

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 - resumes 13th April

The Third Scrutiny

As we continue to pray for those being baptised this Easter and we prepare to renew our baptismal promises, may the grace of the sacraments conform us to Christ's passion and resurrection and enable us to triumph over the bitter fate of death. May we:

- be strengthened against worldly deceit;
- thank God for the possibility of eternal life;
- be encouraged by the witness of the martyrs who shed their blood for Christ;
- have a horror of sin which distorts life;
- who mourn the death of family and friends be consoled;
- at Easter be confirmed in our hope of rising to life with Christ;
- who God has created in love, flower in faith and charity, and so receive new life.

Funerals

Ann-Maria Oliver RIP

8th April, 2.30pm,
Eastbourne Crematorium

Catherine Spratt RIP

12th April, 1pm, Bexhill Cemetery

Molly Craig RIP

Requiem Mass, 26th April
10am, St Mary Magdalene

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The Jolly Lunch Club: 12:00 Tuesday, 9th April at The West Station Restaurant Bexhill.

We have been meeting for approximately 10 years on the second Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant of our choice and all are very welcome. We can arrange transport if necessary. The club has proved very popular and has a monthly average attendance of approximately 25 people. *Contact details are: Angela Burden 220752 and Mary Carroll. 220334.*

Passiontide

We have moved into the second part of Lent, known as Passiontide. Now our focus should firmly be on the Passion and Death of the Lord. In this time, we veil the crosses and statues, in line with the following extract from the Gospel of John 8:46-59: ⁴⁹ *Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, 'He is our God,' ⁵⁵ though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, **but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.***

Triduum Times Reminder: St Mary Magdalene

8pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thurs 18th April)
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Fri 19th April)
(and also 3pm at St Martha's)
9pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Sat 20th 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 Clancy.

Confirmandi: Lauren Fermour.

We pray for those who have died: Anne Maria Oliver RIP, Catherine Spratt RIP, Molly Craig RIP, Father Huebert Miranda 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

31st March
£921.01
Gift Aid £537.20

2nd collection
£759.87

Street Pastors

7th April
Easter Flowers

14th April
Lenten Alms

19th April
The Holy Places

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

Next week: Sidley Baptist
(Vacancy)

The **Good Friday Walk of Witness**, organized by **Churches Together in Bexhill**, will take place as usual on **19th April starting at 09.30 (gather at 09.15) on the lawns by the DLWP** at the bottom of Sackville Road and finishing at Town Hall Square around 10.15 with a prayer. There will be a service open to all at St John's Church London Road at 10.45.

Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter

Fr Simon will honour the custom of blessing food for the first meal of Easter. He will do this at 9am in St Mary Magdalene Church on Holy Saturday (20th April).

A & B News

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

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: 9th April: Perseverance, 16th April: Warfare. Ghislaine Cornfield & Cathy Bate.

Lent Reconciliations

Saturday:

9.30am & 5.30pm

at St Mary Magdalene

There is another chance to do so at **7pm on Monday 8th April at St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's.**

Fr Simon and / or Fr Rajesh will hear confessions **on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday, and Holy Saturday** at 9.30am – 9.50am, which will be your last chance before Easter.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next week is Palm Sunday; there will be processions at the 9am, 10am and 11am Masses, and the Passion read at all Masses. If you are planning taxis to and from Mass, please factor this in to your booking.

Altar Server Rehearsals for the Triduum

For Altar Servers, the services of the Triduum are the most amazing liturgies with many jobs that help the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection, the central mystery of our faith. Rehearsals for each liturgy will be:
Maundy Thursday: 7.15pm for 8pm Mass
Good Friday: 2.15pm for 3pm Service
Holy Saturday: 10am for the 9pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

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 - April / May

Tuesday 16 th April	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 17 th April	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Sunday 28 th April	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Monday 29 th April	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Wednesday 1 st May	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Saturday 4 th May	FHC Session	11 am St MM hall
Sunday 5 th May	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery

Gift Aid

Envelopes and Standing Orders

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

The Lord's Prayer

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, the Elect of God rejoice in the gift of the Lord's Prayer. This is the prayer that our Lord himself taught us, and so, at the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
Amen.

Divine Mercy Service



**Sunday 28th April, 3pm
St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Leonards.**

This feast will be celebrated this year at

St Thomas of Canterbury.

The Divine Mercy Devotions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Priests will be available for the confessions. There will be again a great opportunity to celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be refreshments after in the John Fisher room.

All welcome.

DEC Emergency Appeal:

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

**Catholic Women's League
Monday 8th April, 7:30pm
St Martha's Hall**

Talk by the SVP
(Please note change of date)

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

Easter Offering

Your Easter Offering is your personal gift to the parish clergy and green envelopes are available this weekend. They do not receive a salary and are grateful for your offering which supports them throughout the year.

Happy Holidays

We warmly welcome visitors to our Parish.

We pray too for parishioners from Bexhill who are away at this time.

We also wish all pupils and teachers a peaceful and restful Easter break.

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.

**"Prayer Around The Cross",
a Service of Taize Music and Prayer
for Good Friday, 19th April, at 8 pm,
Church of St Thomas of Canterbury
and English Martyrs,**

St Leonards TN37 6ET.

Anyone who would like to help lead the music is invited to attend a practice beforehand at 7 pm.

Pastoral Care Group Planned Events:

**Afternoon Tea and Benediction
at Holy Cross Priory
Thursday 2nd May, 2pm-5pm
£12 (inc. lift) £8 (not inc. lift)**

Parish Information

The Presbytery
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Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
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St Martha's

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 6th April

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Joan Keen RIP
St Mary Magdalene's Hall	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 7th April		
St Martha's	9:00am	John Wimsey 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)

Monday 8th April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Diyona Stephen Thanksgiving
Eastbourne Crematorium	2:30pm	Funeral of Anna Maria Oliver RIP

Tuesday 9th April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Maria Ermita GE
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Wednesday 10th April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Sr Bernadette GE
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Thursday 11th April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Robert Stevens RIP
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Friday 12th April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Noreen Corness RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12.30pm	No Benediction-due to funeral below
Bexhill Cemetery	1:00pm	Funeral of Catherine Spratt RIP
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 13th April

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C

(Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14 - 23:56 or 23:1-49)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Pat Healy RIP

Sunday 14th April

St Martha's	9:00am	Holy Souls
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Mary Durkin RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Lenten Alms

(not in our scheme)

ADORATION UPDATE: The committee have concluded that Adoration of the blessed Sacrament can run and be sustained at the following times:

Friday 10:30am-12:30pm and on Friday evening 5pm-8pm.

The Friday evening Adoration will commence
from Easter Friday 26th April 2019.