

Fr Desmond Baker: Golden Jubilee of Priesthood (50th Anniversary)

The Parish & Deanery join with Fr Desmond Baker in celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. **Holy Mass: 7pm on Friday 17th January 2020**, St Mary Magdalene. In attendance: Bishop Richard Moth & Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Evening Weekday Mass, Thursdays 7pm, St Martha's

One of our weekday Masses is celebrated in the evening at 7pm on Thursday's in St Martha's, Little Common. It is celebrated so that people who work during the day may have another opportunity to come to Holy Mass during the week. Perhaps, if you are still looking for a sustainable New Year's Resolution, this might be for you.

"Year of the Word:

The God who Speaks"

Formation & Training for Readers

Saturday 18th January 2020

Readers are invited to come to the 10am Mass this Saturday. After Mass, there will be *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which there will be a reflection on Dei Verbum & Verbum Domini*, followed by practical input on of proclaiming the Word of God (Ends 12noon). All parishioners welcome. We will have a **special commissioning of readers for 2020 on 3rd Sunday in OT (25/26th Jan), the Sunday of the Word of God.**

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

'And a voice spoke from heaven.

This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The **Catechism** says, *'Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian Life, the gateway to the life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.'* (CCC 1213). **St Paul** says, *'you have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection.'* (Rom 6:3-5). **St Peter** says, *'you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all and now you are the People of God; once you were outside the mercy and now you have been given mercy.'* (1 Peter 9-10).

Our Lord instructs the disciples, *'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'* (Mt 28:18-20). Therefore, there should be an urgency in requesting baptism and a desire to complete the preparation and formation so that the sacrament may be received with understanding by the individual or parents in the case of a child. In 2020, the clergy look forward to saying, *'N, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'*. With every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Helen Ambrose, Kathleen Randall, Yvonne Surrey & Edward Echlin.
We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, Tony Batkin, Angela Burden, Kate Brignall, 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, Sally Moore, 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
 5th January
 £859.68
 Gift aid: £575.65

2nd collection
 £601.94
 Gift Aid: n/a
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 12th January
 Society for the Unborn Child (SPUC)
 (not in our scheme)

19th January
 Pax Christi (Peace Sunday) (special envelopes)

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
 Please contact **Ron Brazier:**
 844177

Adoration
St Mary Magdalene's Church
Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm
No Evening Adoration on 17th Jan

 **CTiB Prayer List**
This week: Kings Church Bexhill (Steve Young)
Next week: God's Green House (Broadoak Chapel) (Paul & Talitha Ishi-Smith)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January

There will be a united service for Churches Together in Bexhill at **St Mark's, Little Common, at 4 pm on Sunday 19th January.** There will also be a **short service at 11am, Wednesday 22nd January at St Martha's Church, Little Common.** All are welcome to either or both services.
 Fr Rajesh will officiate at the 22nd January service.
 Details on poster at back of church.

On Thursday 23rd January, the 10am & 7pm Masses at St Mary Magdalene and St Martha's, will both be a 'Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians'

Hastings & Rother Interfaith Forum
Tuesday 21st January 7:00 – 9:00pm
Unitarian Church, South Terrace, Hastings TN34 1SA

"Sharing Faith Experiences from 2019 and New Year Food" You are invited to share a personal spiritual highlight from last year (5 minutes each) – or just listen to others if you prefer, followed by shared food until 9pm. Details on the poster at the back of the church.

Are You Married? – Your Diocese needs You!
 The newly formed Eastbourne and St Leonards Deanery is looking for couples/married individuals who would be prepared to help assist in preparing couples for marriage. No training is necessary, there are a variety of ways in which you can help.

If you are interested in finding out what is involved and how you might help without committing yourself, you are invited to attend a social gathering of the small group who are already looking to help at the Church of Christ the King, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne BN23 6HT at **7pm on Thursday 16th January 2020.**
 We need your help!

If you would like to help, please come along **BUT** please let Deacon Simon know for catering purposes at simon.kirkdale@abdiocese.org.uk

Confirmation 2020
 The next meeting is: **4pm, Sunday 26th January in St Mary Magdalene Hall**
If you haven't done so, please return your Whitstable Retreat Paperwork ASAP
The Retreat is 31 Jan – 2 Feb.

'The Two Popes'
 This is an excellent film about meetings between Pope Benedict and Pope Francis and will be shown in the presbytery on **Monday 27th January and also on 10th February from 2.30 - 4.30pm.**
 As we are expecting a good deal of interest in this event it is essential that you book a seat with the parish office.

