

19th May 2019

Fifth 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for
**Lucas King, Joshua King
and Jake Ren**
and their family and friends.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for:
**Amelia Alfonso, Sebastian Stewart,
Lottie Jenkins**
as they receive the Sacrament of First
Holy Communion this Sunday at
Our Lady of the Rosary.

Confirmation

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.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick, with prayers for healing 2pm Confessions & 2.30pm Mass at St Martha's Little Common: Saturday 1st June

On Saturday 1st June, the parish will
pray especially for those who are sick
and in need of healing. Those who are
in some danger of death due to old age,
or by way of significant illness, or
because of injury or in need of an
operation may receive the Sacrament
of the Sick using the oil blessed by our
bishop during the Mass of Chrism.

For those not in immediate danger, but
also in need of some form of healing
may benefit as follows:

- 1) The priests of the parish will be
available to hear Confessions from
2pm, this sacrament being one of the
ordinary sacraments of healing.
- 2) By uniting our sufferings to the
Sacrifice of Calvary in the Sacrifice of
the Mass at 2.30pm and then by
receiving, in a state of grace, the Most
Holy Eucharist in Holy Communion.
- 3) At the end of the Mass, following the
pattern established by the A&B Lourdes
Pilgrimage, the clergy will be available
to pray with and bless those struggling
with any kind of tribulation, such as
bereavement and anxiety etc.

*I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.*

"I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth" (Second Reading)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 1042-1045) says that at the end of time, the Kingdom comes in its fullness. At the Last and Universal Judgement both the just and the unjust rise from the dead, the good to a '*resurrection of life*' and the evil to '*resurrection of judgement*'. After the Universal Judgement, the righteous reign for ever with Christ, glorified in body and soul. The Universe will be renewed in what Scripture calls the '*new heaven and a new earth*', the definitive realisation of God's plan to bring under a single head, '*all things in Christ*'. God will dwell with us, wiping away the tears from our eyes and there will be no more death; the final realisation of what God willed from the beginning. This teaching follows on in the catechism from Church teaching on the '*four last things*' (paragraphs 1020 – 1041):

Death and the Particular Judgement: our earthly life as a time of acceptance (or rejection) of Christ comes to an end and we receive a personal judgement, based on faith and good works; our yes to Christ. Our soul then goes to its place:

Heaven: those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified go to heaven. They are like God and see him face to face, sharing his divine life. As saints they take their place among the communion of saints; their feast day being 1st November, the Solemnity of All Saints.

Purgatory: those who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, are assured of their salvation; but after death undergo purification, so they may achieve the holiness necessary for heaven; they are commemorated and prayed for on 2nd November (All Souls) and in Mass offerings for the Holy Souls and are family and friends who have died.

Hell: God forbid! To be united with God is a free choice to love him; one we cannot make if we sin gravely against him, our neighbour or our self. Dying in a state of mortal sin means to be separated from God for ever, for refusing to repent is, by our own free choice, '*a wilful turning away from God*'. The image of eternal fire is, perhaps, the only suitable way of expressing the intensity of feeling of not having God for eternity.

However, do not despair; Christ has given us the Easter gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and as we make our regular good confession, we positively anticipate our personal judgement. In the Church's Liturgy, we daily implore God's mercy. In Eucharistic Prayer 1, the Roman Canon, we pray: '*Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*'.

God bless, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Joseph Thomas RIP, 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, Maria Cronin, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Nichollas Hollingsworth, 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

12th May
£958.12
Gift Aid: £613.00

2nd Collection
£310.61
Gift Aid: £202.10
The Education of
Future Priests

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

26th May
The Missionary
Endeavour of the
Diocese

2nd June
The Catholic
Communications
Network

**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 Barnabas (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)

**Next week: Christchurch
Methodist:** (Tricia Williams)

Three Churches in Little Common

Our next meeting is: **Wednesday
15th May, 11.30am, St Martha's hall.**

**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

**Holy Day of Obligation:
Ascension Thursday (30th May)**

Vigil Mass: 7pm at St Mary Magdalene
Mass: 9am at St Martha's
Mass: 10am at St Mary Magdalene
Mass: 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary

**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.

**Adoration at
St Mary Magdalene's Church
Friday 10:30am-12:30pm
and on Friday evening 5pm-8pm.**

**Deanery Confirmation
Music Group**

Those wishing to join the group for the Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 2 June at 3pm are invited to St Thomas's on Wednesday 29 May at 7pm for a quick practice. Please email to ourladyimmac@tiscali.co.uk with your name and instrument/voice details so that sufficient music sheets can be prepared.

