



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 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.

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

Lord, come to my aid!

“We should keep running steadily in the race we have started”

23rd August marks the end of my 1st year as Parish Priest. It has been quite a roller-coaster, with much grace, but also plenty of challenge. One highlight was the Easter Triduum, and despite the later hour, it was very well attended. It was a wonderful celebration of our one parish, with many servers and musicians from across our worshipping communities all gathered to sing ‘*Alleluia*’ to the Lord. We had a fruitful sacramental season, with three Adults baptisms, three receptions and a confirmation; followed by the Sacraments of Initiation for catechetical aged children. Then great numbers of children received the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion, and a significant number of teenagers received Confirmation from Bishop Richard. These are signs of the Lord's goodness and of fertile ground for our mission to announce the Gospel; all supported by the good work of our parish and deanery schools.

There remain significant challenges. We are aware of the sadness concerning Our Lady of the Rosary; as ‘*one body, one spirit in Christ*’, something that affects one part, affects us all. No doubt the communities at St Mary Magdalene and St Martha's are already open to including in their rotas and teams the incredible gifts and talents of OLR community members, because, actually, the people of Sidley are already, rightly, part of, and essential to our shared mission to proclaim the Kingdom. Our financial situation remains challenging, and so everyone must be ready to face renewal and new challenges, both in terms of our financial giving and our time. We must not fall into the trap, ‘*but Father, we've always done it this way!*’

When challenge comes, we mustn't be like the people who greeted Jeremiah, ‘*this fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin*’. Instead, take the words of the psalmist, ‘*he put a new song into my mouth, praise of God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord*’. And as St Paul exhorts, ‘*with so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in faith and brings it to perfection.*’

With every blessing, 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, 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
11th August
£820.71
Gift Aid: £588.66

2nd Collection:
£152.54
Gift Aid: £112.10

Church Flowers

18th August
Overseas
Missions
(not in our scheme)

25th August
Holy Ghost
Fathers
(not in our scheme)

1st September
Parish Charity
Fund
(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: St John's Baptist Church (Kathy Lee)
Next week: Beulah Baptist (David Lockwood)

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

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

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>.

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.

Diocesan Mass for
Altar Servers

Saturday 14th September,
12 noon,
with Bishop Richard presiding.
 For all who have served, are serving and anybody who would like to.
 Please bring cassock/cotta or alb.
 Light refreshments will follow (bring a packed lunch if you wish).

CAFOD

Step into the Gap!
 Looking for a gap year with a difference?
 Find out more at
www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

*Please note change of Mass times for next week - noted on back page:
Tuesday 20th August & Thursday 22nd August.*

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!

Little Common Flower Festival St Martha's church Friday 23rd August - Monday 26th August

Once again, it gives us great pleasure to welcome the 'Little Common Village Flower Club' to St Martha's Church. Many congratulations on their Pearl Anniversary! We welcome visitors both from Little Common and further afield.

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.

Pastoral Care Group

Parish Pilgrimage 2020

If you are interested and **haven't** registered this with the Parish office please would you do so by August 23rd.

It is unlikely that we will have enough to form our own group but enough to make up a sizeable part of the Tangney Tour group.

Ron Brazier will contact those interested shortly.

Holy Cross Priory Lunch

Due to changes at the Restaurant, prices have gone up considerably, making it too expensive by the time we add on transport.

We are currently looking at alternatives. Ron Brazier 01424 844177
ronbrazier26@gmail.com

Retrouvaille

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'.

The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage.

10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on:

13th – 15th September 2019
Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 – or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

St Mary Magdalene 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
Tel No: 01483 898866

Fairtrade Stall

Including Malawi Rice
St Martha's Hall
After Mass
18th August
Many Bargains !

A & B News

This month's free copy is available from all three churches.

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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Lisa Young

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Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

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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
01424 731070

admin@strichardscc.com
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St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews
01424 735810

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 17th 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 Intentions for the deceased members of the Buckle family

Sunday 18th August

St Martha 9:00am Deceased members
McNamara/Bates/Barlow Families
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Peggy Barrett RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Priests Intentions

Overseas Missions
(Not in our scheme)

Monday 19th August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am John De Freitas RIP

Tuesday 20th August

St Mary Magdalene **Memoria St Bernard**
11:00am Requiem Mass of Angela Davison RIP
and after at Eastbourne Crematorium

Wednesday 21st August

St Mary Magdalene **Memoria St Pius X**
10:00am Peter Loman RIP

Thursday 22nd August

Our Lady of the Rosary **Memoria The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
2:00pm Requiem Mass of Roland Girling RIP
and after at Hastings Crematorium

Friday 23rd August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Daniel Holden RIP
St Mary Magdalene 10:45am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:30pm and Benediction
St Mary Magdalene 5pm - **7pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 24th August

St Mary Magdalene **Feast St Bartholomew**
9.30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am John Keegan RIP

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13, Luke 13:22-30

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Matthew Davies GE
Sunday 25th August
St Martha 9:00am Patricia Margaret Andrews RIP and
Pauline Mary Lee RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Peter Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm People of the Parish

Holy Ghost Fathers
(Not in our scheme)