

14th July 2019

Fifteenth Sunday 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

PARISH NEWS



Adoration

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

Happy Holidays



Happy holidays to all who break up from school this week. Good wishes and prayers to those who move on to new schools, colleges, universities or the world of work.

Patronal Feast Days

St Mary Magdalene

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

St Martha

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

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

***Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.***

Ordination Anniversaries

July is often a month for ordinations. A few days ago, I celebrated my sixth anniversary of ordination and praise God for the gift of Christ's priesthood he has shared with me. A few weeks ago, the diocese gathered to celebrate the Jubilee's of several of our brother priests, including Fr Desmond Baker who is a great help to the Deanery, often supplying Masses for us. This December he will celebrate his 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Ad Multos Annos! As December is often very busy, we will celebrate with him on 17th January 2020 at 7pm, so please take this as your 'save the date' card.

Next weekend, I will be going to the Southwark Ordinations to con-celebrate Holy Mass for the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Deacon Peter Littleton, who is the last of the men who shared some time in the seminary with me at Wonerish. Please pray for him and for many more vocations to the priesthood, especially in our own diocese of Arundel & Brighton. As the Vocations Card has my photograph on it, I feel slightly responsible for its effect!

*Lord, grant to our Diocese the gifts of priests filled with zeal for your Word, and with dedication in the service of your people, that your Church may be nourished through the Sacraments and strengthened for the Mission to which you have called us.
For you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.*

In last week's gospel we were reminded that *'the harvest is rich, but the labourers are few'*. We often here it said that there is a shortage of priests, but as always, we must be careful of our language. While it is certainly true that priestly numbers are reducing, we have roughly a ratio of priests to people of about 1:500, which compared to other countries is very good. Perhaps our struggle is the number of relatively small Churches in close proximity; for instance, in our parish we have three Churches each only about 2 miles apart.

In my own ordination year, there was a spike in ordinations, which was spoken of as the *'Benedict Bounce'*, many young men having been inspired by Pope Benedict's gentle encouragement to return to the documents of the Second Vatican Council to see what the Fathers actually said so that the Church's liturgy and mission always has a continuity with what has come before. Many of us still recall his wonderful apostolic mission to the UK in 2010 and his visit to the seminary at Oscott in Birmingham; for us it was like a wise grandfather visiting to see what we were getting up to and for him to share his encouragement with us. It seems a constant truth that where parishes celebrate the liturgy with the mind of the Church, with dignity and reverence, then vocations to the priesthood are not far behind.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

We pray for those who have died: Adela Matthews RIP, Roland Girling RIP, 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, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections
7th July
£888.14
Gift Aid: £696.20

2nd Collection:
£215.77
Gift Aid: £n/a

Holy Souls
(Not in Diocesan Scheme)

14th July
Apostleship of the Sea
(Not in Diocesan Scheme)

21st July
Maintenance (Presbytery)
(Parish scheme blue envelopes)

28th July
Parish Charity Fund
(Parish scheme blue envelopes)

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 List
This week: Kings Church Bexhill
(Steve Young)

Next week: God's Green House (Broadoak Chapel)
(Paul & Talitha Ishi-Smith)

Anniversaries Mass 2019:
Saturday 12th 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 or 01293 651161.

Young Catholic Adult Weekend at Douai Abbey
25th - 27th 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.
Prices start from £25.
To book go to:-
<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2019>.

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!

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

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.

OLR Feedback

A reminder that this Sunday is the last opportunity to complete the feedback forms for Bishop Richard regarding the last Mass at OLR on **Sunday 6th October**. Forms will be available at the back of the church on Sunday July 14th

We have been asked to provide the following wording regarding donations:

Bequest for a parish/special purpose

I give to the Trustees of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust of Bishop's House The Upper Drive Hove East Sussex BN3 6NB being registered charity Number 252878 [the sum of £..... free of tax] [..... of my residuary estate] on trust for such charitable purposes in connection with St Mary Magdalene's Parish, Bexhill on Sea in the said Diocese as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit and the receipt of the Financial Secretary or other officer of the Trust shall be a full discharge to my executors in respect of the same.

