

23rd February 2020

7th 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

PARISH NEWS

Ash Wednesday

26th February 2020

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of **fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control**, preparing us for Christ's Resurrection at Easter, through which we attain redemption. Ash Wednesday sets the penitential tone for the next forty days before Easter. All are invited to celebrate Mass and receive Ashes: **see the back of the newsletter.**

Why we receive the ashes? Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We receive the ashes and are reminded of the most relevant fact of life: *"Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you will return."* Ashes are a symbol of penance, made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes are a symbol of penance and reconciliation.

Prayer: *Lord, may this Lent be truly fruitful in my life. May it be a grace and a joy to embrace all that You wish to bestow upon me. Jesus, I do trust in You. Amen.*

Every blessing, Fr Rajesh

Fairtrade Fortnight

24th February to 8th March

Treating the poorest producers with fairness, justice and dignity, always paying a fair price for their goods. More inside..., and at www.fairtrade.org.uk

The Lord is compassion and love

The Easter Triduum

The Triduum is the pinnacle of Church's Year and the high point of the gathered assembly. As such, it is fitting that the parish comes together in a single location because it is really one celebration encompassing the *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*, a unified liturgy that celebrates the central mysteries of our redemption: *the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood, and the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord.* Therefore the Triduum for the parish will be celebrated in St Mary Magdalene Church as follows:

8pm: Maundy Thursday (9th April 2020):

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,

With watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

3pm: Good Friday (10th April 2020):

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

8.30pm Holy Saturday (11th April 2020):

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Why no Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at St Martha's at 3pm? The Triduum is one liturgy in three parts, and the clergy and people of the parish come together as one parish for the whole celebration. As the Holy See's document *'Paschales Solemnitatis'* teaches, the *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion* is so intrinsically linked to the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* (held the night before) that they should be celebrated in the same Church. As a parish we have been moving towards this for some time, and now the time is right to have one Triduum for our new *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea* so we can truly gather as an united Easter People. There will, however, be ***Evening Prayer of the Church, with veneration of the cross at 7pm on Good Friday at St Martha's*** to allow members of this community to pray together but not in a way that precludes any of them gathering with the whole parish for the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Peter Salt RIP, Eileen Sullivan RIP, Tony Evans 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, Mary Tenneffe, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunny, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections
 16th February
 £753.66
Gift Aid:
 £541.51

2nd collection
 £234.32
Gift Aid: 304.10

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

23rd February
 Parish Maintenance
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1st March
 Parish Lourdes Fund
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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

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

Ecumenical
World Day of Prayer 2020
A service for everyone
 Praying with Zimbabwe
Friday 6th March 10.30am
St Mark's Little Common
Rise! Take your Mat and Walk

CTiB Prayer Cycle:
This week: David Lockwood
 (Beulah Baptist)
Next Week: Tricia Williams
 (Little Common Methodist)

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.

Stations of the Cross
 Fridays: 3pm at St Martha's
 Saturdays: *after 10am Mass* at St Mary Magdalene
 Starts: 28th & 29th February

Companionship
 The Parish Pastoral Care Groups have produced a handout entitled "Companionship" which gives lots of ideas for anyone who feels a bit lonely. This includes those who are housebound and those who can get out and it shows what is available in our parish, in the Bexhill community and nationwide.
 Those who receive home visits from Ministers bringing Holy Communion or from the SVP will receive a copy but otherwise they are available in the church porches or from the parish office. Any more ideas to Ron Brazier (844177) please.

Confirmation 2020
 The next meeting is:
4pm, Sunday 1st March,
at the presbytery
 and
Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard
 on Friday 13th March at 7pm
 in St Mary Magdalene Hall.

Other Holy Week Liturgies

GOOD FRIDAY
 Children's Stations of the Cross
 11am at St Martha's
 Evening Prayer of the Church with Veneration of the Cross
 7pm at St Martha's

HOLY SATURDAY
 Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
 9.30am at St Mary Magdalene

This is your Dowry, O Pious Virgin
 England was first known as the Dowry of Mary since the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066). England has long had a deep devotion to Mary, and the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is a strong testimony to this devotion. In the Hospice of St Thomas in Rome (*now the Venerable English College*) there was a painting which showed King Richard II (1337-1399) and his consort Anne at Westminster Abbey, praying at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a parchment, which says, '*This is your dowry, O Pious Virgin*'. On 29th March 2020, our country will once again be dedicated as Our Lady's Dowry and at the end of Masses from 21st February until 29th March we will pray especially for this intention.

