

28th July 2019

PARISH NEWS

St Martha & Seventeenth 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



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

Patronal Feast Days

St Martha

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

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

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)

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to
**Jack & Isobel
Smith-Harrington
Jack Morris
Theodore & Oliver Over**
who were baptised at St Mary
Magdalene parish this weekend.

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.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

St Martha & 17th Sunday in OT

Monday is the Feast Day of St Martha's, and here in the parish we will, in part, celebrate St Martha this Sunday. It makes sense to transfer the celebration to the nearest Sunday so it may truly be a celebration of the whole community. I am sorry that I cannot be with the community in Little Common to celebrate this Sunday. This is because Fr Stephen and I are in Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. I will, however, offer Holy Mass for the community this Sunday as we gather for the International Mass in the Underground Basilica of Pius XII and then remember all your intentions as we process to the grotto for the Midday Angelus. At the 9am Mass in Little Common, Fr Desmond Baker, who is very much part of our parish family, will celebrate a votive Mass of St Martha, but at all parish Masses, in order to aid the preacher, we will keep the Sunday readings of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Martha of Bethany, together with her sister Mary (not Mary of Magdala) and her brother Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead, were good friends of Jesus and the bible infers that he would often stay with them when he was visiting Jerusalem, as Bethany was not far from the city. In the gospel of Luke, Martha and Mary are contrasted. Martha is overly concerned about preparing many things, while her sister Mary, chooses the better part, by sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to him. In the account of the raising of Lazarus, Martha is called to hope and faith in him as *'the Resurrection and the Life'*.

While in Lourdes, the Diocese is reflecting on the Pastoral Theme *'Happy are the Poor'*. As the outline of this year's theme says, *'Personal poverty is humiliating and dehumanising, yet wealth, which refuses to share, degrades and corrupts us. The Gospel does not promise social revolution, but it is revolutionising hearts. The master is enslaved and washes the feet of the poorest. This is not a simple reversal of situation for the two discover that they are brothers, loved by the same Father, and like-minded.'* From the beginning Lourdes pilgrims have come to understand this, as the 'rich' are willing to strain to carry the stretchers of the infirm, and the sick become the VIPs.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

We pray for those who have died: Roland Girling 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
21st July
 £909.28
 Gift Aid: £709.10

2nd Collection:
 £177.79
 Gift Aid: £284.38

Maintenance (Presbytery)

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

4th August
Retired Priests Fund
 (Parish scheme blue envelopes)

11th August
Church Flowers
 (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: Bexhill United Reformed church (vacancy)

Next week: St Peter's (David Reynish, Olivia Werrett)

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2019/20

Applications are now invited from **Baptised Catholic Children in School Years 3 or 4** who have now discerned that they are ready to encounter the Lord in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Applications for the sacraments of older children (school years 5-9) will open later in the year.

Application forms are available in each of our churches or from the Parish Office or online.

Applications should be returned no later than 31st August.

If your child has not been baptised or was baptised in another Christian denomination please make an appointment to see Fr Simon before submitting an application to discuss your child's individual needs.

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>.

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

Friday 16th August, Adoration will need to finish at 7pm due to holiday absence. It will commence at 5pm as normal.

Individual self-led retreat:
30th July– 1st 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

"Lourdes Deanery Reunion

For those who have been or are considering going to Lourdes with the Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, a Re-Union/Tea Party is being held at the Church Hall, Holy Redeemer, St Leonards On Sea, TN37 7AS, on Saturday 21st September 2019 between 14.30 and 16.30. This is an opportunity to meet up with fellow Pilgrims or to find out more about the Pilgrimage that takes place at the beginning of the School Summer Holidays each year. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all in September."

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.

Parish Diary

Catholic Women's League
Monday 5th August
7:30pm, St Martha's Hall
 Antiques Roadshow
 - a talk on Victoriana Ladies - please bring your heirlooms!
 Contact: Anne Campbell
 221803

Homeless Unity Group (HUG)
Help Need - can you act as Treasurer?
 The Homeless Unity Group (HUG) are seeking a treasurer - if you feel that you might be able to help please contact the chairperson Pauline Goubert on their E-mail - bexhillhug@gmail.com

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A Garden full of cultural Delights
Hastings & District Interfaith Forum
 St Leonard's Gardens (behind the Royal Victoria Hotel) on
Sunday 11th August 1- 5pm
 Performances; Variety of food; Family activities; Stalls and Raffle

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

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 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
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Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
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St Martha's
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Our Lady of the Rosary
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Fr Rajesh Minz

Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB

(Priest in Residence)

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Parish Office

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Sylvia Cousins

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Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

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St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP)

Contact: Mary Williams
via Parish Office - 01424 210263

Parish Schools

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 27th July

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Dorothy McInulty RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	Baptism of Jack & Isobel Smith-Harrington
St Martha	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	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Ita Murphy GE
Sunday 28th July		
St Martha	9:00am	Gerard Noel McNamara GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Sr Imelda GE (for services to the parish)
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Theodore & Olive Over
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Parish Charity Fund

(Parish scheme - blue envelopes)

Monday 29th July

St Mary Magdalene

Feast St Martha

10:00am Sarah Jane Slater RIP

Tuesday 30th July

St Mary Magdalene
Memorial Garden

10:00am Merlyn Coward RIP
After Mass Burial of Ashes of Molly Craig RIP

Wednesday 31st July

St Mary Magdalene

Memoria St Ignatius Loyola

10:00am Robin Burden RIP

Thursday 1st August

St Mary Magdalene

Memoria St Alphonsus Ligouri

10:00am Elizabeth Francis RIP

Friday 2nd August

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Peggy & Roy Fisher RIP
10:45am -
12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction
5pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 3rd August

St Mary Magdalene
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9.30am Confessions
10:00am Ian Irvine Slater RIP
2:00pm Kerala Community Mass
9pm-11pm Kerala Community Night Vigil

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Brian Thomas Keaveny RIP
Sunday 4th August		
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	After Mass	Baptism of Sofia & Lucia Di Mascio
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Irena Hulewicz RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Ouseph Joseph RIP

Retired Priests Fund

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