

21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**St Mary Magdalene & Sixteenth 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



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**A very happy feast day  
to all parishioners.**

## 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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### Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to  
**Jenson-James Broom**  
who was baptised at St Mary  
Magdalene church this weekend.

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## 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.

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***The just will live in the presence  
of the Lord.***

## St Mary Magdalene & 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT

Monday is the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, the *'apostle to the Apostles'*. At 10am on Monday it is fitting that we welcome Year 6 from St Mary Magdalene Primary School for their *'Leavers Mass'* to give thanks for their time at primary school and to pray for them as they move onto Secondary School, to St Richard's and elsewhere. Here in the Parish this Sunday we will also, in part, celebrate St Mary Magdalene, as our Parish Patron. It is rightly a celebration of the whole parish, but the focus will be at St Mary Magdalene so that St Martha can be given all due prominence next week in Little Common. This Sunday, at all Masses, in order to aid the preacher, we will keep the readings of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT.

Mary Magdalene is often misrepresented as a woman of ill-repute and this is a position that is untenable. That does not mean she doesn't have a past for *'every saint has a past and every sinner has a future'*. Mary from Magdala, a village on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, is spoken of in Luke 8:2 as a woman from whom Jesus exorcised seven evil spirits, but she is most likely not the same sinful woman spoken of a few verses earlier in 7:36-50. Over the years she has, ever since a homily of Pope Gregory the Great, often been conflated with Mary of Bethany and the unnamed sinful woman who anoints Jesus's feet in Luke 7:36-50. Perhaps this was still the thinking at the time the Rosminians built our Churches, meaning we have both Martha and Mary as our parish patrons. Indeed, this persisted until about 1969 and the reforms of the Roman Calendar.

Any modernist speculation that Mary was the wife of Jesus has no foundation. She was, however, a faithful follower and supporter of Christ throughout his public ministry and a witness to his crucifixion, burial and resurrection. All four gospels testify that she was, either alone or within a group, the first witness to the Resurrection. This time she did bring spices to anoint the dead body of Jesus. John's Gospel, the Gospel for Easter Sunday, speaks of her being sent to tell the other disciples to say that she had seen the Lord, meaning she is often referred to as the *'apostle to the Apostles'*.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

**We pray for those who have died:** Adela Matthews RIP, Roland Girling RIP, Antoney Colley RIP, Mary Lee 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**  
14<sup>th</sup> July  
£802.63  
Gift Aid: £547.05

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:  
£544.14  
Gift Aid: £n/a

**Apostleship of the Sea**

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21<sup>st</sup> July  
**Maintenance (Presbytery)**  
(Parish scheme blue envelopes)

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28<sup>th</sup> July  
**Parish Charity Fund**  
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4<sup>th</sup> August  
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**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

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**Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners**  
**Ron Brazier:**  
844177



**CTiB Prayer List**

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

**Next week: Bexhill United Reformed church** (vacancy)

**LOURDES**

If you have any Lourdes Petitions, Fr Simon & Fr Stephen will take them with them to place at the Grotto.

Please post them through the Parish Office door by 1pm on Tuesday.

Fr Simon will celebrate Mass for all People of the Parish while in Lourdes.

**Adoration**

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

**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. Prices start from £25. To book go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2019>.

**Individual self-led retreat: 30<sup>th</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Individuals are invited to book a stay for self-led retreats. Minimum 2 night stay, arriving from 4pm on the first day until after lunch on the final day. We are not able to offer spiritual direction but you are welcome to enjoy the extensive grounds for walking, a visit the Quiet Garden and participate in the daily rhythm of prayer and liturgy as a framework for your retreat; the cost is £126 and your stay is fully inclusive.

You will stay in St Bruno's where we offer a warm welcome, good food and comfortable accommodation. For further information or to book your place, contact the Bookings Secretary on 01342 710318 or email: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

**Our Lady Of The Rosary Family Mass Music Practice**

There will be a music/singing practice at **OLR church on Saturday 27th July**  
From 4.30 pm to 5.15 pm

The practice is for all the children who would like to come and help lead the singing at the Family Mass on the following day (28th July).

