

9th June 2019

Pentecost Sunday 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

After the 10am Mass this Pentecost Sunday, there will be a brief meeting 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 First Holy Communion Please pray for:

- Xavius Copley
- Noah Cassidy
- Chase Dorling-Parkes
- Tilly Jones
- Kai Wordsworth
- Joseph Gomes
- Dominyka Pacynio
- Kenneth Sena
- Abinel Aju
- Ann Sajju
- Nia Maria Vinu
- Carlos Miguel Pagunsan
- Janella Mathew
- Alysher Sarmiento Luciano
- Akkish Uthayarjan
- Hareshmayaathra Uthayarjan
- Oliver Kwaterniak
- Hallie Funnell
- Henry Fermor
- Benjamin Morrison
- James Sanderson
- Cerise Cole
- Antalia Cole

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

“Veni, Sancte Spiritus!”

Pentecost is often called ‘*the birthday of the Church*’, and the preface today sings: ‘*This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith*’. Perhaps, then, we might say that today is the birthday of the Apostolic Church, as the Church found in the gathered disciples, timid and afraid, is strengthened and commissioned to gather the nations into the peace of God’s Kingdom.

Pentecost marks the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to the faithful in two ways; at Holy Baptism for our sanctification and at Confirmation for our vocation. In the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Bishop Richard speaks of ‘*Mission*’. This is very poignant as parishes and deaneries wrestle with questions regarding resourcing Mass times and maintaining expensive buildings necessary for our Sacred Worship. Occasionally, we may forget about the need to look outward and our duty to spread the good news of salvation to the wider community. At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon, says, ‘*go and announce the gospel of the Lord*’. This isn’t simply fancy liturgical theatre, but a command and a statement of respect for the baptismal dignity that the laity have to their apostolate.

‘*Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love*’. The Holy Spirit, as a wind, blows us where we are most needed and so our Christian duty is not fulfilled at the dismissal from Mass. In fact, it is the beginning our apostolate, to go from here, to family and friends, who have not gathered here and tell them of our joy in encountering Christ Jesus, found at the heart of this community and especially in Word and Sacrament. In announcing the Good News, people experience the Holy Spirit as ‘*fire*’, in hearts ablaze with the love of God, His Church and Holy People. As, we ‘*Go, in peace, alleluia, alleluia*’, people experience the joy of redemption, experiencing the Holy Spirit as the means of our reconciliation with God and neighbour, giving us our hope in salvation. The Church, gathered with Our Lady, implores once again:

“Veni, Sancte Spiritus!” (“Come, Holy Spirit!”)

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

***The parish office will be closed on the following dates
due to staff holiday: Wed 12th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th,
Wed 19th, Thurs 20th, Fri 21st June.***

We pray for those who have died: Joseph Thomas RIP, Alfred Mikurenda RIP, Rebecca Parker RIP, Fr Gary Gill 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 Wilkinson.

Plate Collections

2nd June
£801.93
Gift Aid: £585.50

2nd Collection
£260.44
Gift Aid: n/a
The Catholic Communications Network

9th June
The Parish Lourdes Fund

16th June
Day for Life

23rd June
Parish Poor Fund

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: Living Word church
(Dale Barrett)

Next week: St Mark's (Jonathan Frais)

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. Next sessions:

7 pm to 8.30 pm,
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 call 01293 511130.

Adoration at
St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

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 which began on 31st May continues until Pentecost in

St Mary Magdalene:

Friday 7th June at 5pm

Saturday 8th June at 7pm

Culminating with the

Pentecost Service at 7.15pm after Sunday evening Mass on 9th June.

Homelessness in Bexhill

At the next Parish Pastoral Care Group meeting we have invited the manager of The Pelham and the chairperson of HUG (Homeless Unity Group) to address us on the issue of supporting homeless people in Bexhill.

