

12th May 2019

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for
Vivan Allan & Xavius Copley,
and their family and friends as they
become part of the family of the
Church through the sacrament of
Baptism this weekend.

First Holy Communion

We pray for:

**Eden Ardley
Jessica Paine
Grace Hewett
James Dyer**

Molly Leila Magnoni-Page

As they receive the Sacrament of
First Holy Communion this Sunday at
Our Lady of the Rosary

Confirmation

Sunday 19th May - Session 9:

Will now be at **4pm** -

'Preparing for the Confirmation Mass'
at the presbytery
followed by Mass at 6pm.

Also

There will be a Confirmation Mass
rehearsal on:

**Friday 31st May, 6.30pm
at St Thomas of Canterbury,
St Leonard's.**

All candidates are expected to attend
along with their sponsor's if possible.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me".**

This weekend we begin our 'season' of First Holy Communions, starting with the children from the community at Our Lady of the Rosary. The inside of the newsletter gives the dates of all the First Holy Communion Masses for each community. Numbers for the usual parish Masses have been restricted to ensure that there is minimal disruption for the worshipping communities. As I have said to the children, there are four words that they should know – that in Holy Communion Jesus gives himself to us **body, blood, soul and divinity**. In other words, He gives Himself to us totally, holding nothing back. Our response should also be complete, offering ourselves totally to the service of God, His Church and His Holy People.

It is, therefore, wonderful that this Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is also known as '**Good Shepherd**' Sunday, as Jesus is the Good Shepherd who '*leads us to eternal life*'. It is also designated as '**Vocations Sunday**' when we pray especially for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and the Religious Life. In his message for this Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis asks us '*to take a risk with him and for him*'. He continues, '*each of us tries to realise his or her deepest desire; we engage in activities that we hope will prove enriching, and we put out on a "sea" of possibilities in the hope of steering the right course, one that will satisfy our thirst for happiness. Sometimes we enjoy a good catch, while at others, we need courage to keep our boat from being tossed by the waves, or we are frustrated at seeing our nets come up empty...*'

'The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch. God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nests of an ennui [an feeling of listlessness] that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us...'

God bless, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Eileen Royston RIP, Margaret Skinner RIP, John Griffith 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

5th May
£888.88
Gift Aid: £444.70

2nd Collection
£104.42
Gift aid: £116.72

Maintenance
(to include
Memorial Garden)

12th May
The Education of
Future Priests

19th May
Maintenance
(to include
St Martha's heating)

26th May
The Missionary
Endeavour of the
Diocese

**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 Oswald's, Hooe
(Paul Frostick)

Next week: St Barnabas (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)

**Three Churches in
Little Common**

Meeting next **Wednesday 15th May at 11.30am in St Martha's Church Hall.**
All are welcome.

**Arundel Cathedral
Festival of flowers**

The Annual **Festival of Flowers** will be open to public view on:

**Wednesday 19th June,
9.30am - 8pm and on
Thursday 20th June,**

9.30am until celebration of Mass at 5.30pm and the Blessed Sacrament procession to the Castle.

Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission and refreshments are available throughout both days in the Cathedral Centre, a short distance onwards from the Mary's Gate pub.

They will also have Eucharistic Miracles exhibition at the Cathedral for Corpus Christi which was on show at Adoremus in Liverpool last year.

Celebrate Brighton

**Catholic Charismatic Family
Weekend 13th and 14th July 2019
at Cardinal Newman Catholic
Secondary School,**

The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND.
For more information and to book see their website -
www.celebrateconference.org

**40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration:
From Tuesday 21st May
until Thursday 23rd May
at The Parish of the Good
Shepherd, St Leonard's**

We 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'.

I am sure we will achieve this wonderful devotion again this year with some prayer and planning. The graces that will flow as a result for our families and parish are immeasurable.

Together we can make this happen.
All are welcome. Fr Míceál

**Deanery
Confirmation Mass
2nd 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,

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.

A & B News

This month's free copy is now available from the back of all three churches **featuring our very own parish priest Fr Simon on p9!**

Parish Diary - May

Tuesday 14 th May	OLR Committee meeting - All Welcome	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 15 th May	Mothers Prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Thursday 16 th May	WJT Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Sunday 19 th May	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Tuesday 21 st May	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 22 nd May	Baptism Preparation Session	7:00pm-9:00pm Presbytery

**FHC Mass
Rehearsal Dates**

**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)

**Fairtrade Stall
St Martha's, 12th May,
after 9am Mass.**

Inc. Malawi rice, £3 per kg bag. Remember that each 90 bags we sell will be 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.

**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.

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

**Our Lady of the Rosary
May Procession**
takes place on:
Sunday 26th May
After the 10am Mass

**Catholic Women's League
Monday 13th 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 20th 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!

**Catsfield Plant Sale and
Coffee Morning
Saturday 18th May Catsfield
Village Hall, 10am - 12noon**

**St Mary Magdalene's
Church Loop System:**



This has now been checked throughout and is fully working.

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

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.

**Hastings and District Interfaith
Forum (HDIFF)**

The next meeting is on Tuesday
**14th May at 7 pm, at the Magnet
Centre, 1 Christ Church Courtyard,
London Road, St Leonard's on Sea,
TN37 5GL.** Three speakers on the
subject of Science and Religion –
followed by open discussion. Details on
poster at back of church. HDIFF
meetings are open to all – no admission
fee.

**'Can Faith and Science
be Reconciled'?**

**St Martha's Church Hall,
on Tuesday 4th June
7.30pm until 9.00pm**

A presentation by Fr Andrew Pinsent, formerly a physicist on the DELPHI experiment at the CERN Laboratory. He is now Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford.

Q&A and refreshments to follow.
All welcome.

For further information please contact:
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Dr Edward and Barbara Echlin 01424
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 11th 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 Viva Allen and Xavius Copley

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 12th 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)

Monday 13th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mary Williams GE
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Tuesday 14th May

St Mary Magdalene's	Feast 10:00am	St Matthias Abraham Jacob (Abe) RIP
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Wednesday 15th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Ruth Hastings RIP
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Thursday 16th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Kathleen Mcgrath GE
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Friday 17th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	The Grzywacz Family
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 18th May

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	We Journey Together Children Inc. Baptisms of WJT children
St Mary Magdalene's		Baptisms of Lucas & Joshua King

St Martha's

12:30pm

Baptisms of Lucas & Joshua King

Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr C

(Apostles 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-35)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Mary O'Connor

Sunday 19th May

St Martha's	9:00am	Hester & Ellis Eyre RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intention Inc FHC Mass
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	12.30pm	Baptism of Jake Ren
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Divina Stephen GE

Maintenance (to include St Martha's heating)

(blue envelopes)