



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020



## Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

**Important Note:** Both Churches and other parish buildings are closed, until further notice. All public celebrations of Mass and the Sacraments remain suspended until further notice.

**Holy Mass is being celebrated privately by Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass 1</u>	<u>Mass 2</u>	<u>Mass 3</u>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Sat Week 4 Lent	Elizabeth Francis RIP	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan	-
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Lent A	Jo Driscoll RIP	People of the Parish	Nellie Wilson RIP
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Mon Week 5 Lent	Ellen Reeves RIP	<i>Check the Parish Facebook page daily for details of any further weekday Masses</i>	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Tues Week 5 Lent	Robert Stevens RIP		
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Wed Week 5 Lent	John Mackie RIP		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Thurs Week 5 Lent	Sr Maxi (Diana Young) RIP		
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Fri Week 5 Lent	Requiem: Mary Thompson RIP	Followed by family only service at the Crematorium	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Sat Week 5 Lent	Dr Ed Echlin RIP	Kathleen & Camilus Ewins RIP	-

Some of these Masses will be “Live Streamed” from St Mary Magdalene Presbytery on our Parish Facebook Page: *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill:*

*St Mary Magdalene & St Martha's*, which can be found at:

[www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill](http://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)

and uploaded afterwards to **You Tube Channel:**

Search: *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea.*



### **Mass Intentions:**

You can still book Mass intentions via email to: [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

Please make your offering by bank transfer, as we do not have facility to take cash.

In your email please state the following:

- *Name of the Person for whom the Mass is offered*
  - (adding Good Estate or RIP).
- Your name, email address and tel. number.
- Date desired (but no guarantee can be made), and likely after June 2020

Your donation can be sent by BACs transfer: *HSBC Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton – St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill on Sea. Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account No. 21077139.* If possible, use a reference: *Int. Surname (of person for whom the Mass is offered).* While the COVID-19 precautions are in place, Mass intentions are being offered privately.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

For urgent requests do not ring the parish office as our administrators are working from home. Instead:

#### **For people at home:**

email [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) or [simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk) and we will check what is the most appropriate option or speak directly with Fr Simon (opt 3) or Fr Rajesh (opt 2) on 01424 210 263; you may need to leave a voicemail.

**For people in Care, Residential & Nursing Homes:** Please first check with the care home to see if visits are possible / advisable and then ask the care home to ring the priests direct: Fr Simon opt 3 or Fr Rajesh opt 2 on 01424 210 263 – they may need to leave a voicemail message. We will discuss with them what is most appropriate.

**For those in Hospital:** You must ring the Hospital Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 or ask the Ward to contact the Catholic Chaplaincy who will determine what is appropriate.

In many cases, it may be that visits are not appropriate, especially if the person is self-isolating to protect themselves. The most appropriate support might be via the telephone.

### **Spiritual Communion:**

I wish, Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints.

*While we cannot access Confession:*

### **Act of Personal Contrition:**

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace, I will not sin again.

### **Support and assistance**

If anyone has to self-isolate, do not feel afraid or lonely, the Parish Pastoral Care Group and the SVP may be able to assist you with shopping needs, prescription collections or simply for a chat on the end of the phone. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been asked, where possible, to keep in telephone contact with their assigned communicant: *Contact: Ron Brazier 844177 or Chris Jones 602914*

### **Weekly Offertory**

We have received several questions asking how people may still give their weekly offertory. **Bless you!** As there is no-one working in the parish office, please avoid posting envelopes through the presbytery door. If you have internet banking, you can make a BACS transfer to: *HSBC Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton – St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill on Sea. Sort Code: 40 05 20, Account No. 21077139.* You can set up a direct debit or if wish to offer week by week, use the reference:

*off day/month*

If you don't have online banking, perhaps use a 'piggybank' and save up your weekly offering, returning it once the COVID-19 precautions are over. **Thank you for your continued support!**

*Second Collections: we have checked the second collections and there are no urgent second collections. We will update and advise you, when they are needed.*

### **MISSIO:**

MISSIO have written to thank the parishioners of *Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea* for their generous offering of £1225.26 collected through the Red Box Scheme.

## **From the desk of the Parish Priest**

*Fr Simon writes:*

Today, the Church in England & Wales re-dedicates itself as the Dowry of Mary. Now more than ever we need the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother. The devotion to Our Lady in England & Wales is long and deep, with the fame of the Shrine at Walsingham being a strong testimony to this. At Walsingham, England's Nazareth, Our Lady requested for a replica of the Holy House of the Annunciation to be built, the place where the Angel greeted Mary. The Holy House was to be a perpetual memorial to our joy in knowing that the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us. The first documentary evidence of England as Mary's Dowry is a painting hanging in the English Hospice in Rome, depicting King Richard II and his consort Anne at Westminster Abbey, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry.

***Today, let us stop at 12noon and 6pm and pray the Angelus:***

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...

**... and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary...**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord...

**... be it done unto to me according to thy Word.**

**Hail Mary...**

And the Word became flesh...

**... and dwelt amongst us.**

**Hail Mary...**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God...

**... that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray: pour fourth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion + and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain with us always, and may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.