

**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". The Week of Prayer commences this Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> September) at:

- **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.

For those who cannot attend in the mornings, there is a special "**Evening Prayer of the Church**" in **St Mary Magdalene at 7.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, during which Fr Simon will give a reflection on the *Blessed Martyrs of Sussex*. In addition, you might like to consider pausing from your work at 12noon and 6pm and pray the "Angelus" as part of this week of prayer:

- *The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary... and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...*
- *Behold the handmaid of the Lord... let it be done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...*
- *And the Word was made flesh... and dwelt among us. Hail Mary...*
- *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God... that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*
- *Let us pray: pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion + and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

However, you choose to support this prayer initiative, please do make it a priority throughout the week so that we may all prepare for the next stage in the mission to which the Lord has called us.

## My soul, give praise to the Lord.

### Being an Angel

If September 29<sup>th</sup> were not a Sunday we would be celebrating Michaelmas, i.e. Mass in honour of St Michael the Archangel and his fellow Archangels, Gabriel and Raphael. On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we'll be honouring the Holy Guardian Angels, so let's brush up our angelology.

The word 'angel' comes from a Greek word meaning 'messenger', and there are several message-bearing angels in Scripture, the most high-profile of all being the Archangel Gabriel who was sent by God to Mary, asking her to be the mother of Jesus. But in Scripture angels are also companions, alongsiders; the book of Tobit is about a journey made by Tobias, Tobit's son, to a distant city in the company of a mysterious travelling companion who is finally revealed as the Archangel Raphael; it is Raphael who ensures Tobias's safe journey and happy marriage, and who heals Tobias's father's blindness. No angel, no success. In the New Testament Jesus is strengthened for his hideous passion by the appearance of an angel in Gethsemane. The angel is not reported as speaking any words but his presence is vital.

So angels do three things: they bring messages, they walk alongside, they give strength. Have you ever encountered an angel? Not the heavenly variety, perhaps, but, please God, someone in your life who did what angels do; who spoke a good word, whether of encouragement, warning or good counsel; who walked beside you, making a vital difference by his or her alongsideness; someone whose presence gave you strength in your time of desolation.

Thanks be to God for the angels with a small 'a' in our lives, without whom you and I could so easily have come to grief; they were sent by God whether they themselves know it or not. And, as we give thanks for these 'men and women who have touched our lives so powerfully, let us be ready to do the same for others. 'Be an angel', we sometimes say to each other, asking for some small favour; a happy expression, but let us give it its best and loveliest meaning.

Fr Stephen.

**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**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**£538.83**  
**Gift Aid: £469.93**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**  
**£296.06**  
**Gift Aid:**

**SVP**

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**29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Holy Souls**  
(not in our scheme)

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**6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Cafod Harvest**  
**Fast Day**  
(not in our scheme)

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**13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**PACT**  
(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 All Saints', Sidley**  
(Michael Bailey)  
**Next week: society of Friends**  
(Daphne Hill)

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

**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.

**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:  
**28/29 September**  
**5/6, 12/13 October**

**Christian Voices**, the Musical Drama Group, will be performing their play "Gifts from God" on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm, St Martha's Hall.** Admission is free, donations to charity 'Warming Up the Homeless'. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**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.*

**Our Lady of the Rosary: Mass Led by the Children (29<sup>th</sup> September)**

Thank you to the Children's Liturgy Group (led by Charles Harvey and Hettie and all the children) for once again leading the congregation in the celebration of Holy Mass. As every parish Mass, by definition, is a Family Mass, we look forward to you continuing this ministry soon in both St Mary Magdalene and St Martha's.

**Episcopal Anniversary of Bishop Kishor Kumar Kujur**

Congratulations to Rt Rev Bishop Kishor Kumar Kujur on his 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. We thank him for his stay with us and for allowing Fr Rajesh to be with us.

**Monday 14th October, 7.30pm Ordinariate Mass** will be celebrated in honour of John Henry Newman's canonisation which will have take place the previous day. **Venue: Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne.** Light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**Parish Diary - October**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**Informal Parish Mass Time Review**

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Mass Time Review paper. Fr Simon will now review all the responses and update you shortly of any changes, if any, to our Parish Mass times.

**So that there is no confusion, the Mass times will be as normal on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. On the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Mass times will be as normal (except no 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary). The times need to stay as the 'status quo option' for this weekend as we have the enrolment of First Holy Communion Masses, which families have already signed up for before the Bishop gave approval for the informal review.**

**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

**THE BIG ENCOUNTER 2019 Youth and young adults festival**

Our Annual Diocesan Festival for Young People and Young Adults (15-35 or thereabouts) is happening on Saturday November 9th at St Dunstan's Church in Woking. Doors open at 3.30pm, programme starts at 4pm, and we end with Mass at 6pm which will be celebrated by Bishop Richard. The keynote speaker for the event will be Father David King, one of our most popular speakers. There will be live music, creative prayer, food, and a chance to make some friends.

For more information, check out Facebook.com/CatholicEncounter or contact: Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

**RCIA Programme 2019/2020**

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.stmmmbexhill.co.uk](http://www.stmmmbexhill.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.

**Vacancy: School Chaplain/ Deanery Youth Worker, Worthing. Salary: £30,500**

Four parishes in the Worthing area, together with Chatsmore Catholic High School, are looking for somebody with experience and vision to lead a groundbreaking project delivering quality youth ministry across the Worthing area. It's about delivering chaplaincy services in a vibrant Catholic High School, and creating opportunities to engage young people across three parishes in Worthing & one in Shoreham. More info: Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

**Fairtrade Stall**

Including Malawi Rice  
**St Martha's Hall**  
**After Mass, 29th September**  
Many Bargains!

**Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association:**

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm – 9pm, St Martha's hall**

**Mark Johnson**, Regional Co-ordinator (Sussex) Christian Aid, will talk on: 'Christian Aid: A Voice For The Voiceless.' At 6.30pm, before the talk, you are invited to the **AGM of Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle**. Entrance free. All welcome. Contact Alex Mthobi: 07957 632208 or Edward Echlin 01424 219788

## 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**

### 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

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 People of the Parish

**Holy Souls** (not in our scheme)

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene 9:15am **Memoria St Jerome**  
Week of prayer for OLR  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Catherine Cronin RIP

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene 9:15am **Memoria St Thérèse of the Child Jesus**  
Week of prayer for OLR  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Deceased members of Joseph &  
Thomas families

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene 9:15am **Memoria The Holy Guardian Angels**  
Week of prayer for OLR  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Agnes Varghese Thanksgiving Birthday

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene 9:15am Week of prayer for OLR  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Brian Durrant RIP  
St Mary Magdalene 7:30pm Evening prayer for OLR  
Including a Blessing on the Blessed  
Martyrs of Sussex

### Harvest Fast Day

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene 9:15am **Memoria St Francis of Assisi**  
Week of prayer for OLR  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Frank Ratcliffe 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 5<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene 9.30am Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Esher Noga RIP

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4, St Paul 1:6-8. 13-14, Luke 17:5-10*

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Ann McKillion RIP

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

St Martha 9:00am Sue McLeod Smith RIP  
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish  
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am Priests Intentions  
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vanhoutteghem Family  
& Friends Deceased

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** (special Cafod envelopes)