

22nd September 2019

Twenty-Fifth 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

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation 2019/20

Applications are now invited from those in school year 10, 11 and 12 (providing you are 17yrs or under on 1st 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 11th October.

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**

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 6th 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.

Parish Office New opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am-1pm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

On this Sunday Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money. "The love of money is the root of all evil" says St Paul. He did not call *money itself* the root of all evil, but rather the *love of money*. Of course money is needed as a means of exchanging goods in every organized society. But a person can become its slave through excessive love of money. It can become a substitute for God in one's life.

The Gospel passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. **The first** exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be placed ahead of money.

It is with great joy, on behalf of Bexhill Parish, I warmly welcome Rt. Rev. Bp. Kishor Kumar Kujur, my home Bishop from India, Odisha Region, who will be our Episcopal guest and staying with us for a week. Bp. Kishor has just been to Rome for his ad limina visit. It is very kind of him to continue his journey to the UK and visit us all in Bexhill, before he returns to India. I express my gratefulness to Bp. Kishor for allowing me to serve you all in this parish. I am also happy to share with you that while he is here with us, on the 29th September, he will celebrate his 6th year of Episcopal Ordination anniversary. We congratulate him and we wish him a happy stay with us. We keep him and his diocese Rourkela in our prayers.

With my love and prayers for each of you,

Fr Rajesh.

We pray for those who have died: Diane Batkin RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, 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
15th September
£940.22
Gift Aid: £603.65

2nd Collection:
£225.87
Gift Aid:

September Home Mission Sunday

22nd September SVP
 (not in our scheme)

29th September Holy Souls
 (not in our scheme)

6th October Cafod Harvest Fast Day
 (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: Hospital Chaplains
Next week: All Saints', Sidley
 (Michael Bailey)

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

Our Lady of the Rosary
There will be a Family Mass at Our Lady Of The Rosary on Sunday 29th September.

The singing will be led by Charles Harvey, Hettie and the children who have all been present at the music practices.

It will be our last Family Mass in this church.

Thank you to all the children and to Chloe Seal who have come to sing so beautifully at our previous masses. Thank you also to their parents for encouraging and supporting them.

St Martha's
 Next Sunday:
29th September is Harvest Festival at 9am Mass, St Martha's.

Everyone is asked to support Foodbank by donating food items. Tins (fruit, vegetables, meat), small bottles of fruit squash, jars of coffee, long life milk, toilet rolls, etc. would be most welcome.

New Dedication for our Parish

From 6th 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 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Week of Prayer

to Our Lady of the Rosary:
29th Sept to 6th Oct

Directed and led by Fr Stephen. And on Thursday evening (3rd October) at 7:30pm in St Mary Magdalene Church, Fr Simon will lead Evening Prayer, including a reflection on the Blessed Martyrs of Sussex.

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 29th September at the following venues:

- **Sunday 29th September - 9.15am at Our Lady of the Rosary**
- **Monday 30th September to Saturday 5th 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

Tuesday 24 th Sept	SVP Meeting	Presbytery - 6:00pm
Wednesday 2 nd October	Mothers Prayer Group	Prayer room

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 4th Oct: 7pm-8pm
Thurs 10th Oct: 3.30pm-5pm
Fri 11th Oct: 7pm-8pm
Thurs 17th Oct: 3.30pm-5pm
Fri 18th Oct: 7pm-8pm
Sat 26th 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

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.

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 26th 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

Catholic Women's League Parish Event - Proceeds to SVP

Quiz and Ploughmans
 Monday 7th October 7:30pm
 St. Martha's Hall

Tickets on sale after Masses from 28th September

£5 per person. Tables of 6
 Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

Medaille Trust

Modern Slavery Charity:
 A few Mini Magazines available in church porch.

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Advance Notice

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

* also suitable for Readers and parishioners

CANCELLED - Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers – Mayfield School – Saturday 28 Sept - Unfortunately, Bishop Richard has to go as a matter of some urgency to visit a priest of the diocese who is very poorly and living abroad, and he is now unable to lead the day. We apologise sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause, and will let you know as soon as the event is rescheduled.

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

Thursday 26th September, 6pm
St Mary Magdalene's church
All welcome.

Marriage Preparation Course

The next course will be: **26th 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

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

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stmm@btconnect.com

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www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

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

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 21st September

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Feast

9.30am

10:00am

St Matthew

Confessions

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 22nd 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-Shinerock

St Mary Magdalene

1:30pm

Baptism of Lorenzo Esposto

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

People of the Parish

SVP

(not in our scheme)

Monday 23rd September

St Mary Magdalene

Memoria

St Pius of Pietrelcino, 'Padre Pio'

Catherine W. Ford RIP

Tuesday 24th September

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Foundation

Wednesday 25th September

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Trevor Russek RIP

Thursday 26th September

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Mai Mclay

Friday 27th September

St Mary Magdalene

Memoria

St Vincent de Paul, Priest

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Holy Souls

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 28th September

St Mary Magdalene

9.30am

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Bartolomeo Visconti RIP

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1. 4-7, Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm

Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 29th September

St Martha

9:00am

Deceased members of the Bird family,

William Bird RIP, Dorothy Bird RIP,

Peter Bird RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:15am

Week of Prayer for OLR

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am

Irene & David Herring RIP &

Children & Mary Herring RIP (Birthday)

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

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