

PARISH NEWS

19th January 2020

'Peace Day' Second Sunday Yr A

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

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

"Year of the Word:

The God who Speaks"

Commissioning of Readers for 2020

3rd Sunday of the Year OT

(25th / 26th January 2020)

"Sunday of the Word of God"

Next weekend at the Sunday Masses (including the Vigil Mass) we will specially commission our parish readers for their ministry of Proclaiming the Word of God – all you need to do is come to your normal Sunday Mass and the commissioning will take place after the Collect of the Mass.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1. United Service for Churches Together in Bexhill at 4pm on Sunday 19th January 2020 at St Mark's in Little Common
2. Service at 11am on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at St Martha's in Little Common (presided by Fr Rajesh)
3. Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians at 10am in St Mary Magdalene and 7pm in St Martha's on Thursday 23rd January 2020.

Enrolment of Confirmandi

The Confirmation Candidates will be formally enrolled as *Confirmandi* for our parish at the **6pm Mass on Sunday 26th January**, following their session in the hall at 4pm. Please remember to return the **Whitstable Retreat paperwork.**

**Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"Unusual Kindness"

Our week of prayer begins this afternoon at 4pm with a **United Service for Churches Together (Bexhill) at St Mark's in Little Common. All welcome!** I do hope that you are able to support the event. The prayers of the service come from Malta, remembering St Paul's arrival there, shipwrecked on the coast, while a prisoner on his way to Rome. They reflect the kindness with which St Paul and his companions were received, although they were complete strangers. They write:

"Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith". These words offer a rich meditation, especially regarding the hospitality we offer in the parish, for the gift of welcome and hospitality is central to our faith and practice. We need to make it visible always, to all who come.

With every blessing, Fr Rajesh.

Holy Mass & Morning of Reflection

for Altar Servers

Saturday 25th January 2020

10am Mass in St Mary Magdalene with admittance into the Guild of St Stephen of four servers who have completed one year's service, followed by refreshments and formation in the Presbytery (ends: 12:00)

We pray for those who have died: Helen Ambrose, Kathleen Randall & Fr Brenden McCarthy

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

12th January
£915.40
Gift aid: £466.50

2nd collection
£288.39

Gift Aid:
Society for the Unborn Child (SPUC)
(not in our scheme)

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

26th January
In gratitude to
Worth Abbey
(to include Fr Stephen)
(not in our scheme)

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



CTiB Prayer List

This week: God's Green House (Broadoak Chapel)
(Paul & Talitha Ishi-Smith)

Next week: Bexhill United Reformed Church (Terry Jin)

Evening Weekday Mass
Thursdays

7pm at St Martha's
For all parishioners, but especially to give those who work a second opportunity to get to Holy Mass each week. A great new year's resolution!

Parish Silent Auction of Promises and Gifts
Monday 3rd February 8pm
St Martha's Hall

Come and bid silently to help raise funds for **Foodbank**
Raffle and refreshments
Contact: Frances Haragan 734044
This is preceded by the CWL meeting at 7:30pm

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.

Justice & Peace Assembly:

'Still No Room at the Inn?' How can we respond to the homelessness crisis today?
Saturday 25th January,
at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
(formally DABCEC).

Doors open 9.30am. Ends 4pm.
Free event. Introduced by Bishop Richard, with Speakers from Turning Tides, Homelink, Crawley Open House, Life Housing, Caritas Portsmouth, and more. Stalls and stands. Packed lunch needed - drinks provided – bring own cup/mug.
Bookings at
Rosie.Read@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.

Welcome to New Parishioners Afternoon Tea (Sun 26th Jan) 3pm. St Mary Magdalene Presbytery

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish; thank you for enriching our community with your presence amongst us. We invite you to come to **afternoon tea** next Sunday. Come and meet Fr Simon and some parishioners who make up the Parish Pastoral Care Group.

Parish Diary - January/February

Tuesday 21 st January	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 22 nd January	Baptism Preparation	7:00pm Presbytery
Saturday 25 th January	Altar Servers Guild of St Stephen Mass & 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
Monday 27 th January	Film showing 'The Two Popes'	2pm Presbytery
Wednesday 29 th January	Requiem Mass of Kathleen Randall R.I.P.	10am St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 29 th January	RCIA Session 6.	7:00pm Presbytery.
Fri 31 Jan - Sun 2 nd Feb	Confirmation - Weekend Retreat	St Vincent's, Whitstable
Sun 2 nd Feb (Candlemas)	St Mary Magdalene School "Parish Mass"	11am Parish Mass St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Mother's Prayer Group	7:30pm Prayer room
Saturday 15 th Feb	Parish Marriage Anniversary Mass	10am 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

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.

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

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

CAFOD AREA MEETING
Wednesday, 5th February,
at 7 pm, in the John Fisher Room at St Thomas of Canterbury Church,
TN37 6ET.

Jenny Finlayson from CAFOD A & B will be present, along with local CAFOD Parish Contacts. If you would like to attend you would be very welcome.

Next Sunday (26th January)

The second collection is in gratitude for Worth Abbey and Fr Stephen Ortiger.

Today is also: PEACE SUNDAY

Our second collection is for **Pax Christi International Catholic Movement for Peace.**

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith, whose vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in the Catholic Faith, they work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. In 2020, we are asked to reflect on peace as a journey of hope and to enter a dialogue that embraces reconciliation and ecological conversion. Peace is not a theoretical concept but about people putting peace into action. It is a peace that is based on justice; a world where human rights are respected and people's basic needs are met, where people feel safe and valued in their communities. Forgiveness is a choice 'to love even though it hurts' and so reconciliation is a process which looks to mend relationships, with God, with His Church and with His People at a local and global level. Strengthen our determination, Lord, to work for a world of peace and justice; that we may all be one in Christ who says: 'peace I leave you, my peace I give you'. And so, may **'the peace of the Lord be with you always'**, Fr Simon.

Parish Information

The Presbytery

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 18th January

St Mary Magdalene 9:30am
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am

St Mary Magdalene 10:40am
St Mary Magdalene 11:20am
Memorial Garden After 10am Mass

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

Confession
Mariano Peralta Jr. RIP
& Mass for Parish Readers
Adoration & Readers Reflection
Practical Training for Readers
Burial of Ashes of Brian Macelhome RIP

'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 Priest Intention: Mary Racheil RIP

Pax Christi
(special envelopes)

Monday 20th January

St Martha 11:00am Requiem Mass of Helen Ambrose RIP followed by Eastbourne Crematorium

Tuesday 21st January

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Memorial St Agnes** Elizabeth Francis RIP

Wednesday 22nd January

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Anthony Varghese RIP

Thursday 23rd January

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Votive Masses for Christian Unity**
St Martha 7:00pm Christian Unity (Week of prayer)
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Friday 24th January

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Memorial St Francis de Sales** Holy Souls
St Mary Magdalene 10:45am - 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Benediction

Saturday 25th January

St Mary Magdalene 9:30am **Feast The Conversion of St Paul** Confession
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Altar Servers Mass
St Mary Magdalene 10:40am-12 noon **Altar Servers Morning of Reflection**

Third Sunday Yr A: "Sunday of the Word of God"

Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Corinthians 1:10-13. 17, Matthew 4:12-23

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
Special Commissioning of our Parish Proclaimers of the Word (Readers)
St Martha 9:00am Dennis Driscoll RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am Edna Agnes Coward RIP
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm People of the Parish & **Mass of Enrolment of Confirmandi**

In Gratitude to Worth Abbey (to include Fr Stephen)
(not in our scheme)