Please come and join us.

Thank you to the children who come to sing and to their parents who continue to support this mass.

Fr Boniface wishes to greet all parishioners and at St Mary Magdalene's for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene's parish on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and hopes to see many of you when being shortly on holiday in Bexhill.

**A Garden full of cultural Delights Hastings & District Interfaith Forum**

St Leonard's Gardens  
(behind the Royal Victoria Hotel)  
on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1 – 5 pm**  
Performances; Variety of food; Family activities; Stalls and Raffle

**Parish Diary - July**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	SVP Meeting	6:00pm - Presbytery

**Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group**

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

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

**Ashburnham Chapel Healing Service**

**28th July at 6.30pm**  
led by Pastor Terry Watson.

The postcode of the Chapel is TN33 9PD. There will be ample time for those wishing to receive Prayer Ministry after the service.

**St Martha's Feast Day  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
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](mailto: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.

**Parish Pilgrimage 2020**

We have organised two parish pilgrimages in recent times – to the Holy Land and Italy - and the Pastoral Care group are now considering one for 2020.

The proposal is to fly to Lourdes and stay for two nights followed by a night in Burgos on the north Spanish coast, three nights in Santiago de Compostela and three nights in Fatima. We would then fly back from Lisbon airport.

I am just gauging the interest there might be for this – we can organise our own pilgrimage if there are enough parishioners otherwise, we can join the Tangney Tours one which will probably be in early September 2020. The cost will be around £900 including transport to and from the airport (+ single room supplement).

At the moment I am asking parishioners to register an interest with the Parish office so that we can decide which option is best.

If we decide to go for the Tangney's one, then we need to spring into action and book places as soon as it is advertised.

If you would like more details, I can let you have a copy of the 2019 pilgrimage, or you can contact me on 844177 or [ronbrazier26@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrazier26@gmail.com)

**Homeless People in Bexhill**

Following Fr Simon's article on the front page of the Parish Newsletter recently about homeless people in Bexhill I am pleased to say we have had an encouraging response. I have delivered quite a lot of clothing and some sleeping bags to St Barnabas 's Church and two parishioners have already become involved with helping both at St Barnabas's and The Pelham. Also, other people have shown an interest in helping at St Barnabas's and I will organise a meeting in a few weeks when I know more clearly what is needed. In the meantime, let me know if you want any more information. Ron Brazier - 844177

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

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### Parish Office

#### Administrators:

Bonita Osmond-Maher

Lisa Young

**Telephone: 01424 210263**

#### Email:

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

#### Website:

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

#### Office Hours:

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

**Finance:** Charles Durrant

#### Email:

[stmm.finance@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm.finance@btconnect.com)

### 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

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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 20<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

9.30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Frank Ratcliffe RIP

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time & St Mary Magdalene

*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> July)

St Mary Magdalene's

12:30pm Baptism of Jenson-James Nazerano

Broom

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Priests Intentions

#### Maintenance (Presbytery)

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### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

**Feast St Mary Magdalene**

10:00am Holy Souls

& St Mary Magdalene's Leaver's Mass

### July 23<sup>rd</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

**Feast St Bridget of Sweden**

10:00am Robert Stevens RIP

### July 24<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Ann and Charles Wright RIP

### July 25<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

**Feast St James 'the Great'**

10:00am William Davies GE

### July 26<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

**Memoria Saints Joachim and Anne**

10:00am Requiem Mass of Adela Matthews RIP

and after at Bexhill Cemetery

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am -

12:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
but No Benediction

St Mary Magdalene's

5pm - 8pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's

9.30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Dorothy McNulty RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11:30am Baptism of Jack & Isobel

Smith-Harrington

St Martha's

12:30pm

Baptism of Jack Morris

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time & St Martha

*Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13*

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Ita Murphy GE

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

St Martha's

9:00am Gerard Noel McNamara GE

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Sr Imelda GE (for services to the parish)

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Priests Intentions

#### Parish Charity Fund

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