

## Visit of Bishop & C.O.O.

Bishop Richard and Sarah Kilmartin, (Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese) will visit **Our Lady of the Rosary** at the **end of the 10am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** to talk to the people of Sidley about the future of the buildings.

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## 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
- **NB: Stations on 6<sup>th</sup> April is the Parish Lenten Day of Reflection – see inside the newsletter for more info.**

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## Second Scrutiny

We continue to pray for the Elect of God preparing for Baptism and for all of us preparing to renew our baptismal promises. May we:

- Trust in the truth of Christ and find freedom of mind and heart
- Prefer the folly of the cross to the wisdom of the world, and so glory in God alone.
- Be freed by the power of the Spirit, and put all fear behind us and press forward with confidence
- Be transformed by the Spirit and seek those things that are holy and just
- Find strength in Christ to bear our persecutions for the sake of his name
- Be able to embrace our faith in freedom of worship
- Remain faithful to the Gospel when the 'values' of the world are contrary to it
- Bring the Church of God to the whole world

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**This Sunday we pray for our Mothers and assure them of our love and prayers.**

## Taste and see that the Lord is good.



### Bexhill Street Pastors

The Bexhill Street Pastors have operated for six years alongside the Prayer Pastors who pray in the St John's Centre while the Street Pastors are out and about in Bexhill and Sidley. In the spirit of the Good Samaritan they are present to those in need. You may have seen a recent feature on BBC Crimewatch Roadshow. The teams operate from 8pm to 2am, and as they meet people, they are often asked for physical and spiritual support. It is a rewarding experience as the team gets to know young people and see them grow into adults. The team is well known, being out on the street every Friday and every other Saturday. The team hands out lollies, biscuits, water, hot chocolate and coffee; and hands out sleeping bags to those in need. The team are famous for their flip-flops to ladies whose shoes have proved inadequate following a night's festivities and would otherwise go barefoot over dirty pavements littered with broken glass. The team offers first-aid, staying with vulnerable people until other help arrives, and can often free up police time when dealing with those who have become 'emotional'. We have 3 Catholics who are Prayer Pastors and 5 Street Pastors, but more volunteers are always welcome and required. More info: *John Knight 07985722407.*

### **Triduum Times Reminder: St Mary Magdalene**

8pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April)

3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April)

(and also 3pm at St Martha's)

9pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April)

(inc. Easter Fire, Baptisms, Receptions and Confirmations)

### **RCIA**

**The Elect:** Harvey Ren, Claire Winton and Amy Getty.

**The Candidates:** Helen Munden, Hayley Emmerson Wright and Rachel Clancey

**Confirmandi:** Lauren Fermour

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr Alan Wright RIP, Mario Petrocco RIP, Sean Gaughan RIP, Anne Maria Oliver RIP, Catherine Spratt RIP, Ida Reynolds 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, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, Joe Kingsman, George Thomas Lowry, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, 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, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunny and Anne Wilkinson.

**Plate Collections**

24<sup>th</sup> March  
£886.63  
Gift Aid £590.27

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£543.80  
SVP

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31<sup>st</sup> March  
Street Pastors

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7<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Flowers

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14<sup>th</sup> April  
Lenten Alms

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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: Society of Friends**  
(Daphne Hill)

**Next week: St Mary Magdalene**  
(Simon Dray, Rajesh Minz, Simon Kirkdale)

**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.

**Funerals**

**Mario Petrocco RIP**  
4<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon,  
St Mary Magdalene

**Ann-Marie Oliver RIP**  
8<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm,  
Eastbourne Crematorium

**Catherine Platt RIP**  
12<sup>th</sup> April, 1pm, Bexhill Cemetery

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Listening; 9<sup>th</sup> April: Perseverance, 16<sup>th</sup> April: Warfare. We are sharing our experience of prayer with one another. All ages and all experience in prayer welcome.  
Ghislaine Cornfield & Cathy Bate.

**Lent Reconciliations**

**Saturday: 9.30am & 5.30pm**  
**at St Mary Magdalene**

**Reconciliation Service with Adoration:**  
**St Mary Magdalene**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**  
Deanery Priests available.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church**  
**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March**

On Laetare Sunday,  
we thank the children for leading our liturgy.

**Safeguarding**

All parishioners should to be aware that I am the Parish Safeguarding Representative. I process all DBS checks for those in ministries which require them and, in conjunction with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, I ensure that relevant training is offered as appropriate and that specific issues are dealt with as they arise.