Parish Diary - May/June

Tuesday 21 st May	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 22 nd May	Baptism Preparation Session	7:00pm-8.30pm Presbytery
Thursday 23 rd May	Confirmation meeting	5:30pm Presbytery
Friday 31 st May	Deanery Confirmation Mass Rehearsal	6:30pm St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's
Sunday 2 nd June	Deanery Confirmation Mass	3:00pm St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's

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)

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 *All are welcome on this trip!*

Fr Míceál's 20th Anniversary Holy Mass on Tuesday, 4th June, 6pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's.
 There will be light refreshments afterwards in the John Fisher Room. All welcome.

Our Lady of the Rosary May Procession

takes place on:

Sunday 26th May After the 10am Mass

Worth Abbey Open Cloister Retreats

A number of retreats are available at Worth Abbey over the coming months including Reflections on the Miracles of Jesus Retreat, 18 -20 June, Mindfulness of God in the Monastic Tradition Retreat, 28-30 June, To Heaven with Dante: An illustrated journey 19-21 July and a Family Retreat, 7-11 August as well as Individual Retreats. For further information please contact the Bookings Secretary at The Open Cloister. Email: toc@worth.org.uk Or call 01342 710318.

Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders

For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the parish office.

Bexhill Street Pastors

Would like to express how grateful they are for the generosity of the parishioners of St Mary Magdalene's parish for their recent donation of £764.87.

'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: Alex 07957 622208; Dr Edward and Barbara Echlin 01424 219788; Kim 07786 926287 or Julia 01424 842314.

Earth Day: You and Climate Change (Friday 24th May)

Pope Francis presents an urgent challenge to us to protect our common home: *"We require a new and universal solidarity which involves each of us as individualsand communities"*.

Friday 24th May is "Earth Day" and 4th anniversary of the Pope's encyclical Laudato Si, on our responsibility to the environment.

Joining with other international marches, Catholics and the other ecclesial communities are standing up for our world and our future.

Meet at 3.30pm on Friday 24th May in Bexhill Town Square to protest Government and Council inaction. More information: Google "Global Catholic Climate Movement, Marissa Vertrees".

Parish Information

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Fr Rajesh Minz

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 18th May

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	We Journey Together Children Inc. Baptisms and Communion of WJT children
St Martha's	12:30pm	Baptisms of Lucas & Joshua King

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(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 Intentions 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)

Monday 20th May

St Martha's	2:00pm	No 10am Mass today Requiem Mass of Margaret Skinner RIP and after at Hastings Crematorium
St Mary Magdalene's	5:00pm	Keralan Memorial Mass for Joseph Thomas RIP (Reji's brother)

Tuesday 21st May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Fred Herring RIP
St Martha's	2:00pm	Funeral Memorial Service of John Griffith RIP

Wednesday 22nd May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Nellie Wilson RIP
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Thursday 23rd May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Noeleen O'Sullivan GE
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Friday 24th May

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	In Thanksgiving
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am - 12:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
St Mary Magdalene's	5pm to 8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 25th May

St Mary Magdalene's	Memorial	St Bede the Venerable
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Christel Gramme RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Bertie Storrs

Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr C

(Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29, Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Charles Forder RIP
Sunday 26th May		
St Martha's	9:00am	Danny McNally RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish - Inc Baptism & Communion of Peter Kelly and Marian Procession after Mass
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Mary & Laurie Boakes RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Lily Zallio
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (blue envelopes)