

5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

# PARISH NEWS

## Adoration at St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

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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 9<sup>th</sup> June

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## St Martha's Church Keys

We are currently updating our key holder list. We have very few set's of St Martha church keys at present, and they are hugely costly to replace. If you are in possession of keys, and no longer require them, please return to the parish office asap.  
Thank you.

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## Confirmation Sessions 8 & 9

Please note the following changes:

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Session 8:

Will now be at **2pm** -  
Film showing of 'The Shack'  
including Pizza at the presbytery  
followed by Mass at 6pm.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Session 9:

Will now be at **4pm** -  
'Preparing for the Confirmation Mass'  
at the presbytery  
followed by Mass at 6pm.

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## A & B News

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

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## I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

## Alleluia! Christ is risen; he who created all things has granted his mercy to us. Alleluia!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sacred Triduum and Easter Celebrations in our Parish a very joyful proclamation of the Paschal Mystery, which we now continue to celebrate until Pentecost on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to Fr Desmond Baker who celebrated Masses to allow Fr Rajesh to go to the Holy Land before Easter and to both Fr Desmond and Fr Tony White who celebrate Masses last weekend which has enabled me to be away for a few days.

This weekend we welcome Fr Chris Benyon who will celebrate the 10am Mass on Saturday at St Mary Magdalene and to Rt Rev Stephen Ortiger from Worth Abbey who will celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary and the Sunday evening Mass at St Mary Magdalene, which allows me, at the Doctor's recommendation to extend my holiday by a few days.

With immense gratitude to Abbot Luke at Worth Abbey, for he has kindly allowed Fr Stephen Ortiger to give the Parish some on-going pastoral support 'for a while'. This will be greatly appreciated by me and the parish as we manage the ongoing financial projects in the parish and as we embark on the sacramental season of Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations.

And so, our thanks to Fr Stephen for his willingness to make himself pastorally available to us. From 4<sup>th</sup> May, he will be with us Saturday lunchtime to Wednesday evening. Due to some on-going health issues, my doctor has asked me to slow down a bit and reduce the number of hours that I am 'working' each week and so Fr Stephen's presence in the parish should enable me to do just that.

With my prayers and best wishes,  
Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Eileen Royston RIP, Margaret Skinner 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, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunny and Anne Wilkinson.

**Plate Collections**

19<sup>th</sup> April  
£701.78

The Holy Places

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21<sup>st</sup> April  
£2990.90

Gift Aid: £3198.20

Clergy  
Easter Offering

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28<sup>th</sup> April  
£924.21

Gift Aid: 672.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection  
£126.76

Gift aid: £163.03

Retired Priests Fund

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5<sup>th</sup> May  
Maintenance to  
include Memorial  
Garden

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12<sup>th</sup> May  
The Education of  
Future Priests

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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: St Augustine's (Robert Coates)**

**Next week: St Oswald's, Hooe (Paul Frostick)**

40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration: From **Tuesday, 21st May until Thursday, 23rd May** The Parish of the Good Shepherd will undertake 40 continuous hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will commence with Mass of Exposition at 7.30pm on Tuesday at St Thomas'. Fr Tristan Cranfield will be the Homilist and will conclude on Thursday morning followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 10am. There are sign up sheets available at the back of St Thomas'. All are welcome. Fr Míceál.

**Thank you note from Fr Rajesh**

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a unique experience. Walking in the footsteps of the Lord and hearing the Scriptures there - listening to him speak to us was an extraordinary opportunity for me. The Holy Land has so much to give. I describe it as "an act of receiving".

I had a very enjoyable time and a wonderful spiritual time there and I carried all of you with me on this holy journey - offering prayers at every place we visited. I celebrated Mass at Magdela, along the Sea of Galilee and the home town of Mary Magdalene and offered Mass for our parish community. We had the opportunity to join our Sunday Mass with the local Christian community in Taybeh and it was an amazing experience to meet the local Christian Congregation.

The Gospels came alive in a new and dynamic way on this pilgrimage of faith as we retraced the progressive stages of the life of Jesus from his Nativity in Bethlehem to his Passion on Calvary. I was deeply moved as I beheld with my eyes what my mind had for so long attempted to imagine.

Perhaps these words from St Paul to the 1<sup>st</sup> Christians in Ephesus capture something of how we (pilgrims) or rather I personally feel: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Eph3:20-21)

**Your response to the appeal for my Holy Land Pilgrimage was amazing and I am profoundly grateful to you and to Fr Simon for your generosity in making this pilgrimage possible. My sincere thanks to all of you who contributed and all those who have supported me - particularly our Parish Staff and Ron Brazier.**

God Bless, Fr Rajesh.

