

30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

# PARISH NEWS

**Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles - Year 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*



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## The Bethlehem Nativity Group

A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will visit us (all Masses) on weekend 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated *"when you help the poor you help our Lord"*

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## Patronal Feast Days

### St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at the  
St Mary Magdalene Masses:  
6pm (Vigil), 11am and 6pm Mass  
& again 10am Mass on Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> with Year 6 Leavers  
(other Sunday Masses of  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### St Martha

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at  
9am at St Martha's  
(other Sunday Masses of  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### Our Lady of the Rosary

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
(other Sunday Masses of  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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***From all my terrors the Lord set me free.***

## St Peter

Originally named Simon, son of John, has his name changed to Cephas (Peter), or perhaps, more accurately it is a change to a new status. It is a name meaning 'Rock', and upon this rock Christ Jesus founds the Church of God. Coming from Bethsaida in Galilee he was originally a fisherman, now he is to be a *'fisher of men'*. Often, he is depicted as rash and hasty and is, perhaps, most famous for his three-fold denial and later his three-fold affirmation of love. Even more so, however, is his recognition of Jesus as the Messiah: *'you are the Christ the Son of the living God'* and *'to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life'*. Restored to friendship after the Resurrection he is charged with feeding the sheep, becoming a vicar of Christ, who indicates that he will give his life for the sake of the Gospel. Indeed, the gospels agree that Peter was the leader of the apostles and in any list, he is invariably named first. On Pentecost his preaching is so effective, both because he is a witness to the Resurrection and because of the descent of the Holy Spirit; and following his address three thousand new converts are baptised for Christ. Initially, Bishop of Antioch, the place where followers of Jesus were first called Christian, Peter comes to Rome, to the centre of the [Roman] world, the place where he would give glory to God; the Vatican built over his burial place. He was martyred by Crucifixion, in 64 AD under the persecutions of Emperor Nero following the Great Fire in the city, which Nero himself probably started.

## St Paul

Originally named Saul of Tarsus, a Jew who was completely opposed to Christianity, and yet through the grace of God, becomes, perhaps, the most influential person after Jesus himself for the spread of Christianity, his missionary journeys and letters still informing our liturgical celebrations today. We first encounter Saul at the martyrdom of St Stephen. He is a Pharisee and an avid persecutor of the Christians who claimed that Jesus was the Messiah and had been raised from the dead. He was converted to Christianity through a personal encounter with Jesus on the Road to Damascus. Paul attests that he saw the Lord, and this revelation convinced him that Jesus was the Messiah. His skills as a tent maker, no doubt, aided his missionary journeys, meaning he could travel light and set up shop anywhere. His missions established several Churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe, including the Church in Corinth, his letter to the Corinthians we still read today. Arrested for taking a Gentile too far into the Temple precincts in Jerusalem, he was sent to Rome and tradition favours that he died there. He too was martyred in 64 AD under the persecutions of Emperor Nero, but as a Roman Citizen he was spared crucifixion, and was beheaded, the Church of St Pauls outside the Walls built at the place of his martyrdom.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

**We pray for those who have died:** Antoney Colley 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**

23rd June  
 £911.02  
 Gift Aid: £556.61

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:  
 £232.71  
 Gift Aid: £196.10

**Parish Poor Fund**

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 30<sup>th</sup> June  
 Peters Pence  
 (Not in our scheme)

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 7<sup>th</sup> July  
 Holy Souls  
 (Parish Blue Gift Aid Envelopes)

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 14<sup>th</sup> July  
 Apostleship of the Sea  
 (Not in Diocesan Scheme)

**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



**Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB) Prayer Cycle:**

This week: **St Michael's**: (vacancy)  
 Next week: **Sidley Baptist** (Guy Partridge)

**Anniversaries Mass 2019:  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October,  
 Arundel Cathedral,  
 with Bishop Richard**

For couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary.  
 Booking essential -  
 For an invitation please contact Rosie Read at [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01293 651161.

**Young Catholic Adult Weekend at Douai Abbey  
 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire). You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun.

Book soon as places are limited!  
 To book go to:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2019>.

For updates go to:-  
<http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>. For more details go to:-  
<http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Prices start from £25.

**Adoration**

**St Mary Magdalene's Church  
 Friday 10:30am-12:30pm  
 And 5:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Chaplaincy Team - Conquest Hospital**

We are looking for commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are able to spare a couple of hours a week - either mornings or afternoons to give bedside Communion, prayer or just have a chat with patients. We also have vacancies on Sunday mornings for commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you think you may like to join our team, please phone Cecilia Weathers or my colleague Graham a call on 01424 757088 for an informal chat to see if this is for you.

**Celebrate Brighton**

**Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend  
 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, Hove.**

There is a minibus organised, with possible pick-ups at OLR and St MM. The cost for each day is £10. Limited spaces are available. Please phone or text Ghislaine on 07491 477773. Please organise to pay in advance.

**Sea Sunday**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July and a wonderful opportunity to pray for and support the work of Stella Maris, The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). On this Sunday the Church asks us to support the vital work done by AoS port chaplains, cruise ship chaplains, and ship visitors. For more information go to [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Please see a member of the clergy if you are planning to get married in 2020.**

**Parish Diary - June/July**

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Keralan - Feast of the Sacred Heart & St. Thomas More	2:00pm - St. Martha's Church & Hall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Kerala Community Mass	2:00pm - St Mary Magdalene's Church
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Kerala Community Night Vigil - 9:00pm to 11:00pm	St Mary Magdalene's Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)	6:00pm - Presbytery
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery

**REFUGEE TALES**

- a walk from Brighton to Hastings in solidarity with refugees and detainees.

