



7th Sunday of Easter 24th May 2020



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)

*“All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women,
including Mary the Mother of Jesus.”*

This time between the Ascension and the Parousia (*Second Coming*) is the ‘*Last Age*’ as we await the Return of Christ, when our God establishes his definitive rule as the Kingdom is fully manifested. The term ‘*Parousia*’ may also be translated as “*presence*”, and so the Kingdom is here and not yet. Although Jesus returns to his Father, he promises to be with us always, yes, to the end of the age. And so, when two or three gather in his name he promises to be with us, and I pray that you take great consolation in knowing that he is with you in your homes, which you have been making the domestic Church during lockdown. Fr Rajesh and I are grateful for being able to offer the Mass for parish intentions, for the repose of the soul of your loved ones or their good estate. We have some spare intentions slots **for June** so if you'd like to make an offering, email Fr Simon (stmm@btconnect.com) and he'll discuss with you.

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the ‘*birthday*’ of the Apostolic Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit. At **6pm on Saturday 30th May**, we shall live stream on Facebook ***the extended vigil of Pentecost***, as a mirror of the Easter Vigil which began this sacred and joyful season. **At 10am on Pentecost Sunday** we will Live Stream Mass as usual. ‘*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth*’.

Also, on Pentecost Sunday (31st May), the diocese takes part in the National Rosary Rally and our ‘slot’ is 9am. You can join Bishop Richard at the Arundel Cathedral You Tube Live stream or join Fr Simon on Facebook as he prays the Rosary with the Children during their Liturgy of the Word. As the 1st reading today says, the apostles ‘*joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus*’, and so, this is a fitting way to draw to a close Mary’s Month of May. Fr Simon.

Due to COVID-19 all public liturgies remain suspended
Holy Mass is being celebrated privately by Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh

Date	<u>Mass 1</u>	<u>Mass 2</u>	Some of these Masses will be Live Streamed over Facebook, usually 10am but check the Parish Facebook Page for times which may be affected by other pastoral needs.
Sunday 24th May 7 th Sunday of Easter	John Wimsey & Ellen Ripley RIP	People of God in China	
Monday 25th May St Bede the Venerable	Dora Flattery RIP		
Tuesday 26th May St Philip Neri	Lily Bolger RIP	Holy Souls	
Wed. 27th May St Augustine (of Canterbury)	Jim Turner RIP		
Thursday 28th May Thursday Easter Week 7	Joan (Jo) Cadogan RIP	Edna Herring RIP	
Friday 29th May Friday Easter Week 7	Marjorie Melluish RIP	Elizabeth Francis RIP	
Saturday 30th May Saturday Easter Week 6	In thanksgiving for Siobhan Andrews	People of the Parish	

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:

Eastbourne: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZlr_H5bZw

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

Caterham:

[http://www.caterhamcatholic.co.uk/Sacred Heart Catholic Church/public.html](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-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

New Notices

Those who have died:

Of your charity please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Malone, Baby Tula Bea Mceniry, Bernard Saunders and Bobbie-Jean Hammon whose funerals are pending. Due to social distancing requirements we are not publishing the committal details as only close family are able to attend.

For the sick: Martin Stiles.

[If you'd like your name added or a name of a loved one (with their consent) added to the newsletter to be prayed for, please email stmm@btconnect.com]

Mass Intentions for the Month of June:

Because of the Government Roadmap and Bishops' statements, it seems clear that Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh will continue to celebrate Mass privately (**some of which will be live streamed on Facebook**) throughout June. On a positive note this means that they have additional time available to celebrate more Masses and so we have some spare intention slots available for the month of June. This is in addition to the Masses already booked for June. If you'd like to have a Mass said for a particular intention send Fr Simon an email on stmm@btconnect.com and he'll discuss availability with you and advise you how to make an offering. Requiem Masses continue to take precedence.

Organ Donation: Presumed Consent:

This week the law changed on organ donation to a presumed consent, unless you have specifically opted out. The **Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** have issued a statement here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/Organ-Donation-Guidelines-Feb-2020.pdf>

And guidance for Catholics here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/organ-donation-guidelines-200520/>

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CAFOD:

Please visit this page for the latest news and appeals:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news>

On the site you can continue to donate to the Coronavirus Appeal or by telephone: 020 7733 7900 (Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30).

Cyclone Amphan brings a double crisis to Bangladesh and India, already struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic. As usual, the poorest and most disadvantaged are suffering the most. The victims of the recent cyclone in Bangladesh are once again the poorest, who were already scratching a living in this barren coastal area before the cyclone. CADOD and its partners desperately need financial aid to help these people.

Updated Notices

Baptisms: All baptisms scheduled for the month of May & June are hereby suspended. They can be rearranged when restrictions on public Masses and services have been lifted.

First Holy Communion: The continuing restrictions on public gatherings mean the First Holy Communion Masses cannot be celebrated on 30th May, 6th June or 13th June and are therefore suspended until further notice. [Please continue to work through your 'I Belong' books so you are ready when the embargo on public gatherings is lifted.](#)

Reminders

CAFOD Prayer Resources:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers>

Diocesan Resources for Mental Health and well-being:

<https://www.dabnet.org/news/view/314>

Bexhill Food Bank: How to donate.

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

Sacrament of the Sick

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: 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.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have posted an extensive article on the ministry to the sick on their website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/covid-19-and-the-ministry-to-the-sick-interim-guidance/>

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

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. And, *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*

Parish Finances

BACS payments: Some Parishioners have reported trouble setting up BACs payments because of our long account name, but we have discovered that if you simply use “**St Mary Magdalene**” and ditch the rest, it all works fine!

- Account name: St Mary Magdalene
- Account number: 21077139
- Sort Code: 40-05-20

You can set up a direct debit or if you wish to offer week by week, use the reference: *off day/month*. Otherwise please use the Diocesan Just Giving Page:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory

remembering to add the comment: “**for 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!

Thank you to parishioners who continue to support the parish through standing orders, BACs payments or the Just Giving Page. Without your support the parish finances will suffer. If you do not have online banking, perhaps use a ‘*piggybank*’ and save up your weekly offering, returning it once the COVID-19 precautions are over.

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