



Sacred Paschal Triduum & Easter Sunday



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

From the desk of the Parish Priest (updated)

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia”

Firstly, Fr Rajesh and I would like to send our prayers and best wishes to Mr Boris Johnson our Prime Minister and to everyone suffering with Coronavirus. We add our ‘*applause*’ to all those working in the NHS and to all key workers. We also wish you a very happy and holy Easter. Even though we cannot gather as a parish to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries we can still rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ. Our Easter faith is based on the simple image of the empty tomb. This year we have the image of an empty Church, but we know that only the building is closed, the Church is very much open as the people keep the faith alive in their homes as the ‘*domestic Church*’.

“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

Please keep in your prayers those who were due to be Baptised or Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church this weekend, and for the children of catechetical age who would have received the same sacraments on Easter Saturday (18/4). They have waited patiently for this moment and have been resolute in their preparation and are asked to extend their ‘*Lent*’ until such time as we can have public acts of worship. In the Easter mystery we appreciate that humanity was worth dying for and more importantly was worth rising for. In renewing our baptismal promises today, we recognise that Christ’s death and resurrection has freed us from the power of sin and death, and granted us a new relationship with God, as his adopted children in Christ.

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!

To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia!

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

**COVID-19 Restrictions on Public Gatherings remain in force:
Holy Mass is being celebrated privately by Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sacred Paschal Triduum</u>		<u>Intention</u>
Thursday 9th April Holy Thursday	8:00pm NHS and Key Worker Appreciation <i>In the local streets</i> 8.10pm Live Stream Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper		Holy Souls
Friday 10th April Good Friday	3pm Live Stream Commemoration of the Lord's Passion		N/A
Saturday 11th April Holy Saturday	8.30pm Live Stream Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Mass of Easter		People of the Parish
<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass 1</u>	<u>Mass 2</u>	<u>Mass 3</u>
Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday	Mary & Joe Callaghan RIP	Joseph Thomas RIP	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
Monday 13th April Easter Monday	Anna Gawlik GE	<i>See Parish Facebook page for details of any Livestream Masses</i>	
Tuesday 14th April Easter Tuesday	Eamon Sheils RIP		
Wednesday 15th April Easter Wednesday	Winn & Stan Yeo GE		
Thursday 16th April Easter Thursday	David Herring RIP		
Friday 17th April Easter Friday	Requiem Mass: Michael Hawes RIP	Edna Agnes Coward	-
Saturday 18th April Easter Saturday	Kurian Kurwilla RIP	Dominic & Italia Capaldi	

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.*



For those unable to join the Bexhill Parish Mass through Facebook Live:

Alternatively, you can “stream” Mass live at:

Worthing Parish:

<https://www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk/catholic-mass-online/>

Caterham:

http://www.caterhamcatholic.co.uk/Sacred_Heart_Catholic_Church/public.html

Guildford Parish:

<https://www.cpg.church/live.html>

Arundel Cathedral:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO01zmerQ>

The following notices have been updated:

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.

Bishop Paul Mason writes: *“it is becoming increasingly clear that giving access to chaplains [in hospitals] is difficult due to the scarcity of PPE, the risk of contagion to the chaplain as well as the chaplain becoming another link in the chain of infection. For this reason, we are updating our previous guidance.*

Our advice, therefore, is for all Catholic Chaplaincy coordinators to ensure that they are in constant liaison with Hospital and Trust authorities, so that these bodies are aware of the availability of priests. They should ensure that contact details of chaplains and priests are available for telephone support of those who need it. Priests and chaplains must follow the visiting instructions from Hospital and Trust authorities”.

[The Dean is co-ordinating with the two major hospitals
for the Eastbourne and St Leonard’s Deanery].

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)”

https://www.facebook.com/groups/199886864601614/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

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

Bexhill Food Bank: [How to donate.](#)

<https://bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

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Reminders:

Mass Intentions: 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.

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*

Fr Boniface wishes to all:

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

Weekly Offertory: We have had several enquiries about how parishioners can still give their offertory. **Bless you, for without your support the parish finances will suffer.** 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, 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!***

**Regina Caeli Laetare, alleluia,
Quia quem merusiti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia,
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia,
Pray for us to God, alleluia.