We would like to give all parishioners the opportunity to hear what they have to say and you are most warmly invited to come along on Tuesday 18th June at 10.45am in the presbytery.

For more information: Ron 844177.

Parish Diary - June/July

Tuesday 18 th June	Pastoral Care Group Meeting	11:00am Presbytery
Tuesday 18 th June	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 th June	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery
Saturday 22 nd June	FHC Final Session	10:00 Mass St MM and after in the hall
Thursday 27 th June	Confirmanti Celebration BBQ	6:30pm Presbytery Garden
Wednesday 3 rd July	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery

FHC Mass Rehearsal Date

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.

Temporary Changes to Saturday Morning Mass Times in June

Please note there will be *no* Saturday morning

- 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.

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

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.

Were you a First Communion Parent in the last year or so? Or are you someone who enjoys working with primary aged children?

The Parish is looking to expand the Parish First Holy Communion team. We were blessed to have 70 children making and receiving their First Holy Communion and if this is true for 2019/20 we feel an extra session (on a Tuesday evening) would be beneficial so as to keep the groups manageable. Therefore, we are looking for additional facilitators to accompany the group and help parents fulfil their role as primary catechists of their children in the ways of faith. You don't need to be an expert theologian, just a regular committed Mass goer who has the ability to guide the group through the resource book; the parents do the bulk of the teaching as they work with their child covering all the material found in the course-book.

For more information please speak with Julia Dance, Sarah Surman, the Parish Office or Fr Simon.

Faiths and the Global Environment

Speaker - Terry Fuller
 (Chief Executive of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management)

Tuesday 11th June 7 to 9pm at The Unitarian Church, South Terrace, Hastings TN34 1SA

The impacts of our changing climate and the pressure of global development, such as population growth, lead to a worrying prognosis for human and natural life on our planet.

This presentation will describe some of the risks that we face and the crucial and powerful role that leaders and people of faith have in helping to resolve the challenges that we face.

St Martha's Open Forum Monday 17th June, 7pm

St Martha's hall. All welcome!

Open Gardens in Bexhill

On **Sunday 23rd June** the NGS have organised for four gardens in Bexhill to open and these include two owned by parishioners. This is from 11.00am to 5.00pm and costs £5 and tea will be available in the BLODS hall at Manor Barn. All profits go to national charities such as Marie Curie. Start the trail at 24 or 26 Winston Drive.

A & B News

Your free copy is available from the back of all churches.

Parish Information

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Fr Rajesh Minz
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Independent Nursery

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 8th June

St Mary Magdalene's
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No Confessions

No 10am Mass

2:30pm FHC Mass

Pentecost Sunday Yr C

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

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm
6:00pm

Confessions

Vigil Mass of Pentecost

Lawrence & Teresa Fisher RIP

Sunday 9th June

St Martha's

9:00am

Stuart Gerard McNamara RIP &

Susan McNamara RIP

& First Holy Communion 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

(blue envelopes)

Monday 10th June

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial

Mary, Mother of the Church

10:00am

Pat Billingham RIP

Tuesday 11th June

St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial

St Barnabus

10:00am

Kevin Parker RIP

Wednesday 12th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Robin Burden RIP

Thursday 13th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Freda Joyce Baker RIP

Friday 14th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am

Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am -

12:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction

5pm - 6pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 15th June

St Mary Magdalene's

No Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

No 10am Mass

St Mary Magdalene's

2:30pm

Yvonne Barry RIP

FHC Mass

The Most Holy Trinity Yr C

(Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm

No Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

Hazel Whitehead RIP

Sunday 16th June

St Martha's

9:00am

Joseph Bates RIP

& First Holy Communion Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am

Mr & Mrs Louis Gramme RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am

Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Day for Life

(not in our scheme)

East Sussex Joint Community Rehabilitation

Aftercare from a stay in hospital is available; for anyone in need please call the Bexhill Hospital branch contact: Joanna Hart - 01424 726750 for further details.