

# PARISH NEWS

16<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.  
The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea  
Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

## The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honour your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

## Ash Wednesday Masses

26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

9am at St Martha's.

10am at St Mary Magdalene.

7pm at St Mary Magdalene.

Services for pupils in both schools.

## Next Sunday:

**Afternoon Tea, Fellowship  
& Evening Prayer for Divorced,  
Remarried & Separated parishioners**

with Bishop Richard

**3pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020 at**

**St John the Evangelist Church,**

**Horsham**

Please book in advance: to

[Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

## *They are happy who follow God's law!*

### The Commandments of God

To inherit eternal life, we must follow Jesus and keep the commandments, which have been fulfilled, but not abolished. The greatest commandment remains to *'love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind'*; and the second, which resembles it, is *'to love our neighbour as ourself'*. On these two commandments, hang the whole of the Law and the Prophets. The gifts of the Holy Spirit given in the Sacrament of Confirmation help us to live out the moral law in a world which has a very casual relationship with right and wrong, and especially in a society that has attempted to redefine what we have long held as good, holy and true.

The Ten Commandments take on their full meaning within a covenant relationship and are, therefore, an expression of God's mercy. They are not rules to impinge upon us; no, they are an expression of freedom, given as they are after the people's liberation from slavery in Egypt. The Ten Commandments give us a pathway to our true dignity and highest calling to be saints – and *'they are happy who follow God's Law'*. The Ten Commandments bring to light the essential duties and fundamental rights of the individual which should be protected. No one can be dispensed from these commandments because God has written them on our hearts so that we may make our own Jesus's *'New Commandment'*, to *love one another as he has loved us*; to the end, to the point of laying down his own life, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

Wishing all those on half term a good break, every blessing,

Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** 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**

9<sup>th</sup> February  
£725.53

Gift Aid:  
£371.20

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£215.53

Gift Aid: n/a

Catholic  
Association for  
Racial Justice

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16<sup>th</sup> February  
Diocesan Lourdes  
Pilgrimage Fund  
(parish scheme-  
blue envelopes)

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23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Parish  
Maintenance  
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**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

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**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 John's Baptist Church**  
(Kathy Lee)

**Next week: St Beulah Baptist** (David  
Lockwood)

**Confirmation 2020**

The next meeting is:  
**4pm, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March,**  
**at the presbytery**

and

**Evening of Reflection  
with Bishop Richard**  
on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm  
in St Mary Magdalene Hall.

**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 available to purchase from  
the parish office, cost: £5.

**Fairtrade Fortnight:**

Our national annual Fairtrade Fortnight  
**begins 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

There will be Fairtrade Breakfasts,  
Rice Challenges and other events.

*Jack Doherty.*

**Mini Walking Pilgrimage**

'The God Who Speaks' 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May:  
Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold,  
Guildford. Walk over a long weekend.  
Costs £50 total.

Details and booking forms at  
[www.thepilgrims.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

**Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage  
Fund - 15/16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

As you May know, the Pilgrimage  
manages our Diocesan Pilgrimage, and  
takes around 700 people each year to  
Lourdes, of whom 140 Assisted Pilgrims  
who are frail, elderly, disabled or sick. The  
Pilgrimage relies on the efforts of  
volunteers and generous donors to enable  
it to offer financial support to the Assisted  
Pilgrims who join us, and to some of those  
who will care for them whilst we are in  
Lourdes. The sum required to subsidise  
those in our community who struggled to  
afford to pay for their trip in full last year,  
was £60,413, and this can only be  
achieved by your generosity at collections  
like today's which will be taken as you  
leave Mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

**CAFOD is looking for volunteers**

who have a passion for, and experience of,  
working with young people. We need people  
who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims  
and values and an interest in sharing our  
work in secondary schools through  
delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD  
will provide training and support, and  
expenses will be paid, contact CAFOD on  
01483 898866. Thank you.

**Parish Diary - February/March**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	SVP Meeting	6 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	RCIA Session 7.	7 pm Presbytery & Prayer Room
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	WJT Session 7.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Confirmation Session 7.	4 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	RCIA Session 8.	7 pm Presbytery
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	WJT Session 8.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard	7 pm-10 pm St MM Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Confirmation Session 8.	4 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](mailto:office@ablourdes.org)  
T: 01403 740110

**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 Mepham: 218911**

**The Catholic Women's League**

Invites you to support their **Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in aid of Bexhill Foodbank After 9am Mass, 23rd February in St. Martha's Hall**  
Donations of cakes for the stall will be gratefully received.

**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.

**Parish Choir for the Triduum:**

Following the principle established last year, we recognise that music for special events is an opportunity for the whole parish to come together in fellowship.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> February**. All welcome.

**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.

**Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**Email:**  
[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

**Website:**  
[www.stmmbexhill.co.uk](http://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](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)  
[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
**Primary School**  
**Interim Head:**  
Mrs Siobhan Andrews  
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# Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Votive</b>	<b>St Valentine (Marriage Anniversary Mass)</b>
St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	For Those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Helena Grant

## Sixth Sunday Yr A

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

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Bill & Vi Hayes RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
St Martha	9:00am	Peter Michael Haragan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	John Leahy RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

(not in our scheme - special envelopes)

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Irene Herring RIP

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am The Phillips Family

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Thomas & Margaret McGowan RIP

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Noreen Corness RIP  
St Martha 7:00pm Priests Intentions

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Maureen Raeburn RIP  
Bexhill Cemetery 12 noon Funeral of Pamela Clements 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February

<b>Feast</b>	<b>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</b>
St Mary Magdalene 9:30am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am	Holy Souls
St Martha 1:00pm	Baptism of Hugh Campbell

## Seventh Sunday Yr A

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	In thanksgiving to St Anthony
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>		
St Martha	9:00am	David Rowe RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Robert Stevens RIP & 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessing of Peter & Anne O'Leary
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

### Parish Maintenance

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**Coronavirus Precautions:** more information at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/02/cbcew-coronavirus-guidelines-2020-v1.pdf>

*In Summary:* precautions are the same as 'seasonal winter flu', meaning there is no obligation to hear Mass if you are ill. Normal advice to 'catch it, kill it and bin it' is prudent, along with regular washing of hands. If you do have a bad cold, perhaps, politely decline the sign of peace and refrain from receiving from the chalice.