

PARISH NEWS

21st & 28th April 2019
Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday & Low Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter Yr C
St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary
The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common, Sidley and the surrounding areas

This week we are printing a
double newsletter

Parish Mass Count

There will be a Parish Mass Count throughout the parish during the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Offertory collectors please be aware and count at all services. Thank you.

RCIA

The Easter Vigil will be an occasion of great joy as we welcome those adults who, with the help of their catechists and the parish community, have journeys to this point of being baptised, received and confirmed into the church.

Please pray for:

Harvey Ren, Claire Winton, Amy Getty, Helen Munden, Hayley Emerson-Wright, Rachel Clancy and Lauren Fermor.

Fr Simon, Fr Rajesh, Deacon Simon and the Parish Team wish you a Happy Easter and every blessing for the Season which runs until Pentecost (50 days) on 9th June

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.

Parish Office

We will be closed for the Easter break from 19th April

Re-opens: Thursday 25th April

Fr Simon will be away 22nd April to 8th May (inclusive)

**Easter Vigil of the Holy Night:
Please refer to the Triduum Booklet**

**Easter Sunday:
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

**Second Sunday of Easter Yr C:
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.**

**(Easter Sunday) This is the Day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it**

Resurrection is not merely a resuscitation but a completely new way of living. In Holy Baptism we have died with Christ and risen with him to new life. We no longer live for ourselves but for Him who died and rose for us. We praise God, not that humanity was worth dying for, but that humanity was worth rising for! And so, in renewing our baptismal promises we reject Satan and all his empty show and proclaim the faith of the Church. This Easter we once again re-commit to the vocation to which we are all called: the universal call to holiness and the proclamation of the Gospel, lived out in a particular state of life that God has called us to: the single life, the Married Life, Holy Orders or the Consecrated Religious Life. John, the beloved disciple believed just from seeing the discarded burial cloth; his purity meant that he was not distracted by the temptations of this passing world and could accept, without cynicism, all the signs that Jesus had worked, and especially this greatest sign of the empty tomb. We believe because John wrote his Gospel and because Peter truly becomes the rock on which our Church is built: The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith that he and the apostles have handed onto us. *'This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it'*.

(Low Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday) 'My Lord and My God'

Imagine that your closest companions had betrayed you, denied you and abandoned you to your fate on Thursday night; what would you say to them when you saw them again on Sunday? I doubt that they would be repeatable here! But with Jesus, his words are astounding. The first words of the Resurrection to the Apostles are: *'Peace be with you'*. Thomas initially could not believe the Resurrection and as such he is (unfairly) known for ever as *'doubting Thomas'*; and yet after his personal and tangible encounter with Christ he declares *'my Lord and my God'* and goes further than any apostle to announce the Resurrection. Hopefully, we make the same declaration of faith when we recognize the real presence of Christ, as we hear his word and receive him body, blood, soul and divinity in Holy Communion. *'Lord I believe, help my unbelief'*. Our participation in the Sacred Mysteries should transform us into apostles. ***Ite Missa Est: go, you are sent!***

We pray for those who have died: Molly Craig RIP, Liz O'Brien RIP, Derek Wasson 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

14th April
£967.77
Gift Aid: £760.14

2nd collection
£362.45
Gift Aid: n/a
Lenten Alms

19th April
The Holy Places

21st April
Clergy
Easter Offering

28th April
Retired Priests Fund

5th May
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: St Stephen's (Vacancy)

Next week: Sackville Road Methodist (Trisha Williams)

Next Week: St Augustine's (Robert Coates)

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.

Funerals

Derek Wasson RIP
Funeral Service, 25th April, 4pm,
Eastbourne Crematorium

Molly Craig RIP
Requiem Mass, 26th April
10am, St Mary Magdalene

Divine Mercy Service



**Sunday 28th April, 3pm
St Thomas of Canterbury Church,
St Leonards. TN37 6ET.**

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.

**Vianney Cenacle
Prayer Group**

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

**Thursday 25th April,
6pm
St Mary Magdalene's church
All welcome.**

"Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank the parishioners of St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's and Our Lady of the Rosary for their generosity by raising £532.57 to help Christians in the Holy Land. Your kind donation will help FHL to support families and individuals who are struggling with education, employment and health issues and provide ongoing family support to those who desperately need it. With your help we can continue to provide financial support and hope to the Christians in the Holy Land, showing them that they are not forgotten."

