

2nd February 2020

PARISH NEWS

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) Yr A

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

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

Welcome to St Mary Magdalene Primary School

Our wonderful primary school lead the Liturgy this morning at the 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene, and what a Feast to celebrate! I love spending time at St Mary Magdalene because the children have a fantastic capacity for the Word of God and the things of heaven, knowing that our prayer and worship truly are special times of encounter with the Lord, the King of Glory. The children are well served by a great team of Staff and Governors who support and reflect the Catholic ethos and mission of the school in an authentic and attractive way. As a community we are very blessed to have St Mary Magdalene as part of our parish family.

9am Mass at St Martha's &

11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene:

Grab a hymn book and make your way to the hall; today's Mass begins with the blessing of candles and the procession.

Confirmandi Retreat

Please keep our 'Confirmandi' in your prayers; this weekend they are in Whitstable on Retreat.

St Blaise: Blessing of Throats

At the end of each Sunday Mass this weekend, the clergy will return to the sanctuary and give the annual blessing of throats to anyone who wishes to receive it.

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

At Last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

(Lk 2:29-32)

Forty days have passed since the celebration of the Lord's Nativity and now we turn a corner and look towards the celebration of Easter. Christ the Saviour has come to bring salvation by revealing to us the worship of and the participation in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Today's Feast celebrates his presentation in the Temple: '*The Lord is now about to enter his temple, he who is and who was and who is to come, God among us, comes to make his dwelling*'. He comes to his Father's house so we may see that this child is '*the light of the world*', not just the light of Israel. We too present ourselves in the Church as we also long to reach the Father's house.

Today's Feast is also a Feast of Our Lady, the feast of her purification. Being Immaculately Conceived and perfect in her Virginitly, before, during and after birth, she has no need of a purification but she respects the law of Moses and comes to make the prescribed ritual offering. In reality, this is a further moment of epiphany, as what she is really offering is Christ himself, the Lamb of God, the culmination of all the sacrifices that have been offered. In this Holy Mass, and in all Masses, the priest, on behalf of the people, offers Jesus to the Father.

The candles we bless today are perfect sacrifices. They give themselves totally, burning themselves out for the praise of God, continuing our prayers long after we have left the Church.

With every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Stephen Crooks RIP, Pam Clements 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, Rose Massey, 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

26th January
£871.40
Gift Aid:
£429.65

2nd collection
£783.09

Gift Aid: n/a

In gratitude to
Worth Abbey
(to include
Fr Stephen)

9th February
Catholic
Association for
Racial Justice
(not in our
scheme)

16th February
Diocesan Lourdes
Pilgrimage Fund
(parish scheme-
blue 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:

01424 757088

**Holy
Communion for
Housebound
Parishioners
Please contact
Ron Brazier:
844177**

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



CTiB Prayer List

This week: St Peter's (David Reynish)

Next week: St Mary's, Ninfield (Paul Frostick)

**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!

**Silent Auction
of Promises and Gifts**

**Monday 3rd February 7.45 pm
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. All welcome.

Fairtrade Fortnight: Our national
annual Fairtrade Fortnight begins:
24th February. There will be Fairtrade
Breakfasts, Rice Challenges and other
events. More information to follow
shortly. *Jack Doherty.*

**Diocesan Directory
and Liturgical Calendar 2020**

These are now available to purchase
from the repository or the parish office,
cost: £5. (*Limited numbers.*)

Confirmation 2020

The next meeting after the retreat is:
**4pm, Sunday 1st March,
At the presbytery.**

**Parish Marriage Anniversary Mass
"Votive Mass of St Valentine"
Saturday 15th February 2020**

The 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene will
be a celebration in which we pray with all
those who are celebrating an anniversary
of Holy Matrimony (Marriage) in 2020,
whatever number of years that has been!
At the end of Mass all married couples will
receive an anniversary blessing, and after
Mass there will be tea and coffee in the
hall.

Pastoral Care Group

A date for your diary-
**Afternoon tea at Holy Cross Priory April
22nd 2.00 - 5.30pm.**
Details to follow shortly.

'The Two Popes'

This excellent film imagines a meeting between
Pope Benedict and Pope Francis and will be
shown in the presbytery on:

on 10th February from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

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Lent Bible Study course to be held:
10am to 11.30am on Wednesdays at
Bexhill URC from 4 March to 1 April 2020.

