

**PARISH DAY**  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
11am to 1pm

at St Richards Catholic College  
**"Something to Celebrate"**

What are we celebrating? A new chapter in the story of our parish and the new liturgical year which begins on 1<sup>st</sup> December. If any parishioners requires a lift to this event, please contact the parish office. ***The one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."*** (Revelation 21:5)

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

12noon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December  
in St Mary Magdalene

Please continue to complete the **Lilac Forms** so that we can pray for the repose of the souls of your families and friends.

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**St Richard's Diamond Jubilee**

Congratulations to St Richard's Catholic College who are celebrating their Diamond (60<sup>th</sup>) Jubilee on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, from 9.30am. The Bishop comes to celebrate Holy Mass and bless the new Sport's Hall, followed by tours.

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**Office Opening Hours**

The office is open to personal callers on:  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
Access to the office on other days is by appointment and prior arrangement.

**The Lord comes to rule the peoples  
with fairness.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: St Cecilia, Patron of Musicians**

For six years, every Thursday in the Seminary there was a session on 'Music in the Liturgy', unpacking what the Second Vatican Council in its documents **Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) & Musicam Sacram (MS)** taught us about music in our liturgical celebrations. The whole congregation is to participate, 'by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons and songs' (SC 30). I would like to thank our parish musicians and choirs for adding so much to our liturgical celebrations. We, the congregation, try to avoid two attitudes: 1) that I'm not good enough to join the choir; 2) the choir aren't good enough for me to join it, for our music is a prayer and never a performance. While no kind of sacred music is prohibited it must 'correspond to the spirit of the liturgical celebration' (MS 9). Again, while other instruments are permitted, 'in the Latin Church, the pipe organ is held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendour to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things' (SC 120). In choosing music for the liturgy and within our abilities, MS 29 reminds us there is a priority: **1<sup>st</sup> degree: the celebrant's greetings, collect and prayers, preface, sanctus, Lord's Prayer; 2<sup>nd</sup> degree: Kyrie, Gloria, Agnus Dei, Creed, prayers of the faithful; 3<sup>rd</sup> degree: entrance, offertory & communion propers, psalm, Alleluia and the readings.** In summary, 'we sing the Mass', rather than 'sing at Mass'. After this has been planned, hymns are a welcome addition to our liturgy, providing that they are in conformity with our Catholic Theology; if not they should not be sung, ever! If appropriate, they also align with the Scriptures, Saint or Feast of the Day and be appropriate for the faithful who gather at the foot of the cross and celebrate the Resurrection. **Continued inside...**

**We pray for those who have died:** Brian Mcelhone RIP, Patricia Ryman 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, 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**

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

**£1257.82**

**Gift Aid: £598.26**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**

**£298.52**

**Gift Aid: n/a  
Holy Souls**

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**17<sup>th</sup> November  
Arundel Cathedral  
Maintenance Fund**  
(blue envelopes)

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**24<sup>th</sup> November  
Parish charity  
Fund** (blue envelopes)

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**1<sup>st</sup> December  
Christmas flowers**  
(blue envelopes)

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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**

**From front page...** Vatican II also acknowledged that *'Gregorian Chant is specially suited to the Roman Liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services (SC 116)'*. In paragraph 36 SC explicitly said that *'the use of Latin is to be preserved in the Latin Rites'* (that's what we celebrate). Therefore, I recommend that all Catholics be able to sing: *the Kyrie (Greek), Gloria, Sanctus, Credo, Pater Noster, Angus Dei*, along with the *Salve Regina* and the other Marian Antiphons. Modern music such as *'Praise and Worship (sic)'*, is ideal in devotional and non-Eucharistic services (but it must be Catholic). It's not really music for the Sacred Liturgy as worship for Catholics is 'Eucharistic'. With prayers, Fr Simon.

**Adoration**

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



**CTiB Prayer List**

**This week: St Oswald's, Hooe** (Paul Frostick)  
**Next week: St Barnabus** (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word  
St Mary Magdalene**

From the 1st Sunday of Advent (1st December) there will be Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene. For now, it will run once a month on the 1st Sunday of the Month (5th Jan, 2nd Feb...).

Reminder this liturgy (and also the weekly one at St Martha's) is for children old enough to engage with the word, up until about First Holy Communion; and as the catechists are all very experienced there is no need for parents to go out and thus miss the richness of the Liturgy of the Word.

**St Mary Magdalene's  
Primary School**

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Mary Magdalene's on the following dates:

**Friday 22nd November 7pm-8pm**  
**Monday 25th November 3:30-5pm**  
**Friday 29th November 7pm-8pm**  
**Monday 2nd December 3:30-5pm**

**Please call the parish office to book an appointment.**

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

**Morning of Recollection for  
Ministers & Parishioners  
to Prepare for Advent.**

*In partnership with the Parish of the Good Shepherd we have our morning of recollection on*  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.**  
Holy Mass will be celebrated at **10am in St Mary Magdalene**, followed by formation session in the hall.

