

24th November 2019

PARISH NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

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

Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

Sr M Bernadette

In August, Sr Teresa Molloy of the Sisters of Providence – Rosminians wrote to me to say that after nearly 35 years the sisters will no longer be with us in Bexhill and that Sr Bernadette will return to the community house in Loughborough. Sr Bernadette asked me not to say anything, as she did not want any fuss. Sr Bernadette informed me this week that she departs on 1st December. Sr Bernadette has been a superstar in the parish and been completely dedicated to this parish, especially the housebound. She is the epitome of the Rosminian Motto:

“Legis Charitas Plenitudo”

(Love is the fulness of the law).

Sr Teresa expresses her thanks to the people of Bexhill for the love that has been shown to the Rosminian sisters and we thank them for their ministry with us. Wishing Sr Bernadette a blessed retirement. Fr Simon.

St Mary Magdalene Primary School OFSTED

Congratulations to our primary school on their recent OFSTED in which a ‘Good’ rating was achieved, which is a fantastic achievement because of a new and more demanding framework recently introduced. OFSTED commended the school for the way in which the school cared for each individual child which should indeed encourage our Catholic families (even more so) to apply for a place for their child in our wonderful Catholic school. I look forward to signing your supplementary information forms. Best wishes and well done. Fr Simon.

**St Michael’s Hospice:
‘Lights of Love’ Service**
3pm on Sunday 1st December
in St Mary Magdalene

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.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’

A BLESSED AND HAPPY FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING! The last Sunday of the Church’s year is dedicated to the honour of Our Lord Jesus as the King of all Creation. The feast of Christ the King is a beautiful way to end each Church year. In today’s gospel, Christ the King exercises his reign on the Cross. His crown is made up of thorns, he is insulted by Roman soldiers with the title king of Jews. It would have meant that the King’s mission would end in disgrace, through the abuse of those who have crucified him. However, the good thief hanging next to Jesus has revealed to us who this King is. He knew that Jesus was innocent, he has come to seek and save what was lost. He asked of his new-found King: Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. He is told: Today you will be with me in paradise. The truth about Christ the King is revealed in the salvation he brought us through selfless love, the suffering and death, as we allow him to rule over our hearts. Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, he is the image of the unseen God, he is the first born of all creation and therefore; Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers-all things were created through him and for him. He was, he is and he is to come. This is the truth, and this truth we celebrate today that Jesus Christ is the king of Kings.

On this National Youth Sunday, we pray especially for our young people and those who work with them; that all may realise Christ’s love for them. It is also the time for us to highlight the importance of young people in the Church in a number of ways, in the liturgy, in our own prayers. It’s a chance for us to ask God’s blessing and guidance on them, so that they may grow in faith, hope and love, and so find happiness at every stage of life, in this world and the next. May the Lord excite in our hearts a filial devotion to our Lord Jesus every day!

God Bless, Fr Rajesh.

Morning of Reflection to Prepare for Advent
10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 30th November 2019
10am Mass St Mary Magdalene, then in the Hall

A reminder for all **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and all Parishioners** that we have our Morning of Reflection to prepare for Advent, so that we might enter this Holy Season worthily and well.

We pray for those who have died: Deacon Mac (Philip McDermott).

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

17th November
£838.46
Gift Aid: £550.05
2nd Collection:

£141.00
Gift Aid: 134.30
Arundel Cathedral
Maintenance Fund

24th November
Parish charity
Fund (blue
envelopes)

1st December
Christmas flowers
(blue envelopes)

8th December
Parish Charity
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

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

 **CTIB Prayer List**
This week: St Barnabas (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)
Next week: Christchurch (Tricia Williams)

RCIA & CICC
(We Journey Together)
Rite of Acceptance & Welcome
1st Sunday of Advent (1st Dec)

During the RCIA program, there is a spiritual journey through defined periods with formal rites. The first period is enquiring about the faith and hopefully, the person comes to that initial conversion and step of faith, aided by the grace of God. This period ends with the **Rite of Acceptance**. By celebrating this rite, each person is officially and publicly declaring his or her intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Church, learning its ways and participating in its lifestyle. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges its support throughout the person's journey of faith. The next step in the journey will be **The Rite of Election on Saturday, 29th March 2020** to coincide with the start of Lent. The final stage during Lent will lead to **Reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 11th April 2020 & 18th April for the Children**. Please pray for all our adults, children, sponsors and catechists on our parish RCIA.

