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## Confirmation 2019/20

Applications are now invited from those in school year 10, 11 and 12 (providing you are 17yrs or under on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020).

Application forms are available at the back of each of our churches and from the parish office. Please ensure they are completed and returned by 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## RCIA Programme

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to enrol on our next programme which will be starting in the Autumn.

Application forms are available at the back of all churches and from our website:

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

Please complete the application form and return to the parish office.

## We Journey Together

These applications will open in October, please see the newsletter for more information.

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## Parish Office New opening hours

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)

**Parish office will be closed:  
9, 10 September  
due to annual leave.**

***Oh Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.***

## Homelessness in Bexhill

When I heard of a local support group for homeless people by the name of "Matthew 25" I confess that I had to grab my Bible but a glance at verse 35 brought it all back- "When I was hungry...."

HUG (Homeless Unity Group) are now the main support group in Bexhill and have the same aims based on our Christian faith. Their support is based in St Barnabas's Church and they are expanding their work this winter to include:

- Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and from 6.00- 7.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. This is to provide food and, in the mornings, to enable showering and washing of clothes.
- Providing overnight shelter -two security people are employed but volunteers are needed to provide food, drinks and a chat in the evening and early morning.
- Giving lifts to homeless people to Snowflake in St Leonard's.

Many of you have already responded with clothing and sleeping bags and we do hope that we will have an excellent response for this appeal for practical help. The giving of our time and energy is probably the ultimate sacrifice we can make but we do understand that many parishioners, for whatever reason, will not be able to help in this way.

There is an information sheet in the church porches with details of how we can help and an application form.

This is a good opportunity to put our faith into action and to really see Jesus in those who are in such desperate need and to act accordingly. Those we aim to help all have sad stories to tell and we have the opportunity of bringing a little joy and comfort into their lives. Please remember the homeless and all those trying to support them in your prayers.

Ron Brazier (SMM Pastoral Care Group)

**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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**£843.40**  
**Gift Aid: £528.24**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**  
**£293.93**  
**Gift Aid: £123.00**

**Parish Charity Fund**

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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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**22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**SVP**  
(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**

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**Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners**  
**Ron Brazier:**  
**844177**

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**CTiB Prayer List**  
**This week: Little Common Methodist** (Trisha Williams)  
**Next week: Bexhill Street Pastors**

**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, Please take a letter, complete and return ASAP to the parish office.

**Our Lady of Czestochowa Icon Poland in Rye**  
**Expansion and Blessing**

The Glorious Mysteries of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Litany of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
 Blessing of Icon and Added Polish Saints  
 Polish delicacies in the Garden  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2pm**  
**St Anthony of Padua Church, Watchbell Street, Rye. TN31 7HB**  
 Please RSVP: 01797 222173 or catholicparish.rye@gmail.com

**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)

**Parish Diary - September**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	FHC Session 1.	6:30pm - St Martha's hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	FHC Session 1.	6:30pm - St MM hall
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	FHC Session 1.	9:00am - St MM hall

**St Richards Catholic College**

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Richards Catholic college at the presbytery, dates will follow shortly. **Please note there will be a charge of £10 for the re-issue of any sacramental certificates.**

**HDIF**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm to 9pm at the Bexhill Islamic Association,** Clifford Road, TN40 1QA  
*"The Imam and the Pastor - Exploring Interfaith Co-operation"*

**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**

**Fairtrade Stall**

Including Malawi Rice  
**St Martha's hall 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
 After Mass

**Parish Pilgrimage**

**4<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

There are approximately twelve parishioners who have shown an interest on this 10 day pilgrimage to Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela and Fatima. Ron will forward your contact details to Tangney Tours who will return the necessary documents when available.

To apply or for more info: Ron Brazier 844177.

**Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Advance Notice**

- 1) Practical Training Session: **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 10am Mass at Holy Redeemer, Hollington** Followed by training session
- 2) Morning of Recollection to prepare for Advent: **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill** Followed by session in the hall until 12.30pm.

\* also suitable for Readers and parishioners

**Ride and Stride**



You are invited to join a **sponsored walk (approx. 6 miles)** Visiting our churches in Little Common, Sidley and Bexhill  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Start point: St Martha's 9.30am**  
 More info: [bridget.grant@talk21.com](mailto:bridget.grant@talk21.com) or 07749 482033

**St Martha's Open Forum Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm St Martha's hall**

Our priority: To prepare for change ensuring a spiritual & heartfelt welcome.

**Cafod talk – Crawley:** Naomi Dring CAFOD Programme Support Officer for Peru, Colombia & Bolivia will talk about the work of CAFOD's partners in that region and how they are responding to climate change and other environmental issues: **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September, 9.45am** starting with coffee & croissants at St Francis & St Anthony Parish Room, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley RH10 1HR. Tel: 01483 898866  
[arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.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 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
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**  
(not in our scheme)

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

**Mass cancelled**

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Patrick Keegan RIP

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Joseph Thomas RIP

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Memoria The Most Holy Name of Mary**

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am William (Bill) Austin RIP

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Memoria St John Chrysostom**

St Mary Magdalene 10:45am - 12:30pm Norah Low RIP

St Mary Magdalene 5pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

St Mary Magdalene 5pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene 9.30am **Feast Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Mrs K Shread RIP

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Mario Di Mascio RIP
St Mary Magdalene		<b>Home Mission Day</b>
St Martha	9:00am	William (Bill) Austin RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Christel Gramme RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Baptism of Eliza Rose Devanny
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

**Home Mission Sunday**  
(not in our scheme)

**Please note: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene is cancelled as no priest is available.**