**Ash Wednesday Masses
26th February 2020**

9am at St Martha's;
10am at St Mary Magdalene;
7pm at St Mary Magdalene.

Services at both schools for the students.

Parish Diary - February

Fri 31 st Jan - Sun 2 nd Feb	Confirmation - Weekend Retreat	St Vincent's, Whitstable
Sun 2 nd Feb (Candlemas)	St Mary Magdalene School "Parish Mass"	11 am Parish Mass St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Mother's Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer room
Monday 10 th February	Film showing 'The Two Popes'	2 pm Presbytery
Thursday 13 th February	WJT Session 6.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Saturday 15 th Feb	Parish Marriage Anniversary Mass	10 am St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 18 th February	SVP Meeting	6 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 th February	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room
Wednesday 26 th February	RCIA Session 7.	7 pm Presbytery & Prayer Room
Thursday 27 th February	WJT Session 7.	6:30 pm Presbytery

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

FR DESMOND BAKER is extremely grateful to Fr Simon and to all the parishioners who gave so generously of their time and hard work in organising and preparing for the celebration of his priestly Golden Jubilee earlier this month both in respect of the liturgical celebrations in the church and the buffet in the parish hall afterwards. It is all deeply appreciated, as was the gift of a very generous cheque received to mark the occasion. He is also very grateful to all who sent cards and individual gifts including also those received at Christmas. May God bless you all! Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions at a suitable opportunity.

Parish Memorial Garden Gate Lock

After persistent problems with the front lock gate, it will be replaced. It will be installed and ready from Friday 31st January. The last lock lasted 20 years! The code will be the same as before but omitting the Y. If you encounter any problems, please contact the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela and Fatima

There are several parishioners going on this pilgrimage which takes place from 4th - 13th September 2020. If there is anyone else interested please ask me for details. I would be grateful if those of you who have already booked could let me know so that I can organise transport to and from the airport if needed. Ron Brazier-844177 or ronbrazier26@gmail.com.

Jolly Parish Lunch
12 noon, Tuesday, 11th February
Second Chapter Restaurant,
Little Common, Bexhill.
(formerly 'Two Trees')
Contact Angela: 220752

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

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association
Tuesday 18th February 7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm
'Mercy and the Migrant Crisis'

A talk by Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices. Christ the King Parish Room, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne. BN23 6HT. Entrance Free. All warmly welcome. For further information contact Alex 07957632208 or Barbara 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334.

Bexhill Mobile Library for the Housebound scheme
They visit people at home and in care/nursing homes with books every two weeks.
For more details please contact:
Ben Mephram
01424 218911.

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. All Welcome! .

Parish Information

The Presbytery

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TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

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Clergy:

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Fr Rajesh Minz
Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Parish Office

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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**

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01424 731070

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St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

Interim Head:

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 1st February

St Mary Magdalene 9:30am Confession
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Holy Souls

The Presentation of the Lord "Candlemas"

Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday 2nd February
St Martha 9:00am Anne Pitt-Payne GE
Mass with procession: gather in hall
St Mary Magdalene Primary School
'Parish Mass' at St Mary Magdalene.
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am Irene Herring RIP
Mass with procession: gather in hall
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm People of the Parish

Parish Poor fund
(parish scheme-blue envelopes)

Monday 3rd February

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem St Blaise
10:00am Pearl Lucy RIP

Tuesday 4th January

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 5th February

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial St Agatha
10:00am Neil Jenkins RIP

Thursday 6th February

St Mary Magdalene

St Martha

Memorial St Paul Miki & Companions
10:00am Patricia Andrews RIP
7:00pm Priests Intentions

Friday 7th February

St Mary Magdalene

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10:00am Diane Batkin RIP
10:45am - 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
And Benediction
5pm-8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8th February

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

9:30am Confession
10:00am Miss Elizabeth Francis RIP

Fifth Sunday Yr A (Racial Justice Day)

Isaiah 58:7-10, Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Beenie Kennedy RIP
Sunday 9th February
St Martha 9:00am Patricia Andrews RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Margaret Hanson RIP

Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)
(not in our scheme - special envelopes)