

2nd June 2019

Seventh 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

Our Lady of the Rosary

There will be a brief meeting after Mass on **Sunday 9th June** at Our Lady of the Rosary to discuss possible ideas for the future.

Caroline Walsh, who is the Chairperson of the Finance Committee at St Pancras church in Lewes, has been appointed by Bishop Richard to facilitate discussions about the future of Our Lady of the Rosary in Sidley.

Caroline will be present at this meeting to help the community devise and submit their proposals to Bishop Richard about the future of the site and community.

Sacrament of Confirmation Please pray for:

Joseph Baszczak
Madeleine Baszczak
Amy Campbell
James Campbell
Rocco Forte
Annabelle Goldsmith
Alex Heggie
Louise Kavanagh
Lea Lansley
Lara Lawton
Natalie Miller-Lazcano
Chloe Mitchell
Natasha Morrison
Annabel Newing-Diaz
Matthieu Roussel
Jill Sarmiento Julio
Alessandra Sarmiento-Luciano
Natalia Szelest
Millie White
Joseph Zilwood

***The Lord is king,
most high above all the earth.***

Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

This weekend we welcome Bishop Richard to the Deanery for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the sacrament that is reserved to the Apostle of the Diocese. During Holy Mass at 3pm this Sunday in the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury in St Leonard's 20 of our Young People will *'be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit'*; those of: *'the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and piety and the spirit of holy fear of the Lord'*.

The effects of Confirmation on the Baptised are:

- **For strengthening:** Christians are in a spiritual battle and this sacrament strengthens the soul to receive and co-operate with the various graces needed to overcome sin and live a devout and faithful Christian life.
- **To perfect our baptism:** Confirmation makes baptism complete. Baptism has a passive power, whereas this sacrament has an active power, allowing us to receive the other sacraments, especially marriage, in a way that will be fruitful.
- **To become a soldier of Christ:** we are to fight for the faith. As Pope Pius XII said, *'by the Chrism of Confirmation, the faithful are given the added strength to protect and defend the Church, their Mother, and the faith she has given them'*.
- **For Apostolate and Mission:** we are not just to defend the faith but must also announce the Gospel of the Lord. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, *'The laity derive the right and duty to the apostolate from their union with Christ the head; incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through Baptism and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, they are assigned the apostolate by the Lord himself'*.
- **More Closely united with the Church:** the sacrament will complete their initiation into the Holy Church of God.

Every baptised person should be confirmed so that they may, at the appropriate time, complete their Christian Initiation. It is never too late to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the autumn we will again accept applications from those in school year 10, 11 and those in year 12 who will be still be under 18 in June 2020. Those aged 18+ who would like to be confirmed are invited to join the RCIA & Adult Formation course.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

We pray for those who have died: Joseph Thomas RIP, Eileen Royston RIP, Alfred Mikurenda RIP, Rebecca Parker 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, Lawrence Hearn, Margaret Keep, Joe Kingsman, George Thomas Lowry, Roy Mitchell, 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

Plate Collections

26th May
£868.51
Gift Aid: £526.75

2nd Collection
£136.12
Gift Aid: £175.70
The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

2nd June
The Catholic Communications Network

9th June
The Parish Lourdes Fund

16th June
Day for Life

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 Martha's (Simon Dray, Rajesh Minz, Simon Kirkdale, Fr Stephen Ortiger))

Next week: Living Word church (Dale Barrett)

Corpus Christi 22/23 June

We welcome staff and pupils from St Mary Magdalene Primary School who will lead the Mass and Corpus Christi Procession at 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Before the two evening Masses (Vigil & Sunday) at St Mary Magdalene Church, there will be an extra opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15pm, with Benediction at 5.50pm.

School Chaplains

Taste and See Sessions:

The need for every Secondary School to have a full-time Chaplain and for chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School was identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen Bishop Richard and Father Stephen Ortiger will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more.

All sessions run from **7 pm to 8.30 pm** and will take place on **6th June at the Sacred Heart, Cobham, 12th June at the Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield and 13th June at St John The Evangelist, Horsham.** Please book at claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk or ring 01293 511130.

