



Palm Sunday & Holy Week: W/C Sunday 5th April 2020

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

**COVID-19 Restrictions on Public Gatherings remain in force:
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>
Saturday 4th April Sat Week 5 Lent	Dr E Echlin RIP	Kathleen & Camillus Ewins RIP	-
Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday	People of the Parish	Keith Bourne GE	Mary & Laurie Boakes RIP
Monday 6th April Holy Monday	Gertie Mulligan RIP	<i>Please check our Facebook page for details of other spiritual postings</i>	
Tuesday 7th April Holy Tuesday	Dominic Halter RIP		
Wednesday 8th April Holy Wednesday	Diyona Stephens GE		
The Sacred Paschal Triduum			
Thursday 9th April Maundy Thursday	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (adapted) 8pm: Livestreamed from the Presbytery		
Friday 10th April Good Friday	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (adapted) 3pm: Livestreamed from the Presbytery		
Saturday 11th April Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (adapted) 8.30pm: Livestreamed from the Presbytery		

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

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

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



The following notices have been updated...

Mass Intentions (updated): You can still book Mass intentions via email to: stmm@btconnect.com Please make your offering, if possible, 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. *If you can't transfer money electronically, please put the donation aside and pop it into the office once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.*

Sacrament of the Sick (updated)

For urgent requests do not ring the parish office *as our administrators are now unavailable.* Instead:

For people at home: email stmm@btconnect.com or 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 Eastbourne DGH or Conquest Hospital (updated): *You must ring the Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who are co-ordinating emergency response for both hospitals (or ask the Ward to contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain who will determine what is appropriate).*

For Bexhill Hospital: *ask the ward to phone Fr Rajesh on 01424 210 263 (opt 2) and he will discuss with them what is appropriate.*

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 (updated!)

Please visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference Website for a message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

“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*

Rother: Bexhill Emergency Action Team (BEAT):

Providing assistance for those in isolation due to Coronavirus:

Caring Community: 01424 215116, E: info@bexhillcaringcommunity.org

Rother Voluntary Action: 01424 327259, E: office@rva.uk.com

Rother Neighbourhood Watch: 07983 619622, E: chairman@rothernhw.co.uk

BEAT Facebook page: “Bexhill Emergency Action Team (Beat)”

Advice around COVID-19 visit: www.rother.gov.uk/coronavirus

Fr Boniface writes:

Fr. Boniface wishes to all:

“Every blessing of Holy Week and Easter. Our Easter will in the end.”

Weekly Offertory – (updated!)

We have had several enquiries about how parishioners can still give their offertory.

Bless you!

As there is no-one working in the parish office, please avoid posting envelopes through the presbytery door.

The diocese has set up a simple way to give on-line via a

“Just Giving Page” which is very easy to use:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory

Please remember to add a note: “**donation to go to St Mary Magdalene Bexhill**”

You can also choose, in the dropdown box, the additional % donation you wish to give to JustGiving, ranging from 0% to 15%, whatever you choose the parish does not lose out!

You can still try and use your online banking, but some have reported difficulty setting it up because of our ridiculously long account name: BACS transfers 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!**

Special Collection: *for the Holy Places. This is usually taken on Good Friday. The Holy Father has transferred this collection to Sunday 13th September, the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross. However, as a parish we often like to support, around this time, ‘The Friends of the Holy Land’; you can visit their website: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>*

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From the desk of the Parish Priest (updated)
“Hosanna to the King of David”

Fr Simon writes:

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to the Parish Office and Presbytery team, and also to the parish contractors who are now currently furloughed. They are extremely loyal members of staff without whom this parish could not normally function. Those contracted by the parish will be able to claim 80% of their wages from the UK government, the remaining 20% being paid by the diocese / parish.

The diocese recognised that with no public Masses the income across the diocese is severely restricted. If you are still able to support your parish family, please go to: www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory and when making your donation make a comment, “*to support St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill*”. Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday is “Palm Sunday” and the beginning of “Holy Week”. On this day we celebrate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and on this day, we wave palm branches. Unfortunately, we can’t get those to you this year, but I read a good idea! Find any type of large branch and attached it to your door so that people who pass your house might know that interiorly we are still singing: *Hosanna to the King of David!*

The celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum will be very strange this year, celebrated privately in the presbytery, although we will try and Livestream over Facebook an adapted celebration. In this celebration, we celebrate the central mysteries of our redemption: *the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood; as well as the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord*. We break open the Sunday Mass taking time to understand the sacred mysteries that we celebrate each week until Christ comes again.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Fr Simon.