



### First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2019/20

Applications are invited from:

**Baptised Catholic Children**  
who will be in  
**School Years 3 or 4**  
this September

and

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. **Applications should be returned no later than 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Parish Office New opening hours

The parish office will now open:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9am-1pm

Outside of these times, access to the parish centre / presbytery is by appointment only

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

***Happy are the people the Lord  
has chosen as his own.***

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into Heaven. It is a holy day of obligation and so, Masses are:

**9am at St Martha's in Little Common;  
10am at St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre  
& 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Sidley**

This doctrine may only have been formally declared in 1950, but it has long been the common belief of the people of God. The Assumption is common sense, following logically from the formal declaration of her Immaculate Conception. It is a matter of justice that the one conceived without original sin and who remained sinless should be spared the corruption of the body that is the effect of sin. If, as we believe, that Christ preserved his mother's virginity before, during and after his birth, it's reasonable that He now preserves her from the corruption of the body. Although, no specific biblical reference, the Assumption is not without scriptural precedence: *the assumption of Elijah and Enoch, and the psalms singing of the heavenly bride being taken to her king.* The Son's love of Mother is rooted in the depths of her body, and all graces are because of her Motherhood. The greeting 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you' and declaration, 'blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!' articulate Our Lady's fulness of grace. This singular holiness and grace mean that Mary, 'the ark of the new and eternal covenant', is brought home to heaven by the shortest route, and not expected to wait for the Resurrection. The timing of the formal declaration is significant. The World Wars leave a world struggling with Truth and Virtue. Therefore, Pius XII gives us an icon of our true destiny. A person is a unity of body and soul; therefore our redemption won by Christ on the cross is real but not completed until the return of our bodies, the resurrection integral to our salvation: 'o death where is thy sting, o grave where is thy victory?'

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

**We pray for those who have died:** Roland Girling RIP, Angela Murphy RIP, William Florish 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, 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**  
**4<sup>th</sup> August**  
 £919.14  
**Gift Aid: £645.40**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**  
 £290.73  
**Gift Aid: £ 187.65**

**Retired Priests Fund**

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**11<sup>th</sup> August Church Flowers**  
 (Parish scheme blue envelopes)

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**18<sup>th</sup> August Overseas Missions**  
 (not in our scheme)

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**25<sup>th</sup> August Holy Ghost Fathers**  
 (not in our scheme)

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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**

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**CTiB Prayer List**

**This week: St Mary's, Ninfield** (Paul Frostick)

**Next week: St John's Baptist Church** (Kathy Lee)

**Happy Holidays**

Welcome to all visitors, thank you for sharing in our celebration of the Eucharist. We pray for those away that they come back refreshed and relaxed.

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

*On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, Adoration will need to finish at 7pm due to holiday absence. It will commence at 5pm as normal.*

The next Patronal Feast day is that of **Our Lady of the Rosary**, which will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> October

**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>.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

**Worth Abbey**  
**Individual self-led retreat:**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October**

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)

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Congratulations to Elsie May Burford who will be baptised at St Mary Magdalene Church this weekend

**Jolly Parish Lunch**



**12 noon,  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

The West Station  
Restaurant, Bexhill.  
Contact Angela: 220752

**October Parish  
Lunch**

For the past few years we have had a wonderful parish lunch in October. The team, led by Margaret Von Speyr, is retiring and we thank them sincerely. If this very popular event is to continue, then we, of course, need a new co-ordinator and team to organise it and run it. It's up to you!

**Joe Kingsman** is now fully recovered and back at work. Thank you to everyone for your prayers.  
Jean Dolan.

**FOR SALE -  
MOBILITY SCOOTER**

DeVilbis Viper (red)  
It is road-legal and can travel at up to 8mph. It is described as a "luxury scooter" and is of good quality. The asking price is £1600 (purchase price from Vibrant Mobility £2400).  
Enquiries - please 'phone the Parish Office.

**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. For more details contact Ron: 844177 or ronbrazier26@gmail.com

**CAFOD News**

The Connect2 El Salvador has been replaced by HANDS ON Magdalena Medio. By continuing to donate to CAFOD throughout the year apart, apart from Fast Day collections, we will be supporting the work of young people and adult helpers who are working for peace in the war-torn country, Colombia please see notices in our churches for more information  
Google: YouTube Magdalena medio CAFOD to see a video clip. Further information to come throughout the year

**Parish Volunteers**

**Our parish is looking to renew and / or enhance the following teams:**

- St Mary Magdalene - Repository weekly rota
- St Mary Magdalene - Flower team rota Friday mornings
- New "Money Counters" to join the weekly rota
- A lead Sacristan for St Mary Magdalene to coordinate major liturgies and support the existing team

Please contact the Parish Office.

**Memorial Garden**

The memorial garden is reaching its capacity. It may be possible to expand the area for burial of ashes, but only if we can find a new volunteer to prepare the plots and liaise with the parish office as and when required. Please contact the parish office if you can help. Many thanks.

**Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer?**

School Volunteers are invited by Catholic primary or secondary schools to deliver lively and motivating presentations about CAFOD's work and mission in assemblies and classrooms. CAFOD will provide training, support and the materials needed to deliver the presentations.

Teaching experience is not a prerequisite, simply the ability to communicate effectively with children and young people. As a School Volunteer you will be part of a team and a friendly network of people with shared values and commitments. You will have the opportunity to gain experience of working in the voluntary sector and expand your skills set.

Contact Jenny Finlayson for more info,  
CAFOD Arundel & Brighton Community Participation Coordinator  
Email: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)  
Tel No: 01483 898866

## 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

#### Administrators:

Bonita Osmond-Maher

Lisa Young

**Telephone: 01424 210263**

#### Email:

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#### Website:

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#### 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**

01424 730077

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
(SVP)

Contact: Mary Williams  
via 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:**

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Feast	St Lawrence
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Bill Low RIP
Memorial Garden	After Mass	Burial of Ashes of Abraham Jacob RIP
St Mary Magdalene	1:00pm	Baptism of Elsie May Burford

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 18:6-9, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 12:32-48*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Special Intentions of Durrant Family
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
St Martha	9:00am	Judith Darlington GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Ivy Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

#### Church flowers

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### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Thresiamma Joseph RIP

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am John Griffith RIP

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Memoria St Maximilian Kolbe**

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Joseph Thomas RIP

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Solemnity The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St Martha's 9:00am Intentions of the Foskett Family

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Lenny Coward RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary 7:00pm People of the Parish

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Pat & John Billingham RIP

St Mary Magdalene 10:45am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene 12:30pm and Benediction

St Mary Magdalene 5pm - 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 9.30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Maurice Patrick Prirowille RIP

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Deceased members of the Buckle family
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
St Martha	9:00am	Deceased members of McNamara/Bates/Barlow families
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Peggy Barrett RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

#### Overseas Missions

(Not in our scheme)