**Parish Diary - November**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Confirmation Session 2.	Presbytery 4:00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	SVP meeting	Presbytery 6:00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Mothers Prayer group	Presbytery 7:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	WJT Session 3.	6:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	RCIA Session 3.	7:00pm

**Evening Weekday Mass**

We have begun a trial of a weekday Mass in the evening at **7pm on Thursdays at St Martha's**. It is good that those who work during the day have an extra opportunity to be at Mass during the week so that the Eucharist truly becomes the source and summit of our lives. Throughout November these Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. Many thanks to the sacristans for making it all happen!

**Ministries - St Martha's**

There is a handout in the porch giving details of the various ministries at St Martha's Church and a form for parishioners to indicate which ones they would like to be involved with. At the end of November, we will collect the information and produce the rotas for 2020 early in December. Please let the relevant people know if you have served St Martha's but do not wish to continue.

**Cheques:**

Please continue to write cheques to "St Mary Magdalene's Church" Thank you.

**Three Churches in Little Common:**

The next meeting is on **Wed, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 11am, at Little Common Methodist Church**, followed by refreshments. All are welcome – not just the Little Common Churches.

**St Martha's Open Forum**

**Monday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
In St Martha's Hall**  
All Welcome!

**Fairtrade Stall  
St Martha's Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> November**

Thank you for your custom

**Thinking of Teaching?  
Event:  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
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](http://thinkingofteachingeastsussex.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Can you help please?**

Dear all, my friend Père Jean-Pierre Nzita who lives near Kinshasa desperately needs computers and sewing machines to enable the young people in his congregation to learn skills which will improve their condition of living. I will be taking any donations to France at Christmas from where they will be shipped over to the Democratic Republic of Congo. If you can help, please contact Ghislaine on 07491 477773.

**Parish pre-Christmas Meal**

This has been arranged for **Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at "The Windmill" in St Leonards** leaving Bexhill around 12.30pm. This is now full and no more bookings can be accepted.

**You are warmly invited to join us for a CAFOD Faith in Action day. St John's Womersley on Saturday 23 November 10 am- 4pm inc. lunch**

Previously known as retreats, the Faith in Action days are free and open to all; whether you are new to campaigning or you joined us a long time ago, you are very welcome.

**Politics is everywhere**

But when should we pray from the sidelines and when should we roll up our sleeves?

The Church here and around the world has a proud history of encouraging Catholics' political reflection and action. With amazing results.

At this CAFOD day, we'll explore the links between faith and politics.

Join us and reflect on Scripture and Church teaching. Be inspired by others and CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas.

You are welcome to bring a family member or friend from your parish. If you can, please book **well in advance** to help us plan the retreat.

Places limited. *Please honour your commitment if you do sign up. Someone may have benefitted from an unused place. To book: [cafod.org.uk/events](http://cafod.org.uk/events) or call 0303 303 3030.*

**Day of Reflection & Music for Music Ministers**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
11 am to 4 pm  
at**

**St Dunstan's, Woking, GU22 7DT.**

Booking essential on 01293 651164 or at [ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ruth.gerun@abdiocese.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

### 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)

### 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

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[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

#### St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

##### Interim Head:

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Anthony N Bedford RIP
Holy Redeemer, Hollington	10:00am	Mass followed by EMHC training
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Charlie & Evie Forward

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Malachi 3:19-20, Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5--19*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Zbigniew & Anastasia Zglobis RIP
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Lay Adoration Update at all Sun' Masses</b>
St Martha	9:00am	Deceased members of the Clifford and Pillinger families and Baby Callum RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Denis, Mary & Johanna O'Sullivan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

**Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund**  
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### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	No Mass due to St Richard's celebration
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### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	No Mass – see below
Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne	12noon	Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy & Religion of the Joint Deanery

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Catherine W Ford RIP
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### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<b>Memorial The Presentation of the BVM</b>
St Martha	7:00pm	Bernard A Bedford RIP
		Joe Reid RIP

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<b>Memorial St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
St Mary Magdalene	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 23<sup>rd</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	9:45am	Alice & Albert Whatling RIP
St Richard's College	11:00am	<b>Parish Day: Something to Celebrate</b>
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Ava Saxsby

### Christ the King (C)

*Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Emilia & Luigi RIP and Good Estate of The Di Paolo Family
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Harlowe-Bleu Wynter Ivy Cassidy
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Mr & Mrs Thomas 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Parish Charity fund**  
(blue envelopes)