Should anyone wish to raise or discuss any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Simon, or myself via the parish office.  
Sylvia Cousins.

**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, :  
01293 651157 or email  
[jon.harman@dabnet.org](mailto:jon.harman@dabnet.org)

**Lent Reflection Groups**

<b>Monday Starts: 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2.30pm	Anne Wilkinson	215710
<b>Tuesday Starts: 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	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**

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mothers Prayer Group	7:00pm St MM church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	We Journey Together Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery

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

**The Easter Vigil**  
 Much of the way we celebrate Holy Week comes from the observations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Sister Egeria who travelled to the Holy Land and described the events of Holy Week in Jerusalem, which was yet to be adopted in Rome: *'they light a torch in the holy Anastasis... the bishop lights three candles, and after him the deacons, and then the whole congregation. And then, after that, they go up into the Church and begin the paschal vigils and read twelve lections and with each of them they sing psalms.'* We'll do a few less! Egeria speaks of the baptisms that take place: *'the children when they have been baptised and clothed are led with the Bishop first to the Anastasis... and he says a prayer for them and goes with them to the greater Church'*. After the conclusion of the vigils, *'the passage from the Gospel about the Resurrection is read... and the bishop makes the oblation (Mass).'*

**All Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please reserve this date in your diaries: Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
 As part of our ministries we are encouraged to undertake a day of Reflection each year.  
**Passiontide: Day of Reflection**  
**Starting with Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am:**  
 Fr 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.**

**DEC Emergency Appeal:**  
 CAFOD has joined forces with Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to reach hundreds of thousands of people affected by Cyclone Idai, across Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Please donate direct via the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies/Cyclone-Idai> or use the CAFOD envelopes (available at the back of the church)

**Catholic Women's League Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm St Martha's Hall**  
 Talk by the SVP  
*(Please note change of date)*

**Jolly Parish Lunch Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon, The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.**  
 Contact Angela: 220752

**Holy Week and Easter Liturgies**  
**Calling all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 If you are available for any of the Liturgies on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday the Easter Vigil (the Triduum), please take a look at the lists at the back of the Churches and sign up as applicable.  
 You can also sign up for Holy Week and Easter Services held at St Martha's and Our Lady of the Rosary. Please speak to the relevant Mass co-ordinator's in the communities.  
 We aim to involve as many people as possible so if you can sign for more than one service that will give us flexibility when assigning the duties.  
 The lists will be available at the back of all three churches until **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. Ministries will be confirmed as soon as possible thereafter. If you have any queries, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

**Pastoral Care Group Planned Events:**  
**Afternoon Tea and Benediction at Holy Cross Priory Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2pm-5pm £12 (inc. lift) £8 (not inc. lift)**  
 Application forms are in all church porches or the Parish Office completed forms to be returned by the end of March please.  
**Drivers:** More volunteers for driving parishioners are required for this trip. Please contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**  
 Please pray for **Sonny Scory** as he receives his First Holy Communion this weekend.

## 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)

### Safeguarding Rep

Sylvia Cousin

### Hospitals

#### Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

#### Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams

via 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

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### 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 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent Year C

(Joshua 5:9-12, Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3. 11-32)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Dominic & Italia Capaldi RIP

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

St Martha's	9:00am	Florence Raey RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	James Burden RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish Inc. FHC for Sonny Scorey
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

*Street Pastors (not in our scheme / special envelopes)*

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Patrick Atwell RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	11:00am	Burial of Ashes of Antony Snell RIP

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	The Foskett Family
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### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Rosaleen Coen RIP
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### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

St Mary Magdalene's		<b>No 10am Mass today</b>
St Mary Magdalene's	12 noon	Requiem Mass of Mario Petrocco RIP and after at Bexhill Cemetery

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

St Mary Magdalene's		<b>No 10am Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am - 12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>No Benediction</b>
St Martha's	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
St Mary Magdalene's	7:00pm	Parish Reconciliation Service with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Joan Keen RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	Stations of the Cross as part of the Passiontide Morning of Reflection (Hall)

### Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

(Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Kieran Murphy GE

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

St Martha's	9:00am	John Winsey RIP & Ellen Ripley RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Mary Bushaway RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

*Easter Flowers (blue envelopes)*

**NB: Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April cancelled;  
as no priest is available.**

*Thank you for all your prayers for **Joe Kingsman**.  
He is now out of hospital at home and slowly recovering.*