**We visited the sites/locations of religious and historical importance: Bethlehem, Hebron, Tomb of the Patriarchs, Mt of Olives, Dominus Flevit Chapel, Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem, City of David, Holy Sepulcher, Via Dolorosa, Pool of Bethesda, St Anne's Church, Latin Patriarchate, Masada, Dead Sea, Dead Sea Scrolls Museum, Latin Parish School in Taybeh, Jericho, Jordan Valley, River Jordan, Mt of Temptation, Sea of Galilee, Tiberias, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Kursi, Capernaum, Mensa Christi (St Peter's Primacy), Tabgha, Mt of Beatitudes, Mt Tabor, Nazareth, Mary's well, Synagogue Church, Cana, Basilica of the Annunciation, etc.**

**Parish Diary - May**

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Session (Film & meal)	2:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	RCIA Thanksgiving Mass and meal	7:00pm St MM church & presbytery
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish Pastoral Care group meeting	10:45am Presbytery
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	OLR Committee meeting - All Welcome	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers Prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	WJT Session	6:30pm Presbytery

**FHC Mass  
Rehearsal Dates**

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

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

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

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

**Encounter evening**  
**(for 16-35s) this**  
**Saturday in**  
**Eastbourne, 4<sup>th</sup> May,**  
**7.30pm at Our Lady of**  
**Ransom in**  
**Eastbourne**

It's totally free, and you don't need to book. ENCOUNTER evenings are all about making friends, singing, praying, being inspired, and eating! Lots of eating. To find out more, search for 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

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

**St Martha's  
May Procession  
takes place on:  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
before the 9am Mass**

All children are requested to bring a basket of petals for strewing before the Statue of Our Lady.

The Mass will be followed by the Sausage sizzle and tickets will be on sale after the 9am Mass price £3 each.

**Catholic Women's League**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7:30pm St Martha's Hall**  
"Justice from the Judge"  
And

**CWL have organised**  
**a Coach trip to**  
**Arundel Cathedral for Corpus**  
**Christi on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Contact Margaret von Speyr:  
margaret-vs@hotmail.co.uk or  
215787 for full details or see the  
notice at the back of Churches.  
*All are welcome on this trip!*

**Fairtrade Brown Rice**

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. Please phone Jack 214605 for more information.

**Christian Voices**

**the Musical Drama Group,**  
will be performing their play,  
"Justice from the Judge" on  
**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8 pm**  
**in St Martha's Hall.**

The play is based on the parable of the Persistent Widow seeking justice from the Unjust Judge.

Admission is free but any donations made will be given to Epilepsy Sussex, who are a group run totally by volunteers. They offer support for people suffering from Epilepsy and for their families and friends.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please come along and enjoy the evening!

**Deanery  
Confirmation Mass**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

**St Thomas of Canterbury**

Anyone who wishes to join our Deanery Music Group for this important event is invited to let us know of their interest by emailing: [ourladyimmac@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ourladyimmac@tiscali.co.uk), with details of their instrument or of their wish to sing.

Details of the liturgy and practices will be sent in due course.

Many thanks Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle.

**INSPIRE 2019: Postponed**

Jack Regan: Diocesan Youth Officer writes: 'Due to low bookings we have taken the decision to postpone the 'INSPIRE' day for youth leaders which was scheduled for Saturday May 11th. An alternative date will be advertised very soon.'

## 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**  
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### Parish Office

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### Safeguarding Rep

Sylvia Cousin

### Hospitals

#### Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

#### Bexhill - Irvine Unit

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**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
(SVP) **Mary Williams**

Care of the Parish Office  
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### Parish Schools

#### St Richard's Catholic College

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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic**  
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# Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

### The English Martyrs

Confessions

Cathleen & Pat Finn RIP

## Third Sunday of Easter Yr C

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

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

Ray Ford

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

St Martha's

9:00am

Florence Raey RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am

Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am

Maria Goretti Walsh RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

People of the Parish

### Maintenance (to include Memorial Garden)

*(blue envelopes)*

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Private Intention

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Karen Chapman GE

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Margie Scrafield RIP

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Holy Souls

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Foundation

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am -

12:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

5pm to 8pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Mick Hanson RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

12:30pm

Baptisms of "FHC" Children

## Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter Yr C

*(Apostles 13:14. 43-52, Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17, John 10:27-30)*

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

Deceased members of the Antonelli  
Family

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

St Martha's

9:00am

Rowe & Callaghan Families

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am

People of the Parish  
& FHC Mass

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am

Robert Stevens RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

Priests Intentions

### The Education of Future Priests

*(blue envelopes)*

Please note: There **will** be a Mass on:

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 10am, St Mary Magdalene's.**

(This had previously been cancelled, but has now been re-instated)