Dowry of Mary Tour
Visit of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to Arundel Cathedral From 28th – 30th November.
Full programme of events over the three days. Full details at www.dowrytour.org.uk
School Groups have a special invitation to join in the events on Friday 29th November, with a talk at 10 am and Mass at 11 am.
Information and to book contact claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group
The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be:
6pm, Thursday 28th November
St Mary Magdalene church.
All welcome.

November Remembrance
We continue to remember the Holy Souls of your family and friends listed on the lilac forms.

Cafod World Gifts: Booklets now available at the back of the churches.

Parish Diary - November

Wednesday 27 th November	RCIA Session 3.	7:00pm Presbytery & Church
Sunday 1 st December	Confirmation Session 3.	4:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 4 th December	RCIA Session 4.	7:00pm Presbytery
Thursday 12 th December	WJT Session 4.	6:30pm Presbytery
Tuesday 17 th December	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery

Advent Reconciliations

St Martha's Confessions

8:15am – 9am on the four
Sundays of Advent

St Mary Magdalene

Confessions: 9:30am &
5.30pm on Saturdays

Parish Reconciliation

Service & 1st Confessions

3pm on Sun 8th December
at St Mary Magdalene

**Parish
Christmas Day Lunch
St Martha's Hall,
12:30pm for 1pm**

All parishioners and their friends
welcome (*singles, pairs and
families*) for a traditional turkey
and pudding feast (with a
vegetarian option). Wine and
other drinks will accompany the
meal. Although there is no
charge, donations will be gratefully
received on the day.

**If you would like to join us,
contact the Parish Office:
210263
or Julia Dance: 213078.**

Parish Finance Meeting

**7pm Thursday 9th January 2020
in the parish hall at St Martha's**

The Finance Committee will be on
hand to talk through the last financial
statement and to present the parish's
financial position going forward. They
will happily answer your questions but
ask that they be submitted in advance.

**Christmas Card Competition
2019**

**If you are in years 4, 5 or 6
of Primary School
you are invited to enter our
'Parish Christmas Card
Competition'**

Entries should be A5, and should have
child's name, date of birth, school,
telephone number and name of church
they currently attend.

No words other than "Happy Christmas" on
the picture please.

Entries to be put in an envelope and
marked "Christmas Card Competition".

Please send to the Parish Office or hand
to the Priests.

The Winning entries will be used to
advertise our Christmas Mass times and
the winner will also receive a voucher.

**Final date for entries:
Wed 4th December.**

**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.

**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:

Mon 25th November 3:30-5pm

Fri 29th November 7pm-8pm

Mon 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.*

Accident:

On Saturday 9th November,
I had the misfortune of being
hit by a car on leaving the
Vigil Mass. If anyone
witnessed the accident, please
can you telephone the Parish
Office who will forward your
details to me.

Please can I thank Fr Simon
and the community for their
assistance after the accident
and waiting with me until the
ambulance arrived.

Michael Rosner.

Cheques:

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

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

**Sat 14th December
11am-4pm**

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

01293 651164 or at
ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

**Hastings and District Interfaith
Forum (HDIFF)**

**Winter Festival of Faiths and
Cultures**

**Sunday 8th December
5.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

**Concordia Hall, Church Road,
St Leonards on Sea TN37 6HB.**

Once again the St Mary Magdalene
Keralan Community will be among the
performers. They are featured on this
year's poster available in both churches.

All are welcome.

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 23rd November

St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	9:45am	Alice & Albert Whatling RIP
St Richard's College	11:00am	Parish Day: Something to Celebrate
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
Sunday 24th November		
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 th Wedding Anniversary

Parish Charity fund: to support those groups who work with Homeless & the Poor
(blue envelopes)

Monday 25th November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Irene & David Herring RIP
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Tuesday 26th November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Benefactors
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	<i>Mass in the Extraordinary Form</i>
"RED WEDNESDAY"	27th Nov	Votive Mass: for persecuted Christians
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Peggy & Roy Fisher RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:30am	<i>Mass in the Extraordinary Form</i>

Thursday 28th November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Frank Ratcliffe RIP
St Martha	7:00pm	Holy Souls

Friday 29th November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Robert Stevens 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 30th November

St Mary Magdalene	Feast 9:30am	St Andrew, Apostle Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Percy & Catherine Bedford RIP
St Mary Magdalene Hall	<i>After Mass</i>	Morning of Reflection for Advent

First Sunday of Advent Yr A

Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Peter Robinson RIP
Sunday 1st December		
St Martha	8:15am	Confessions
St Martha	9:00am	Margie Scrafield RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Catherine Cronin RIP & RCIA Service of Acceptance
St Mary Magdalene	3:15pm	Lights of Love Service with St Michael's Hospice
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Christmas Flowers
(blue envelopes)