

PARISH NEWS

Marriage Anniversary Mass

10am Saturday 15th February

“Votive Mass of St Valentine”

Holy Mass will be offered for all those celebrating an anniversary of **Holy Matrimony**. At the end of Mass an anniversary blessing will be imparted, followed by refreshments in the hall.

“Ad Multos Annos!” (To more years).

Valentine’s Day is a good time to reflect on a number of invitations:

- Am I getting married and need to begin the preparation and paperwork? (12-month process)
- Is it time to con-validate (make recognized by the Church) my civil marriage?
(assuming no impediments)
- Do I feel that there are grounds for an ‘annulment’ of my previous marriage and so, potentially, allow me a fresh start?
- Are there any ‘impediments’ to me getting married in the Church, that the Lord is inviting me to let go of?

If you wish to chat any of these invitations through, please make appointment to see a member of the clergy team.

Ash Wednesday Masses: 26th Feb 2020

9am at St Martha’s;

10am at St Mary Magdalene;

7pm at St Mary Magdalene

Services for pupils in both schools.

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

The Works of Mercy

The Corporal (Body) and Spiritual (Soul) Works of Mercy give us a model for how we should treat others. They are charitable actions and attitudes that help our neighbours with their basic needs. They are works which belong to the ‘*common priesthood of all believers*’ and form the basis for an active lay-apostolate. Jesus says, ‘*you are the salt of the earth*’ and the ‘*light of the world*’. In allowing our light to shine in the sight of others, they will see our good works and also give praise to God in heaven. Isaiah says that when we look after the poor and vulnerable in our community: ‘*your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you*’. St Paul did not come with a show of oratory or philosophy, but simply told us ‘*what God had promised*’.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To shelter the homeless;
- To visit the sick;
- To visit prisoners;
- To bury the dead;
- To give alms to the poor.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offenses;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

With every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Stephen Crooks RIP, Pam Clements RIP, Angie Spinelli RIP, Peter Salt 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

2nd February
£1003.11
Gift Aid:
£564.83

2nd collection
£222.36

Gift Aid: 513.11
Parish Poor Fund

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 Mary's, Ninfield (Paul Frostick)

Next week: St John's Baptist Church (Kathy Lee)

Lenten Morning of Reflection:

Our Morning of Reflection for Lent will be on Saturday 14th March. Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene, followed by Stations of the Cross and Reflection in the parish hall until 12:30.

Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Calendar 2020

These are now available to purchase from the parish office, cost: £5.

Fairtrade Stall
St Martha's Hall, After Mass
9th February

Fairtrade Fortnight:

Our national annual Fairtrade Fortnight begins 24th February. There will be Fairtrade Breakfasts, Rice Challenges and other events.

'Fairtrade Breakfast after 9am Mass, in St Martha's Hall, Sunday 9th March.

Please tell us you're coming along so we cater fairly!
Fairtrade speaker from Fairtrade HQ London on Fairtrade Marketing, Fair Wage in Ghana, Why is it important?
Jack Doherty.

Confirmation 2020

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

Racial Justice Sunday: 9th Feb 2020

This year we consider the contribution that *'travelling communities'* make to the Church in England & Wales. Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. Paul VI said to them: *'you are not on the margins of the Church... you are the centre... you are at the heart of the Church'*. Pope Francis says, *'the time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others'*. Therefore, as Catholics, we challenge hate speech and discrimination to all the travelling communities.

Parish Choir for the Triduum:

The Easter Triduum is the pinnacle of the Church's Liturgy and the high point of the gathered assembly. If you would like to be part of a parish-wide choir & orchestra for the Sacred Triduum there is a **meeting at 7pm in the Presbytery on Monday 24th February.** All welcome.

Marriage Banns:

Nieddu Francesco and Catherine Creasy hereby give notice of their intended marriage to take place on 23rd May 2020 in the Church of the Sacred Heart in Sassari, Sardinia.

Parish Diary - February/March

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
Sunday 1 st March	Confirmation Session 7.	4 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 4 th March	RCIA Session 8.	7 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

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

Second Collection
This weekend 9th February
The Catholic Association
for Racial Justice (CARJ)
The catholic church in England and Wales will celebrate racial justice -
The theme is:
"You are at the heart of the church" it will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the church in England and Wales.

Vacancy for Paid Part-time Parish Receptionist Position

The Parish is seeking to appoint a paid part-time receptionist to cover the reception office during the hours the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am until 1am (12 hours per week) to support the Parish Administration Team.

The duties would include dealing with callers at the office, answering the phone and directing calls, use of a computer, office equipment and Microsoft Office and some input of computer data and the sending of emails. A fuller job description can be downloaded from the parish website on the Newsletter page.

The person appointed will need good interpersonal skills, tact and diplomacy. Computer skills. The post will also involve handling some monies and confidential information and receiving deliveries. The rate of pay will be the National Living Wage of £9.30 per hour.

If you are interested in the position, please send an expression of interest outlining your relevant skills and why you may be suited to the post to the parish office for the attention of Fr Simon marked Confidential – Receptionist Post. The Closing date for applications is Monday, 24th February 2020.

Parish Memorial Garden Gate Lock

This has now been fitted with a news lock. The code will be the same as before but omitting the Y.
If you encounter any problems, please contact the parish office.

Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried & Separated: Sun. 23rd February, at 3 pm:

All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard at **St. John the Evangelist Church in Horsham** for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, which will conclude the afternoon.
Please book in advance: to Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk
Thank you.

Pastoral Care Group

A date for your diary-
Afternoon tea at Holy Cross Priory
April 22nd 2 pm- 5.30 pm.
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.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association
Tuesday 18th February, 7pm
'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. Alex 07957632208 or Barbara 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334.

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

Parish Office
Administrators:
Bonita Osmond-Maher
Lisa Young
Telephone: 01424 210263
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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 8th February

St Mary Magdalene
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Sussex
Mem.

9:30am
10:00am

St Cuthman of Steyning

Confession
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
St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 9th February

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm
6:00pm

Confessions
Beenie Kennedy RIP

9:00am
11:00am
6:00pm

Patricia Andrews RIP
People of the Parish
Margaret Hanson RIP

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

Monday 10th February

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial
10:00am

St Scholastica
Sonit Joseph GE

Tuesday 11th January

St Mary Magdalene
Southern Trains

Opt. Mem
9:00am
10.16am

Our Lady of Lourdes
(World Day for the Sick)
Sr Bernadette in Thanksgiving
Clergy Team travelling to Rye! (Deanery)

Wednesday 12th February

St Martha

10:30am

Mass of the Day
Requiem Mass of Stephen Crooks RIP
followed by Eastbourne Crematorium

Thursday 13th February

St Mary Magdalene
Hastings Cemetery
St Martha

10:00am
11:00am
7:00pm

Joseph Thomas RIP
Funeral of Patricia Busuttill RIP
Priests Intentions

Friday 14th February

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Feast
10:00am
10:45am -
12:30pm

Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Frank Ratcliffe RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
And Benediction
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene

5pm-8pm

Saturday 15th February

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

St Valentine (Marriage Anniversary Mass)
Confession
For Those Celebrating Wedding
Anniversaries
Baptism of Helena Grant

St Mary Magdalene

12:30pm

Sixth Sunday Yr A

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm
6:00pm

Confessions
Bill & Vi Hayes RIP

Sunday 16th February

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am
11:00am
6:00pm

Peter Michael Haragan RIP
John Leahy RIP
People of the Parish

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
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