SVP: Would like to thank the Catholic Women's League for their very generous donation of £1000, raised through the CWL and the Parish. The SVP would like to assure the CWL that it will of course be used for a worthy cause.

Parish Diary - January

Wednesday 15 th January	Mother's Prayers Group	7:30pm Presbytery
Thursday 16 th January	WJT Session 5.	6:30pm Presbytery
Saturday 18 th January	Formation & Training for Proclaimers of the Word (Readers)	After 10am Mass St Mary Magdalene Church
Tuesday 21 st January	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 22 nd January	Baptism Preparation	7:00pm Presbytery
Saturday 25 th January	Altar Servers Morning of Reflection	10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene and after in the presbytery
Sunday 26 th January	Confirmation Session 5.	4:00pm St Mary Magdalene Hall
Wednesday 29 th January	RCIA Session 6.	7:00pm Presbytery.
Fri 31 Jan - Sun 2 nd Feb	Confirmation - Weekend Retreat	Whitstable
Sun 2 nd Feb (Candlemas)	St Mary Magdalene School "Parish Mass"	11 am Parish Mass St Mary Magdalene

The application process for the 2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open.

The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance can be found at: <https://www.my-holiday-booking.co.uk/crm/introduction/index/i/17/eid/9>

If you would like to go to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you:

E: office@ablourdes.org

T: 01403 740110

Companionship

As we get older, we find it more difficult to get around and also our friends and relations are likely to as well and, sadly some die before us.

Therefore, it is inevitable that we may become more and more lonely and perhaps slightly removed from society.

The Parish Pastoral Care Group are looking at this issue and aim to produce a handout leaflet showing what support we can tap into both for housebound parishioners and for those who can get out with a bit of assistance.

If you have any ideas you would like to contribute, please let us know.
Ron Brazier 844177

Welcome to New Parishioners Afternoon Tea Sunday 26th January 3pm at the presbytery

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners to our parish, we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself know to the Clergy of our parish and our parishioners.

Please do come along for Afternoon Tea and meet the Clergy and parishioners including members of the Pastoral group.

Please call the parish office by 18th January if you are able to attend.

Funerals

Yvonne Surrey RIP

Bexhill Cemetery Chapel, 12 noon, Monday 13th January

Dr Edward P. Echlin's Funeral Mass to be held at St Martha's Church, Wednesday 15th January at 12.30pm (followed by refreshments in the church hall).

Helen Ambrose RIP

St Martha's, 11am, Monday 20th January

Kathleen Randall RIP

St Mary Magdalene, 10am, Wednesday 29th January

Worth Abbey - Open Cloister

A wonderful place for a retreat for groups. Availability in 2020 on some weekdays and weekends. Full details at www.worth.co.uk

Cheques:

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

The next **SVP Meeting** will be on **21st January at the presbytery at 6pm.**

First Holy Communion Masses 2020

2.30pm on:

Sat 30th May (St Martha's)
and Sat 6th June (St Mary Magdalene)
and Sat 13th June (St Mary Magdalene)

Sign up sheets at all Masses – 18/19th January 2020

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)

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
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 11th January

St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Kate Fallon RIP

Saturday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord Yr A

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7, Apostles 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Matthew Hargan GE & Family

Sunday 12th January

St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Joseph Thomas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Jack Oliver Lucy RIP

Society for the Unborn child (SPUC)
(not in our scheme)

Monday 13th January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Foundation
Bexhill Cemetery Chapel	12 noon	Funeral of Yvonne Surrey RIP

Tuesday 14th January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Merlyn Coward RIP
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Wednesday 15th January

St Martha's	12:30pm	Requiem Mass of Ed Echlin RIP followed by Bexhill Cemetery
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Thursday 16th January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Philip Crewe RIP
St Martha	7:00pm	Priests Intentions

Friday 17th January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Memorial St Antony Bernard A. Bedford RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:45am - 12:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Benediction
St Mary Magdalene	7:00pm	Golden Jubilee Mass for Fr Desmond Baker

Saturday 18th January

St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Mariano Peralta Jr. RIP & Mass for Parish Readers Adoration & Readers Reflection Practical Training for Readers
St Mary Magdalene	10:40am	Burial of Ashes of Brian Macelhome RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:20am	
Memorial Garden	After 10am Mass	

'Peace Day' Second Sunday Yr A

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6, Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Cesidio Capaldi RIP

Sunday 19th January

St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Marion Cox RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intention: Mary Racheil RIP

Pax Christi Peace Sunday
(special envelopes)