

# PARISH NEWS

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Yr C

St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary

*The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common, Sidley and the surrounding areas*



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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.

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## 2019 Parish Annual Mass Count

For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our money collectors to count all parishioners including babies and those who go out for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The counts take place on the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October:

**21/22, 28/29 September**  
**5/6, 12/13 October**

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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)

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***I will leave this place and go to my father.***

**I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who has judged me faithful enough to call me into his service**

In the second reading this Sunday St Paul in his letter to Timothy speaks of being judged faithful enough to be called into service. With that in mind, we, as a parish, need to be able to support Fr Simon by freeing him of the administrative tasks of running a parish as far as possible thus enabling him to carry out his priestly duties. This is doubly important if we wish to continue to have a healthy Parish Priest as more responsibility will fall on the shoulders of our priests if the numbers of priests in our Diocese continue to fall as predicted.

We need to offer our skills in service of others to help the parish function. You will be aware that the Parish office hours have changed, and this was to meet demand as well as to enable Bonita and Lisa to take on additional administrative tasks. The parish would now like to seek to appoint **a volunteer or volunteers to act as Receptionist(s) for the Parish Office during the three mornings it is open.** The primary requirement is that of people skills as it will involve answering the phone and greeting callers and dealing with their enquiries. Limited computer skills would also be needed to enable emails to be sent, documents to be scanned and copied and data inputted to a database.

If you feel you would like to help the parish in this way and have the necessary skills, please contact the parish office by email in the first instance with your details and details of your experience and how you feel you might help the Parish Administration team.

With every blessing, Deacon Simon

## Informal Parish Mass Time Review

As we approach the last Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary and the closure of the church building on 6<sup>th</sup> October, there is perhaps a brief opportunity to pause and reflect on what our Mass times should be in the Parish, so that they best serve the whole community while also being sustainable for the longer term. Please take a copy of the Mass Time insert and, if you wish, indicate a preference. This is an informal review and is non-binding. You can leave them in the box at the back of each church at the end of Mass or if you need a little more time to pray and reflect bring it back with you next weekend.

**We pray for those who have died:** Terence Gannon 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**  
**8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**£913.21**  
**Gift Aid: £573.40**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**  
**£247.63**  
**Gift Aid: n/a**

**The Catholic Education Service**

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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)

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**29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Holy Souls**  
(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: Bexhill Street Pastors**  
**Next week: Hospital Chaplains**

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

**Marriage Preparation Course**

The next course will be: **26<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Christ the King Catholic Church, 3**  
**Princes Road, Eastbourne, more info:**  
**Marriage Care on 0800 3893801 or 01159**  
**934255. To book: John & Christine**  
**Mowbray [WWW.MARRIAGECARE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.MARRIAGECARE.ORG.UK)**

**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."

**New Dedication for our Parish**

From 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the parish will be placed under the patronage of Our Lady.

We will be:

**The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea**

*incorporating the two communities of St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill and St Martha's, Little Common, both of which retain their individual dedications and feast days.*

*The date of the Parish Patronal Feast will now be 7<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.*

**Week of Prayer**  
**to Our Lady of the Rosary:**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sept to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**

***Directed and led by Fr Stephen.***

At the bishop's suggestion, we will dedicate a **week of prayer** to prepare for the closure of the Church in Sidley and the re-dedication of our Parish under the title of "Our Lady of the Rosary".

This week of prayer commences on 29<sup>th</sup> September at the following venues:

- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September - 9.15am at Our Lady of the Rosary**
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October inclusive 9.15am at St Mary Magdalene church**

All parishioners are welcome to the prayer sessions throughout the week. Please make this a priority so that we may all prepare for the next stage in the mission to which the Lord has called us.

**Parish Diary - September**

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Baptism Preparation Session	Presbytery - 7:30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mothers Prayer Group	Prayer room 7:30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	SVP Meeting	Presbytery - 6:00pm

**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 on the following dates:

- Thurs 3rd Oct: 3.30pm-5pm**
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: 7pm-8pm**
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: 3.30pm-5pm**
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: 7pm-8pm**
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: 3.30pm-5pm**
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: 7pm-8pm**
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct: 11am-12noon**

Please call the parish office to make an appointment.

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

**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.

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**We Journey Together**

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

**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**

**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:

**Saturday 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)

**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

**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.

**HUG (Homelessness Unity Group)**

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the appeal for clothes and sleeping bags following the Newsletter front page appeal in July. This was followed up with another appeal (see the Newsletter on 8<sup>th</sup> September) for practical help starting this Autumn. Many parishioners then requested the handout which contained more information and an application form. We already have four people signed up and there is a very real prospect of this going up dramatically so that we can have a big impact as a parish in working with our fellow Christians in putting our faith into practice by helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Copies of the handout are available in all 3 churches. Your prayers and donations of clothing and cash are always welcome. Contact Ron: 844177

[ronbrazier26@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrazier26@gmail.com)

## 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)

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

### Feast

9.30am

10:00am

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Confessions

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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

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

12:30pm

Baptism of Eliza Rose Devanny

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

Priests Intentions

### Home Mission Sunday

(not in our scheme)

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

### Memoria

### Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

Paul & Catherine Robinson RIP

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Barry Wright RIP

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Lesley Henry RIP

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

John de Freitas RIP

St Mary Magdalene

4:00pm

Reception of the Body of  
Terence Gannon RIP

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

### Memoria

### St Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong and Companions

Requiem Mass of Terence Gannon RIP

followed by Eastbourne Crematorium

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will

follow the Mass - no Benediction today

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene

10:45am -

12:30pm

St Mary Magdalene

5pm -

8pm

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

### Feast

9.30am

### St Matthew

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Pauline & Bill Barker RIP

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Amos 8:4-7, Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13*

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

Mary Lee RIP

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

St Martha

9:00am

Robert Fletcher RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am

Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Robert Stevens RIP

St Mary Magdalene

12:30pm

Baptism of Leonora Chilton-Shinrock

St Mary Magdalene

1:30pm

Baptism of Lorenzo Esposto

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

People of the Parish

### SVP

(not in our scheme)