

**The Month of November
The commemoration &
remembrance of the Faithful
Departed**

*'may the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in
peace'*

**All Saints Day
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

*Vigil Mass on 'All Hallow's Eve':
Thursday 31st October*

7pm Mass in St Mary Magdalene
Day Masses: Friday 1st November
9am Mass at St Martha's, Little
Common
10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

**All Souls Day:
Saturday 2nd November**

8am Low Mass in St Mary Magdalene
10am Annual Parish Bereavement
Mass in St Mary Magdalene
(followed by refreshments in the hall and
Christmas repository)

Blessing of Graves

Turkey Road Cemetery: 2.30pm on
Sunday 3rd November
STMM Memorial Garden: after 11am
Mass on Sunday 10th November

**Requiem Mass
for those fallen in war**

11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene on
Sunday 10th November

**Requiem Mass for Deceased Clergy
of the Eastbourne & St Leonard's
Deanery**

12noon on Tuesday 19th November at
Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne
*There will be no 10am Parish Mass as
all people of the deanery
are invited and encouraged to attend*

**St Michael's Hospice:
'Lights of Love' Service**

3pm on Sunday 1st December in St
Mary Magdalene

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who
made heaven and earth.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

*'All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used
for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and
teaching them to be holy'.*

Our thanks to the catechists who lead the *'Liturgy of the Word'* for Children, a session mirroring what happens in Mass, but in an age appropriate way. It is a profound encounter with Jesus who speaks to the children about the things of heaven. It is not a crèche or *'messy church'*, and any activity reinforces the Gospel, a homily in action. The resources are aimed at children able to engage with the Word, and not wishing to set rigid lines, a rough rule of thumb, might be School Years Reception, One and Two. If your child is not yet able to understand the Word, they might not yet be ready for this liturgy. You'll know best.

Our catechists have DBS disclosures, so you may be confident in letting your child come forward. You can then remain in the Church to encounter Jesus in the readings and the homily, so you may *'keep to what you have been taught and know to be true'*. By knowing the Scriptures, you may *'learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus'*. If a parent does *'go out'*, please remember in the session you are still *'in Church'*, so please join in the singing and responses, ensuring your mobile phone is off!

Children who have made their First Communion spent a year exploring the Mass, so should be more confident in *'staying in'* with us for the whole celebration, especially if they are Altar Serving or in the Choir. I know from school Masses and RE lessons that children are well disposed to the Church's liturgy and devotions, so we can have high expectations of them. Families are encouraged to sit near the front to get a clear view of the altar, as the Mass itself has power to instruct. Our thanks to Steve and Jo from **"Fulcrum Learning"** for donating some children's missals for St Mary Magdalene.

Parents ask, *'can we have a Children's Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene?'* Yes, of course! We simply need volunteers to lead it! We have resources and children's lectionaries; a suitable room and training and support are available. Wishing you all every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Cecilia Reidy RIP, Sean O'Donnell RIP, Michael O'Brien RIP, Thomas Searle RIP, Neil Jenkins 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, 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
13th October
£970.98
Gift Aid: £562.80

2nd Collection:
£334.60
Gift Aid: n/a

PACT

20th October
MISSIO
World Mission
Sunday
(not in our scheme)

27th October
Church
Maintenance
(blue envelopes)

3rd November
Retired Priests
Fund
(blue envelopes)

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: St Michael's (Vacancy)

Next week: St Stephen's (Kev Robinson)

Adoration

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

Urgent Appeal

A large family urgently needs clothes and shoes, for male and female, age 9yrs-18yrs.

If any members of your family have outgrown their clothes or footwear; instead of taking them to the charity shop this time; please bring them to the parish office.

Catholic Women's League

Monday 4th November
7:30pm St. Martha's Hall

Advent Reflection with
 Deacon Simon
 Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:

Thursday 24th October, 6pm
St Mary Magdalene's church
All welcome.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road,
2.30pm on Sunday 3rd November

Parish Memorial Garden
after 11am Mass on Sun 10th Nov.

Pastoral Care Group

Contact: Ron Brazier 844177
 ronbrazier26@gmail.com

HUG

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to help support homeless people at St Barnabas's Church. If you could spare an hour on Fridays from 6pm-7pm to chat to homeless people do let me know (it doesn't have to be every week). Also, if you would be prepared to help occasionally from 8pm-10pm when the temperature drops to below zero to chat and make a simple meal please let me know.

Lifts to special parish events

Please let the parish office know if you cannot get to special parish events such as the Mass for Bereaved on November 2nd and need a lift. If you could offer to be a registered parish driver please ask the office for a form. When we have any special events and people ask for transport, we can contact you.

Pilgrimage 2020

I hope that everyone who showed an interest in the Lourdes/Santiago/Fatima pilgrimage has received an E-mail from Tangent Tours. Please inform me if not.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Many thanks to those Extraordinary Ministers who have offered to take Communion to our housebound parishioners. I could do with a few more so that EMHC's are not overloaded, and this makes life easier when someone cannot fulfil their duties.

