday 5th April at 7pm

Deanery Priests available.

Passiontide: Day of Reflection

Starting with Mass at 10am in
St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 6th April, 10.30am:

Fr Simon & Deacon Simon will reflect on the Stations of the Cross Suitable as a retreat activity for those who minister, but suitable for all.

This takes the place of the morning stations of the cross on this Saturday.

Stations of the Cross Leaflet

The Hastings & Bexhill Catenians have provided a pamphlet to help you pray the Stations of the Cross this Lent. They are available in all three of our churches.

Evening of Reflection for Young

People with Bishop Richard

Saturday 23rd March 2019

7pm St Mary Magdalene Hall

This is part of the Confirmation programme This event is open to other young people aged 11 – 18, but they must book in advance with Jack Regan on Jack.Regan@dabnet.org – they should say that they will join with the Bexhill Confirmation group.

Lent Reflection Groups

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

Tuesday group will be an Alpha course on prayer at the presbytery at 7.30 pm. See above. To take part in any of these meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader.

Parish Diary - March / April

Tuesday 19 th March	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 20 th March	Mothers Prayer Group	7:00pm Prayer room
Monday 25 th March	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Saturday 30 th March	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Sunday 31 st March	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 3 rd April	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 3 rd April	Mothers Prayer Group	7:00pm St MM church
Thursday 4 th April	We Journey Together Session	6:30pm Presbytery

Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders
 For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office.

You may relax your fasting on the following solemnities during Lent:
 Tuesday 19th March (St Joseph) and Monday 25th March (The Annunciation of the Lord).

Pastoral Care Group Planned Events:
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)
 Application forms are in all church porches or the Parish Office completed forms to be returned by 15th April.
Pilgrimage to Walsingham: This has been cancelled due to very little interest. Details of a visit by a local coach company on April 28th at £37.50- available - Ron Brazier 844177 ronbrazier26@gmail.com

St Martha's Open Forum
Monday March 18th at 7pm
 In St Martha's Hall
 Everyone is Welcome so please come along with your ideas and suggestions as to how we can progress in our Mission.

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.
 Full details can be found at <http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php>
 For more information, contact Jon Harman, : 01293 651157 or email jon.harman@dabnet.org

'Creation and Trees'. Thursday 28th March.
7pm for 7.30pm until 9pm.
St Martha's Hall
 A talk by Dr. Edward Echlin, ecological theologian, renowned author and organic gardener. Organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association. Entrance free. All welcome. For more information: Alex Mthobi 07957632208 or John Carmody 01323 726334 or Edward Echlin 01424 219788.

RCIA
 Please continue to pray for **Harvey Ren, Claire Winton and Amy Getty** who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, along with **Helen Munden, Hayley Emmerson-Wright and Rachel Clancey** who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, and **Lauren Fermor** who completes her Christian Initiation into the Church of God as she is Confirmed. Please also come to the Easter Vigil and support them in this important step of their journey in faith. Adult Baptisms and Receptions are a sign of a vibrant Christian community and are rightly celebrated by the whole parish.

CAFOD in St Leonards Deanery invite you to "Guiding Light", a Way of the Cross with St Oscar Romero, on Sunday 24th March, 3 pm, in Holy Redeemer Church, St Leonards. TN37 7AS.
 On this day, in 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador was assassinated whilst celebrating Mass. 24th March is the Feast Day of St. Oscar Romero.

St Martha's Fairtrade Breakfast
 A huge thank you to all who contributed, donated and attended.
 A total of **£261** was raised.

Church Flowers St Mary Magdalene's
 The team need at least two more volunteers. If you are willing and able help for a couple of hours each week, please contact Helga on 01424 848504.

Three Churches in Little Common
 The next meeting is on **Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 1130** in St Martha's Church Hall. We shall be looking at "the Mystery of God's Glory" following (loosely) the on-line Lent resources provided by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. As usual the meeting will be followed by refreshments at 12 noon and a chance for a chat. All are welcome – not just the Little Common Churches.

Parish Information

The Presbytery
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Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

St Martha's

Cooden Sea Road, TN39 4SL

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Southlands Road, TN39 5HG

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Fr Rajesh Minz

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01424 210263

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 16th March

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Stan & Winn Yeo GE
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	Stations of the Cross

Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent Year C

(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17- 4:1, Luke 9:28-36)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Abraham Jacob RIP & Michael Hennessy RIP

Sunday 17th March

St Martha's	9:00am	Gladys Elma Rowe RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	The Deceased members of the Cruikshank family & Baby Marie RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

(not in our scheme / special envelopes)

Monday 18th March

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Maureen Grace RIP
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Tuesday 19th March

Solemnity St Joseph		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Thomas Moran RIP

Wednesday 20th March

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Holy Souls
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Thursday 21st March

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	James Benzie RIP
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Friday 22nd March

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Maria Conseqiao RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am - 12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Martha's	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Rosary & Stations of the Cross-Keralan Led in Malayalam

Saturday 23rd March

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Stephanie Lister RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	Stations of the Cross

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

(Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Irene Leach RIP

Sunday 24th March

St Martha's	9:00am	Ernest & Lily Whitehead RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Chris Hulland RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

SVP

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We thank you for your prayers for Fr Gerard Hatton, parish priest of Knaphill who was seriously ill in hospital but is now at home and convalescing. Please continue to pray for several other parish priests who are in hospital or recovering from illness. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Charlie Jeffries who died this week and Fr Alex Fraser.