The walkers arrive in Bexhill on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. We are invited to join them for a short stretch of the walk - [www.refugeetales.org](http://www.refugeetales.org) to sign up for available day walking tickets - £10. 7pm De La Warr Pavillion - an evening of stories and music - entry free although we are advised to arrive early to be sure of a seat!

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Last weekend, we re-commissioned our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you were away and still need to be re-commissioned please ask one of the clergy to re-commission you as soon as possible so we can include you in the list of commissioned ministers.

**CHURCH OPENING:**

After the morning Masses on Saturday & Sunday the Church will remain open for private prayer until the evening Mass. Like the railways there may always need to be some short notice cancellation!

**St Richard's Catholic College PTFA Summer Fayre Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 11am- 3pm**

50p entry or £1 for a family - including free entry into the lucky programme competition to win a cash prize  
PTFA@strichardscc.com

**The Church and Criminal Justice: Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 11 am to 3 pm, at The Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham :**

How do we, as a diocese, as parishes and as individuals, serve people who are directly affected by imprisonment. As Catholic Christians, we are called to solidarity with the marginalised ones and to believe in the innate dignity of every human being. Bishop Richard invites you to find out what is already going on, and explore what you (and your parish) can do. Lunch provided – please book : [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk) or on 01293 651161

**Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**You are invited to a Wine and Cheese Social from 6.30pm.**

Christ the King Parish Room, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne. BN23 6HT. **At 7.30pm Deacon Paul Scholey**, a deacon for over 22 years, with a background in housing and homelessness, will talk and ask the question 'What is the purpose, goal and essential mission of the Church?' Contact : Alex 07957632208 or Edward 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334. All welcome.

**Fairtrade Stall**

Including Malawi Rice, **St Martha's Hall, After Mass, 30th June.**

**The Catholic Women's League**

are holding a "Come and See" Evening with cheese and wine welcome **for all ladies of the parish.** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7:30pm St Martha's Hall. Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

**Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders**

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

**The 2018/19 End of Year Statements.**

If you would like a Statement please contact Lisa Young at the Parish Office on Monday or Tuesday

**The CTiB Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 2nd July at St Marks' Church Hall.**

Refreshments will be served from 7pm. Please be there to sign in by 7.15pm. The Annual Report will be sent out beforehand. Current CTiB executive committee members from our parish are: Bridget Kitts and Béla Ogonovsky. Our CTiB Church Representatives are: St Mary Magdalene's: Bridget and Michael Kitts; Our Lady of the Rosary: Gill & Dave Meyer; St Martha's: Denis & Sylvia Cronin & Béla Ogonovsky. Nomination forms for Trustees and members of the Executive Committee are available from the Parish Office. Please return the forms as indicated before the day if nominations are for Trustees. Nominations for the Executive Committee can be accepted on the evening.

## 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**

**Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB**

(Priest in Residence)

**Sisters of Providence**

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**Parish Office**

**Administrators:**

Bonita Osmond-Maher

Lisa Young

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**Office Hours:**

**Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm**

**Finance:** Charles Durrant

**Email:**

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### Safeguarding Rep

Sylvia Cousins

### Hospitals

**Conquest Hastings**

01424 757088

**Bexhill - Irvine Unit**

Contact: Mary Williams

via Parish Office - 01424 210263

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

(SVP) Mary Williams

Care of the Parish Office

01424 210263

### Parish Schools

**St Richard's**

**Catholic College**

**Principal:** Miss Doreen Cronin

01424 731070

[admin@strichardscc.com](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)

[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**Primary School**

**Interim Head:**

Mrs Siobhan Andrews

01424 735810

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[www.stmarymags.co.uk](http://www.stmarymags.co.uk)

**St Mary Magdalene Catholic  
Independent Nursery**

**Supervisor:** Gemma Oliver-Taylor

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memoria</b>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>
St Mary Magdalene's	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Frank Keoghan RIP
St Martha's	2:00pm	Kerala Feast Day Mass

### Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

(Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16: 13-19)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Molly Craig RIP
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
St Martha's	9:00am	Mick Hanson RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Abraham Jacob RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priest's Intentions

#### Peter's Pence

(Not in the Diocesan Gift Aid Scheme)

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>Consecration of Arundel Cathedral</b>
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Edna Coward RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	11:00am	Antoney Colley RIP (Funeral Service)

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Benedict Varghese GE (5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>St Thomas, Apostle</b>
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Lissy Matthew GE

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Sue McLeod Smith RIP

<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Christopher Dray GE
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am - 12:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
St Mary Magdalene's	5pm - 8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	June & Patrick Callaghan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	Following 10:00am Mass	Burial of Ashes - Alfred Reginald Davis RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Matthew James Clark
St Mary Magdalene's	2:00pm	Keralan Community Mass

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14, St Paul's letter to the Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Anthony Daly RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	9:00pm - 11:00pm	Keralan Night Vigil

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
St Martha's	9:00am	Margaret McNamara GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priest's Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	12.30pm	Baptism of Gracie Rose Lowers
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Chris Varghese GE (17 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

Holy Souls

(Parish Gift Aid Scheme - Blue Envelopes)