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

The deadline for submitting applications for the first Holy Communion preparation course was 31<sup>st</sup> August, as the course begins with the Parent's Meeting at 8pm this coming Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September in St Mary Magdalene's Church.

If you have a **Baptised Catholic Child** who is in **school year 3 and 4** this September, we will still accept your application providing it is received in the Parish Office this week.

#### **Please note:**

Applications for "Confirmation" will open next weekend and applications for "We Journey together" open towards the end of October "RCIA" information to follow.

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#### **Parish Office New opening hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9am-1pm  
**(closed on bank holidays)**

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

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

#### **Parish office will be closed:**

**2, 3 Sept & 9, 10 September  
due to annual leave.**

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***In your goodness, O God,  
you prepared a home for the poor.***

**What you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the million of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a first-born son and a citizen of heaven.**

When people say Mass is boring or ask the priest to make it more engaging (entertaining), it can be a sign of a misunderstanding. The Holy Mass is already our source and summit because it is the place where heaven and earth touch and where the whole company of heaven, the angels and saints, have gathered for the festival. Firstly, the Holy Mass is the re-presentation of the Cross, In the Sacred Liturgy we encounter Christ, *'the mediator who brings about a new covenant and a blood for the purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's'*. The Holy Mass celebrates the *'memorial of Christ's saving Passion, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer God in thanksgiving this Holy and living sacrifice'* (EP3). Thus, the priest can only pray the Mass with great reverence and devotion always and only with the mind of the Church because Christ has established the pattern of our worship: *'do this in memory of me'*.

St Paul says *"our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself."* (Phil 3:20-21). And so, the Holy Mass is also a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and we are invited to attend the victory banquet of the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. St Paul affirms the result of our Baptism: *"you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God"*. (Eph 2:19-22).

At the end of our pilgrimage, at the judgement at the end of the world, we want the King to say to us, *'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'*. (Mt 25:34).

With prayers for your pilgrimage, Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:**

**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**  
**25<sup>th</sup> August**  
 £952.17  
 Gift Aid: £581.30

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**  
 £322.64  
 Gift Aid: n/a

**Holy Ghost Fathers**

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**1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Parish Charity Fund**  
 (blue envelopes)

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**8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The Catholic Education Service**  
 (not in our scheme)

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**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Home Mission Sunday**  
 (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:**  
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**CTiB Prayer List**

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

**Next week: Little Common Methodist** (Trisha Williams)

**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 **6<sup>th</sup> October**.*

**Anniversaries Mass 2019**

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, Arundel Cathedral, with Bishop Richard**

For couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Booking essential  
[rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk)  
 or 01293 651161.

**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**. 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, Arundel Cathedral**

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.

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**

This year we are celebrating eight years of bringing hope and freedom from debt to people in Bexhill and the surrounding areas. There will be a service of thanksgiving, celebration and testimony, followed by tea and cake. Sidley Baptist Church on 15th September 2019 at 3pm. More info: [hazelmunn@capuk.org](mailto:hazelmunn@capuk.org).

**Marriage Preparation Course**

The next course will be:  
**26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.**

**Catholic Women's League  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September  
7:30pm at Bexhill  
Museum**

A Talk on Annie Brassey  
Contact: Anne Campbell  
221803

**CWL**

**Strawberry Fair**

We had a wonderful successful event which raised £635 for our Parish SVP group, which is our CWL charity this year. Thank you to all who supported in any way from the Bexhill CWL.

**The Pelham**

Would like to thank the kindness of the parishioners of St Mary Magdalene Parish for their recent generous donation of £1000.

They would also like to invite all who are interested to the following:

**Formal Opening of Phase 4 at The Pelham, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm-4.30pm**

**Job Vacancy**

**HUG Sea Road Safe Space Project Manager**

Bexhill & Rother Homelessness Unity Group Part Time (24hrs pw).  
More info:  
BexhillHug@gmail.com by 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**St Richards Catholic College**

If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process on transition.

With kind permission of the Headteacher, I cordially extend an invitation to you and your child to attend an evening at:

**St Mary Magdalene's Catholic primary School on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6.30pm**

when I, together with members of the Leadership and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven and SENco shall be delighted to talk to you about St Richards Catholic College.

**Miss D Cronin, Principal**

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Richards Catholic college.

The dates will follow shortly.  
**Please note there will be a charge of £10 for the re-issue of any sacramental certificates.**

**October Parish Lunch**

In the past 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!

**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.

**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.

**Jolly Parish Lunch**

**12noon,  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September**

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.  
Contact Angela: 220752

**Grandparents Diocesan Formation Day:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk)

## 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:

[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

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](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)

[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

### St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

#### Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews

01424 735810

[office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk)

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

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

#### Parish Charity Fund

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### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Henry Emmanuel Coward RIP
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### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<b>Feast St Gregory the Great</b> John Wilson RIP
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### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Sheila Dray RIP
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### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Robert Stevens RIP
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### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Thomas & Norah Moran 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 7<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Tom & Betty Morphew RIP
St Mary Magdalene	2:00pm	Kerala Community Mass
St Mary Magdalene	9pm-11pm	Kerala Community Night Vigil

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10. 12-17, Luke 14:25-33*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Peter Stewart RIP

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

St Martha	9:00am	Clare Simon RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Brian Durrant RIP

#### The Catholic Education Service

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