Parish Diary - July

Tuesday 16 th July	SVP Meeting	6:00pm - Presbytery

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

**Wednesday 24th July,
6pm
St Mary Magdalene's church
All welcome.**

Summer Open Air Hymn Singing

Sunday 21st July, 8pm

at the colonnade on the seafront.

(Please bring a chair if you are able) the carnival court will attend to mark the start of carnival week.

**St Martha's Feast Day
Sunday July 28th**

There will be celebratory refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass

Please come along and if you are happy to make a cake or savoury please sign up at the back of the Church.

St Martha's Hall Store Room Clean

**Monday July 22nd
From 9 am**

If you have an interest in the contents or wish to assist in any way please contact: Bridget Grant 01424 845015 or email : bridget.grant@talk21.com

WARNING - PLEASE BE VIGILANT

Unfortunately we have found drug misuse debris (needles, etc) in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene's Church. Please take care when walking in the premises of **any** of the three churches.

Children should be supervised at all times.

Our contractors are aware but we would ask that you please take extra care and report anything suspicious to the parish office. Thank you.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration

Saturday 20th July 2019

Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT

12 Noon: **Holy Mass**
Celebrant Fr Terry Martin
Followed by personal consecration to Our Lady

1 pm: Lunch break (please bring packed lunch)

2 pm: The Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

2.30 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Adoration and Silent Prayer

3.30pm: Benediction

4.15 pm: Departure

There will be opportunities for Confession in the afternoon

+ Right Reverend Richard Moth + Bishop of Arundel & Brighton will be joining us in the afternoon. For further information contact: Jozef Bubez: 01444 232974

Jayne Lock: 07816 422852 or jaynelock1@gmail.com

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

Three Churches in Little Common

Our next meeting is on:

11am Wednesday 17th July

at Little Common Methodist Church
As usual the meeting will be followed by refreshments at 11.30am and a chance for a chat.

All are welcome – not just the Little Common Churches.

We would especially welcome anyone from St Mary Magdalene's and Our Lady of the Rosary Churches

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

All Are Invited to the Catholic Women's League Strawberry Fair

**Sunday 11th August 2:30pm
St Martha's Hall**

Entrance: £3 includes tea/coffee/juice, scone and strawberry cake

All proceeds to our Bexhill SVP Society

Boxes will be in the back of St Martha's and Our Lady of the Rosary Churches for any kind donations of bottles, home produce and raffle prizes.

Donations for St Mary Magdalene's; please deliver to the Parish Office (Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm).

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
(Rosminian) 01424 214818

Parish Office

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Sylvia Cousins

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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

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St Mary Magdalene's

Primary School

Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews
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St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery

Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 13th July

St Mary Magdalene's	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mary McCormack RIP

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Maurita Green RIP
Sunday 14th July		
St Martha's	9:00am	Florence Raey RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Frank Ratcliffe RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Apostleship of the Sea

(Not in our scheme / special envelopes)

Monday 15th July

St Mary Magdalene's

Memoria St Bonaventure

10:00am Teresa Agnes Dufton RIP

Tuesday 16th July

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Jim Green RIP

Wednesday 17th July

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Anne Ford RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11.30am Mass: Extraordinary Form

Thursday 18th July

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Lucio de Vergori RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11.30am Mass: Extraordinary Form

Friday 19th July

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

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

Saturday 20th July

St Mary Magdalene's

9.30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Frank Ratcliffe RIP

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Ghislaine Cornfield GE
Sunday 21st July		
St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Baby Angelo Di Mascio RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Fr David Parmiter GE (Anniversary of Ordination)
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Maintenance (Presbytery)

(Parish scheme - blue envelopes)

Bequest for a foundation mass (*minimum sum is £300*)

I give to the Trustees of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust of Bishop's House The Upper Drive Hove East Sussex BN3 6NE being registered charity Number 252878 the sum of £ free of tax for the foundation of a mass to be offered at the Roman Catholic Church at St Mary Magdalene/St Martha's, Bexhill on Sea annually for 25 years for the intention of and the receipt of the Financial Secretary or other officer of the Trust shall be a full discharge to my executors in respect of the same.