Thanks
 Ron Brazier.

Our Lady of the Rosary
Church & Hall

Do you hold a key to either the Church or Church Hall? If so, please can you return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks.
 Parish Office Administration Team.

Parish Diary - October/November

Sun 20 th October	Confirmation Session 1.	Presbytery 4:00pm
Thursday 7 th November	We Journey Together Session 2.	Presbytery 6:30pm
Friday 8 th November	RCIA Session 2.	Presbytery 7:00pm
Sunday 17 th November	Confirmation Session 2.	Presbytery 4:00pm
Tuesday 19 th November	SVP meeting	Presbytery 6:00pm

**Fairtrade Stall
St Martha's Hall
20th October**

New stock including Advent Calendars! Thank you for your custom (over £1200 traded in the last year).

**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.stmmbexhill.co.uk

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

**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:

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.

Ride and Stride - 14 Sept

Many thanks to the all who were involved in this event, and to our generous sponsors. Proceeds £310 to be shared between the Parish and the Sussex Historical Churches Trust.

**SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 23rd November
11am to 1pm
St Richards Catholic
College**

"Something to Celebrate"

What are we celebrating?

- A new chapter in the story of our parish
- The new liturgical year which begins on 1st December

The one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."
(Revelation 21:5)

**Ignite: Teenage Retreats
6-8th December 2019
@ Worth Abbey**

**For those in school years
7-9**

Ignite retreats are faith filled, fun packed weekends for teenagers held at Worth Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Sussex.

The weekends are all about exploring faith, getting to know God better whilst having lots of fun and getting to know other young Catholics. Expect talks, workshops, prayer, silly activities, games, sports, drama, a space for silence and stillness, yummy food and lots of fun and laughter! The weekends are run by myself (Jess) a member of The Wellspring Community in collaboration with Worth Abbey. Hope to see you there.

For more info please email Worth Abbey: toc@worth.org.uk

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

Morning of Recollection to prepare for Advent: **Sat 30th November, 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill**
Followed by session in the hall until 12.30pm.

* also suitable for Readers and all parishioners.

Evening Weekday Mass

Over forty people indicated that they were interested in an Evening Weekday Mass, and Fr Simon suggested that it would be good if this was at St Martha's, to give an extra dimension to our worship across the parish. With the possibility of a Holy Hour before hand, this might further extend our Lay Apostolate of Adoration. We propose that this begins after Half Term on Thursday 7th November, **so hopefully the forty or so will now commit.** To make this happen, we need as an absolute minimum:

- An Extraordinary Minister to Expose the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm
- At least 3 people to sign up for the Holy Hour so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone
- A Sacristan to set up for Mass at approx. 6.40pm

**Thinking of Teaching? Event:
Tuesday 26th November 2019
4pm-6pm**

St Richard's Catholic college

This event offers a brilliant opportunity to find out more about teacher training and what a career in teaching has to offer. It's also a great way for you to meet the schools and universities that lead teacher training in the area and receive one-to-one advice on every aspect. For further details and to register your interest go to: thinkingofteachingeastsussex.eventbrite.co.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

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

Website:

www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Parish Office opening hours

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday
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

www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews

01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk

www.stmarymags.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 19th October

St Mary Magdalene
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St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

9.30am
10:00am
12:30pm

St Philip Howard

Patron of the Diocese

Confessions
Percy & Catherine Bedford RIP
Baptism of Gil Williams

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13, Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm
6:00pm

Confessions
Anthony N Bedford RIP

Sunday 20th October

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am
11:00am
6:00pm

World Mission Day
People of the Parish
Peter Paul Phillips RIP
P.M. George RIP

World Mission Sunday (MISSIO)

(special envelopes)

Monday 21st October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

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Tuesday 22nd October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Frank Moran RIP

Wednesday 23rd October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Holy Souls

Thursday 24th October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am

Catherine W Ford RIP

Friday 25th October

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

10:00am
10:45am -
12:30pm

Denis, Mary & Joan O Sullivan RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
And Benediction

St Mary Magdalene

5pm -
8pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 26th October

St Mary Magdalene
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St Mary Magdalene

9.30am
10:00am
12:30pm

Confessions
Veronica Christoffe RIP
Baptism of Leo Grech

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19, Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm
6:00pm

Confessions
Carol Pattison RIP

Sunday 27th October

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am
11:00am
12:30pm
6:00pm

People of the Parish
Phillip Ashwood RIP
Baptism of Jessica Grace Winton
Sean Gaughan RIP

Church Maintenance

(blue envelopes)

Q: What's the best way to celebrate Halloween (All Hallows Eve)?

A: Come to Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene & also fulfil your Holy Day Obligation!