INSPIRE 2019 - Day for Youth Leaders

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested. It's happening on **Saturday 11th May at St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm.** Tickets are £10. The day will include with some time with the Bishop, as well as a series of presentations on important questions in youth and young adult ministry. To book head to tinyurl.com/InspireBookings or Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Diary - April / May

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	Mothers Prayer group	7:00pm Prayer Room
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.

**FHC Mass
Rehearsal Dates**

Friday 10th May, 6.30pm
Our Lady of the Rosary
(for FHC Mass, Sunday, 10am: 12th May & 19th May)

Thursday, 6th June, 6.30pm, St Martha's
(for FHC Mass, 9am: Sunday 9th June & 16th June)

Friday 7th June, 6.30pm
St Mary Magdalene's
(for FHC Mass, 2.30pm: Saturday 8th June)

Friday 14th June, 6.30pm
St Mary Magdalene's
(for FHC Mass, 2.30pm: Saturday, 15th June)

CWL have organised a Coach trip to Arundel Cathedral for Corpus Christi on Thursday 20th June

If anyone is interested please contact Margaret von Speyr on margaret-vs@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01424 215787 for full details or see the notice at the back of the Churches.
All are welcome.

'Fr. Boniface wishes all the joys and blessings of Holy Week and Easter. May this joyful season fill you with happiness.'
Greetings to all
Fr Boniface

**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)

Fairtrade

Many thanks to all who are purchasing Fairtrade products which bring life changes to the poorest farmers. The fairly traded brown rice has arrived. Remember that each 90 bags we sell at £3 per kg is enough to pay for a year in secondary school in Malawi; where there is no free secondary education.

See Bridget at St Martha's or Jack at Our Lady of the Rosary or phone 214605

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday 20th April

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am
9:30am
9:00pm

Holy Saturday

Blessing for the 'First Meal of Easter'
Confessions
People of the Parish
And RCIA Reception into Full Communion

Easter Sunday

(Apostles 10:34. 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9)

Sunday 21st April

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

8:00am
9:00am
10:00am
11:00am

People of the Parish
Priests Intentions: Sheila Dray RIP
John Paton RIP
Neha Aju GE

No Evening Mass

One collection only for the Clergy Easter Offering

Please use green envelopes

Monday 22nd April

St Mary Magdalene's

Easter Monday

No Mass today

Tuesday 23rd April

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Easter Tuesday

PJC Durrant RIP

Wednesday 24th April

Arundel Cathedral

10:00am

Easter Wednesday

Mary Herring RIP

Thursday 25th April

St Mary Magdalene's
Memorial Garden
Eastbourne Crematorium

10:00am
After Mass
4:00pm

Easter Thursday

Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan
Burial of Ashes of Mary Sharp RIP
Funeral of Derek Watson

Friday 26th April

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Easter Friday

Requiem Mass of Molly Craig RIP and after at Eastbourne Crematorium

Adoration: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm & 5 pm – 8 pm (but no Benediction at 12.30)

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

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Sylvia Cousin

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01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams
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St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams
Care of the Parish Office
01424 210263

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Primary School

Interim Head:

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 27th April

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am
10:00am

Easter Saturday

No confessions
No Mass today

Second 'Low' Sunday of Easter Year C Divine Mercy Sunday

(Apostles 5:12-16, Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19, John 20:19-31)

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm
6:00pm

Confessions
June & Patrick Callaghan RIP

Sunday 28th April

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

9:00am
10:00am
11:00am
3:00pm
6:00pm

Herbert Whitehead RIP
Peter Storrow RIP
People of the Parish
Divine Mercy Service
Priests Intentions

Retired Priests Fund (blue envelopes)

Monday 29th April

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

St Catherine of Siena

John Mackie RIP

Tuesday 30th April

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

St George

Robert Moggeridge RIP

Wednesday 1st May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Philip Wilkinson RIP

Thursday 2nd May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

St Athanasius

Frank Ratcliffe RIP

Friday 3rd May

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am
10:45am -
12:30pm

Saints Philip and James

John de Fretias RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

5pm to 8pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4th May

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

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

The English Martyrs

Confessions
Cathleen & Pat Finn RIP
Baptism of Lucas & Joshua King

Third Sunday of Easter Yr C

(Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41, Apocalypse 5:11-14, John 21:1-19)

Sunday 5th May

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

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

Florence Raey RIP
Priests Intentions
Mario Goretti Walsh RIP
People of the Parish

Maintenance (to include Memorial Garden) (blue envelopes)

Curzon Eastbourne will be showing the inspiring Christian film 'Let there be light' (12a) for one day only this Wednesday 24th April at 2pm, 5pm and 8pm. For details see www.thechristianfilmreview.com