



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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9am-1pm

(closed on the bank holiday)

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

Email: stmm@btconnect.com

Go out to the whole world; Proclaim the Good News

'The Lord trains the ones that he loves'

Julia Dance has been Chair of the Parish Finance and Management Committee for many years. Additionally, she was the volunteer manager of the Nursery, until its closure on 19th July. Julia asked to stand down last year, but I begged her not to as I needed her guidance and wisdom to survive this challenging year. Julia has been served in so many ways: managing the memorial garden, money counting, the Wednesday club and, in the past, a school governor. Julia remains an active parishioner, but now steps down from these leadership roles.

Charles Durrant was asked by Fr Chris Spain twelve years ago to provide accountancy services for the parish, a role that quickly expanded to manage our vast estate of eight buildings. Charles has loyally served the parish clergy and we have relied on him as we wrestle with the administrative burden of a large parish. In January, Charles asked to retire, and we agreed Easter as a suitable time. However, the need for a smooth and managed closure of the Nursery meant I asked him to delay his departure. As the diocese introduces new accountancy processes, the time has come for Charles' retirement. Our sincere thanks!

Thank you, Julia and Charles, for everything you have done, and a great tribute would be to see new people volunteering. As Deacon Simon asked of us last week— **in what ways are you serving your parish?** Julia and Charles were part of a team who served on the Parish Finance and Management Committee. Many thanks to the current members for their continued service. The absence of Julia and Charles means there are two vacancies. I would like to hear from anyone who loves our parish and has some form of financial, architectural, structural or relevant organisational expertise that would aid our parish.

With Charles' retirement, some of the administration of the estate and accounts passes to Lisa and Bonita, our two excellent administrators. Therefore, I have made some changes to the office opening hours for personal callers in order to mitigate these additional responsibilities. The office is now open to personal callers: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9am to 1pm). **At all other times entry to the presbytery / pastoral centre is by appointment or prior arrangement** with the various groups. You can also submit enquiries by email: stmm@btconnect.com

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Carmel Goodhead RIP, William Joseph Marsh 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, Celia Reidy, 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
18th August
£820.71
Gift Aid: £588.66

2nd Collection:
£157.54
Gift Aid: £112.10

Overseas Missions

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

1st September
Parish Charity Fund
(blue envelopes)

8th September
The Catholic Education Service
(not in our scheme)

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: Beulah Baptist
 (David Lockwood)

Next week: Our Lady of the Rosary
 (Frs Simon Dray, Rajesh Minz, Stephen Ortiger & Dcn Simon Kirkdale)

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

Thursday 29th August, 6pm
St Mary Magdalene's church
All welcome.

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***

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**. It's an opportunity to meet 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."

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers with +Richard
12noon on Sat 14th September,

For all who have served, are serving and anybody who would like to. **The Parish has been asked to be the principal serving team. This is quite an honour!** So please bring cassock/cotta or alb. Light refreshments will follow (bring a packed lunch if you wish). The parish will be organising transport, for more information contact Ghislaine: 07941 477773.

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.

Marriage Preparation Course

The next course will be: **26th October**
Christ the King Catholic Church, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT. If you need further information, please contact Marriage Care on 0800 3893801 or 01159 934255. To book a place on the course please book online: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course/?location=Eastbourne>
 John & Christine Mowbray
WWW.MARRIAGECARE.ORG.UK

CAFOD

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

**We pray for all those who have received their exam results this summer.
We trust you have been given the just reward of your labours.
Every blessing for the next steps of your formation.**

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!

Job Vacancy

HUG Sea Road Safe Space Project Manager
Bexhill & Rother
Homelessness Unity Group

Part Time (24hrs pw).
For an application form and more information:
BexhillHug@gmail.com
Deadline for applications: 13th September 2019.

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.

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.

Grandparents Diocesan Formation Day:

23rd September at St John the Evangelist, Horsham, RH12 2PJ.

Guest speaker is Elizabeth O'Shea, a parenting expert, who will help us to explore strategies to help our grandchildren

(<https://parent4success.com/about-me/>)

Begins with parish Mass at 10am and will finish by 4 pm. Come and meet and share with other Grandparents. Honorary Grandparents welcome! Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided. Booking essential Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk

Catholic Women's League

Monday 2nd September 7:30pm at Bexhill Museum
A Talk on Annie Brassey
Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

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

www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School

Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews

01424 735810

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 24th August	Feast	St Bartholomew
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	John Keegan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	Mass in the Extraordinary Form

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
St Mary Magdalene	9:00am	Mass in the Extraordinary Form
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)

Monday 26th August

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Maria Ermita RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Tuesday 27th August

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Memoria St Monica Holy Souls
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Wednesday 28th August

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Memoria St Augustine Canon John Bailey RIP
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Thursday 29th August

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Memoria The Passion of St John the Baptist Alex Thomas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Friday 30th August

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Tony O'Farrell RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:45am - 12:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
St Mary Magdalene	5pm - 8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 31st August

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Robert Stevens RIP
Memorial Garden	After Mass	Burial of Ashes of Alfred Mikurenda RIP

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29, Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, Luke 14:1, 7-14

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Jetwin Stephen GE (Thanksgiving 21 st Birthday)

Sunday 1st September

St Martha	9:00am	For Conversion
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Jetwin Stephen GE (Thanksgiving 21 st Birthday)

Parish Charity Fund

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