Adoration at St Mary Magdalene's Church

Friday 10:30am-12:30pm
This week only: 5pm to 6pm

Memorial Service Gladys (Connie) Taylor RIP

A short Memorial/Prayer service will be held at 11.30am on Tuesday 4th June at St Martha's for the repose of the soul of Connie Taylor who for many years lived in Little Common and was very active raising money for charities. She died in Gozo, where she spent her final few years, in February 2019 aged 99 and her funeral was held there. Members of her family, who were unable to attend her funeral in Gozo, will be attending and invite anyone who knew Connie to attend if they would like to.

Re-commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

At all Sunday Masses on Corpus Christi (22/23 June) our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned for another year of service in the Church's Liturgy and their essential ministry to the Sick & Housebound.

If any minister wishes a **re-fresher training** or needs training, there will be a session in **St Mary Magdalene Church at 10.45am on Saturday 15th June.**

Novena for Holy Spirit

The Novena began on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm and runs every evening at 7pm until Pentecost in **St Mary Magdalene's church.**

Next week on Friday it will be at 5pm due to the FHC rehearsal.

On Pentecost Sunday, there will be a Service at 7.15pm after Mass.

Parish Diary - June/July

Sunday 2 nd June	Deanery Confirmation Mass	3:00pm St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's
Tuesday 18 th June	Pastoral Care Group Meeting	11:00am Presbytery
Wednesday 19 th June	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 th June	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Saturday 22 nd June	FHC Final Session	10:00 Mass and after in the hall
Wednesday 3 rd July	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm 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)

Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders

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

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.

Free admission and refreshments available at Cathedral Centre. They will also have Eucharistic Miracles exhibition at the Cathedral for Corpus Christi which was on show at Adoremus in Liverpool last year.

'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.

Celebrate Brighton Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 13th and 14th July at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School,

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

www.celebrateconference.org

Temporary Changes to Saturday Morning Mass Times in June

Please note there will be **no** Saturday morning

Confessions & Mass on:

- 1st June (due to Mass with anointing of the sick)
- 8th June (due to First Holy Communion Mass)
- 15th June (due to First Holy Communion Mass)

The anticipated Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass) is unaffected.

Please look at the back of the newsletter for all other changes to Mass times due to special events and funerals.

St Martha's Fairtrade Stall

Including Malawi Rice **St Martha's Hall After Mass 9th June**
Many bargains!

Also

St Martha's Open Forum Monday 17th June, 7pm
St Martha's hall.
All welcome!

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Your free copy is available at the back of all three churches.

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.

Parish Information

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 1st June

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

Memorial

2:30pm

St Justin
No Confessions
No 10am Mass

Mass with the Anointing of the sick and
with prayers and blessing for healing

Seventh Sunday of Easter Yr C

(Apostles 7:55-60, Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20, John 17:20-26)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

Mary Brincat RIP

Sunday 2nd June

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

9:00am

Ken Smith RIP

10:00am

People of the Parish

11:00am

Helga Frost GE (Birthday)

6:00pm

Priests Intentions

The Catholic Communications Network
(blue envelopes)

Monday 3rd June

St Mary Magdalene's
Hastings Crematorium

Memorial

10:00am

St Charles Lwanga and Companions

Fred Herring RIP

12:30pm

Funeral Service of Rebecca Parker RIP

Tuesday 4th June

St Mary Magdalene's
St Martha's

10:00am

Maria Ermita GE

11:30am

Funeral Memorial Service of
Galdys Taylor RIP

Wednesday 5th June

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial

10:00am

The Burden Family

Thursday 6th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Mary Anne Eyre RIP

Friday 7th June

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

No Mass due to funeral

10:45am -

12:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction

St Martha's

10:30am

Requiem Mass of Alfred Mikurenda RIP
and after at Hastings Crematorium

St Mary Magdalene's

5pm - 6pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8th June

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

2:30pm

No Confessions

No 10am Mass

FHC Mass

Pentecost Yr C

(Apostles 2:1-11, Romans 8:8-17, John 14:15-16. 23-26)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

Vigil Mass of Pentecost

Lawrence & Teresa Fisher RIP

Sunday 9th June

St Martha's

9:00am

Stuart Gerard McNamara RIP
& FHC Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am

Abraham Jacob RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am

Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Parish Lourdes Fund