

1st March 2020

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Lent Yr A.

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

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

Rite of Election

Please pray for:

**Cheng Liu, Hugh Lewis, Carol Tan
& James Cosens**

and children of catechetical age:

**Mia Ashbey, Finley Ashbey,
Oliver Bond, Lucas Day, Amelia Day,
Jeffrey Liu & Frankie Schofield-Davis,**

who were accepted this weekend by
Bishop Richard as 'The Elect' and who will
be baptised at the Easter Vigil.

*(or on Easter Saturday
in the case of the Children).*

The Call to On-going Conversion

Please pray for:

Harvey Ren & Beth Tree

and children of catechetical age:

**Charlies Reeves, Kaleb Tree,
Kaiden Tree, George Boyte-Price
& Isla Boyte-Price**

who will be received into full communion
with the Catholic Church.

at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

*(or on Easter Saturday
in the case of the children).*

Parish Reconciliation Service for Lent

7pm on Friday 27th March 2020

In St Mary Magdalene

Deanery Priests available.

Confessions also:

9.30am & 5.30pm

Saturdays in St Mary Magdalene

***Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.***

The Pillars of Lent:

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

To get closer to the Lord we need to pray more. We might find it fruitful to take the Book of Exodus or one of the Gospels as our Lectio Divina over the next 40 days. For those who work, adding the 7pm Thursday evening Mass might be a suitable practice or committing to an hour of Adoration between 5pm and 8pm on a Friday. Additionally, we may like to pray the Stations of the Cross, especially at 3pm on Fridays at St Martha's or 10.30am on Saturdays. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Parish Readers** should also, as they promised at their commissioning, make the Lenten Day of Reflection a priority in their diaries. **Fasting and Abstinence** are an important aspect of Lent. On Fridays we give up meat but also throughout Lent we give up other 'good things' in anticipation of the joy that is to come at Easter; and the money we save we give to the poor. Bad things, we simply give up. Fasting involves effort and determination, but is nothing compared with Our Lord who carries his cross and gives up his life so that we may have life and have it to the full. **Almsgiving** is also essential; this weekend we will be given a **CAFOD envelope** which we bring back stuffed with the money we have saved from this year's **Family Fast Day**; and also next week please bring some extra money to support this year's Missionary appeal from the **Columban Missionary Fathers**.

Wishing you a blessed Lent, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Alexander MacDonald RIP, Eileen Sullivan RIP, Mary Tribe 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
23rd February
£897.44
Gift Aid:
£524.10

2nd collection
£230.15
Gift Aid: 114.00

Parish Maintenance

1st March
Parish Lourdes Fund
(parish scheme-blue envelopes)

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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

Adoration
Fridays
10.40am to 12.30pm
&
5pm to 8pm

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

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

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March
60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers celebrates its 60th anniversary and provides an opportunity to reach out and support highly skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. **Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope** this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.
NEXT WEEK:
Please place your CAFOD envelope in the CAFOD box and not in the second collection box which is for the *Columban Mission Appeal*.

Confirmation 2020
This Sunday at 4pm at the presbytery, then:
Friday 13th March at 7pm – 9pm in St Mary Magdalene Hall with Bishop Richard and 4pm, Sunday 15st March, at the presbytery

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

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
Tuesday 17 th March	SVP Meeting	6 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 18 th March	RCIA Session 9.	7 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 18 th March	Mother's Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room

**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

Music Rehearsals for the Easter Triduum:

If you would like to sing or play during the Easter Triduum, the rehearsals are:

7pm on Thursdays:
19th March, 26th March and 2nd April in St Mary Magdalene Church.

**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.

**Saturday 14th March
Lenten Morning of Reflection:
"the Death & Resurrection of Christ"**

**&
"England: Mary's Dowry"**

Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene, followed by Stations of the Cross and Reflection in the 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

Pastoral Care Group

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

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
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.

**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!

**Jolly Parish Lunch
12 noon,
Tuesday 3rd March**

**Second Chapter
Restaurant,
Little Common. Bexhill.**
(formerly 'Two Trees')
Contact Angela: 220752

A & B News: available from both churches or A & B Dioceses website.

Parish Information

The Presbytery

St Mary Magdalene's
Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

St Martha's
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Clergy:

Fr Simon Dray
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

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
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admin@strichardscc.com

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St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 29th February

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

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Confession
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: 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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Monday 2nd March

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am

Monday of the First Week in Lent

Anne & Michael Pitt-Payne GE

Tuesday 3rd March

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am

Tuesday of the First Week in Lent

Anna May GE

Wednesday 4th March

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am

Wednesday of the First Week in Lent

Sheila Dray RIP

Thursday 5th March

St Martha 7:00pm

*No 10am
Mass today*

Thursday of the First Week in Lent

James Benzie RIP

Friday 6th March

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am

Friday of the First Week in Lent

St Mark's Little Common

St Mary Magdalene 10.30am

Pat Butterly RIP

World Day of Prayer Service

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

No Benediction today

Stations of the Cross

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Martha 3:00pm

St Mary Magdalene 5pm-8pm

Saturday 7th March

St Mary Magdalene 9:30am

Saturday of the First Week in Lent

Confession

Patrick James Cunningham RIP

Followed by Stations of the Cross

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am

St Mary Magdalene 12:30pm

St Mary Magdalene 2:45pm

Baptism of Noelle & Skylar Stockdale

Syro-Malabar Mass

Second Sunday of Lent Yr A

Genesis 12:1-4, Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm James T.P. Spittal RIP
Sunday 8th March
St Martha 9:00am Harry & Peggy Paris RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am Desmond Fisher RIP
St Mary Magdalene 3:00pm Cafod Annual Deanery Lenten Service
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Priests Intentions

**Please return your CAFOD envelopes from last weekend
into the parish CAFOD boxes and
The Retiring Collection (*Second Collection*) on 7/8th March is for:
Mission Appeal - Society of St Columban**
(not in our scheme)