Parish Diary - February/March

Monday 24 th February	Easter Triduum Music Planning	7 pm Presbytery
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
Monday 2 nd March	CWL Mass and AGM with buffet supper	7pm in St Martha's Church and Hall
Wednesday 4 th March	RCIA Session 8.	7 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 4 th March	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room
Thursday 12 th March	WJT Session 8.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Friday 13 th March	Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard	7 pm-10 pm St MM Hall
Sunday 15 th March	Confirmation Session 8.	4 pm Presbytery

**CAFOD
DEANERY LENT
SERVICE**

**Sunday 8th March
3pm St Mary Magdalene**

Service based on Oscar Romero Stations, including a Talk: *"Hands On" in Columbia*

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

**Vacancy for Paid Part-time
Parish Receptionist
Position**

A reminder that the parish is looking to appoint a receptionist. More information is available online in the newsletter section of the Parish Website. The closing date to submit an expression of interest in the post is: Monday 24th February 2020.

Pastoral Care Group Film
16th March 2.30pm
Film in the Presbytery: **'The Way'**
A moving drama based on the Camino pilgrimage route in Northern Spain.

Lent - we will be asking for contributions to the **Friends of the Holy Land** charity.

**Catholic Women's
League: Mass & AGM**
Monday 2nd March 2020

Mass at 7pm in St Martha's, followed by the AGM and light buffet supper in the Hall. All ladies of the parish invited to come and see!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Rice Challenge
We are looking to sell 90 1kg bags of Malawi Rice at £3 each which will pay for a farmer's child to attend secondary school for one year.

**Sunday 1st March
Fairtrade Stall**
After Mass 9am Mass at St Martha's & after 6pm Sunday Evening Mass.

**Talk by Sarah Brazier
Fairtrade Foundation
Chocolate Industry & Fairtrade**

Parish Choir for the Triduum:
Following the principle already established with our musicians last year, we recognise that music for special events belongs to the entire parish and is a fantastic opportunity 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 24th February**. All welcome.

**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.

**Thursday 5th March
7pm for 7.30pm**
Free event with wine tasting and cheese, donations welcome.

**Sunday 8th March
Fairtrade Breakfast**
After 9am Mass at St Martha's *In the presence of the Mayor*. Inc. Cakes, Bananas and sausages.

Attendance sheets - for catering purposes - in churches.

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.

**Repository
Volunteers Needed**
**Sunday St Mary Magdalene - 6pm
Sunday St Mary Magdalene - 11am**
And also to help out sporadically. Please call the parish office if you can help. Thank you.

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:

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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

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 22 nd February	Feast	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
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
Sunday 23rd February		
St Martha	9:00am	David Rowe RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Robert Stevens RIP & 50 th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of Peter & Anne O'Leary
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Parish Maintenance

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Monday 24th February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Francesco Russo RIP

Tuesday 25th January

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Intentions of Mr & Mrs Boast
St Martha's 2:00pm Requiem Mass of Peter Salt RIP
followed by Eastbourne Crematorium
Presided by - Fr Nicholas King

The Season of Lent

Wednesday 26th February

St Martha 9:00am Patricia Jefferies RIP
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Mary O'Donnell RIP
St Mary Magdalene 7:00pm Dennis Meehan RIP

Thursday 27th February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Susan's friends - living & deceased
St Martha 7:00pm Priests Intentions

Friday 28th February

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Jean Durrant 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 29th February

St Mary Magdalene 9:30am Confession
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Christine Cunningham RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross

Ash Wednesday

Patricia Jefferies RIP
Mary O'Donnell RIP
Dennis Meehan RIP

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Susan's friends - living & deceased
Priests Intentions

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And Benediction
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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Christine Cunningham RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross

First Sunday of Lent Yr A

Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	In thanksgiving to St Anthony
Sunday 1st March		
St Martha	9:00am	Deceased members of the Storrow Family
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Fr Desmond Baker GE
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Parish Lourdes Fund

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