



Most Holy Trinity

Sunday 7th June 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)

*“the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

I read some excellent advice the other day, ‘do not try and explain the Trinity’. And so, we shall stick with the Athanasian Creed, the ‘*Quicumque Vult*’ (whoever wishes):

“Whosoever wishes to be saved must, above all, keep the catholic faith... we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity. Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit. But the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit have one divinity, equal glory, and co-eternal majesty. What the Father is, the Son is, and the Holy Spirit is. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is boundless, the Son is boundless, and the Holy Spirit is boundless. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. Nevertheless, there are not three eternal beings, but one eternal being. So, there are not three uncreated beings, nor three boundless beings, but one uncreated being and one boundless being. Likewise, the Father is omnipotent, the Son is omnipotent, the Holy Spirit is omnipotent. Yet there are not three omnipotent beings, but one omnipotent being.

“Thus, the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. However, there are not three gods, but one God. The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. However, there are not three lords, but one Lord. For as we are obliged by Christian truth to acknowledge every Person singly to be God and Lord, so too are we are forbidden by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords. The Father was not made or created, nor generated by anyone. The Son is not made, nor created, but begotten by the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is not made, nor created, nor generated, but proceeds from the Father and the Son. There is, then, one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. In this Trinity, there is nothing before or after, nothing greater or less. The entire three Persons are coeternal and coequal with one another. So that in all things, as has been said above, the Unity is to be worshipped in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity...”

With every blessing for Trinity Sunday, 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 7th June Trinity Sunday	Peggy Whiteside RIP	Shaji / Joshy GE	
Monday 8th June Monday OT Wk 10	Requiem Margaret Malone RIP	-	
Tuesday 9th June Tuesday OT Wk 10	Gloria Coward RIP & Freda Joyce Baker RIP	Private Intention	
Wed. 10th June Wed, OT Wk 10	Requiem Teresa Gilbert RIP	Joseph Irwin RIP	
Thursday 11th June St Barnabas	Arthur & Freda Valenzuela & Lois & Walter Conkin RIP	Mary Thompson RIP	
Friday 12th June Friday OT Wk 10	Joseph Thomas RIP	Philip Barlow RIP	
Saturday 13th June St Anthony of Padua	People of the Parish	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan 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

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

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

Arundel Cathedral: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

Those who have died: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Gilbert & Margaret Malone, whose Requiem Masses we celebrate this week, and for Jacob Sargeant who died recently. 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 and David Spooner.

*[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]*

New Notices

Confirmation: We spare a thought for our 'Confirmandi', who were due to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Richard today. They are waiting to 'be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit', and now, like the Baptism families and First Communion families, they wait patiently to receive these life giving sacraments, either starting, strengthening or completing their initiation into the Church of God. 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle 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'.

Updated Notices

Cash & Cheques: A polite reminder asking you not to post cash or cheques through the presbytery letter box as Fr Simon has no means of processing them or accounting for them. **Cheques posted through the door will either be returned or destroyed.** Where necessary, please make use of the electronic means of transferring payments (*please see the end of the newsletter for the account details*). **We received a further £548.22 through the Diocesan Just Giving Scheme on 2nd June 2020. Thank you.**

First Holy Communion: Fr Rajesh and I, and indeed, the whole parish keep in our prayers the First Holy Communion children who would have made their First Holy Communion this weekend (*last weekend and next weekend*), and must now wait until such time as we can safely gather in the Church. We ask the children and their parents / carers to continue to work through your 'I **Belong**' books so you are ready when the embargo on public gatherings is lifted.

Reminders

Day for Life: This Year's Day for Life has been given an Apostolic Blessing:



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Dear Bishop Sherrington,

At the request of the Secretariat of State I have the honour to transmit this Message to you, also asking that you kindly forward it to the Bishops' Conferences of Scotland and Ireland.

His Holiness Pope Francis sends prayerful good wishes for the celebration of the 2020 Day for Life in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Theme "Choose Life" is particularly fitting in this twenty-fifth anniversary year of Saint John Paul II's Encyclical Evangelium Vitae, which summoned the entire Church to be "a people of life and for life" (n: 78). In these days when our world faces the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father asks the faithful to pray for all those families, volunteers and healthcare professionals committed, often heroically, to the care and healing of the suffering, and for all those who, amid the continuing "pandemic" of poverty and war, work to uphold the God-given value and dignity of every human person. It is his hope that amid the present crisis all will be led to a greater appreciation of the moral imperative to build a "culture of life" marked by ever greater concern for nurturing, protecting and promoting the integral welfare of all God's children, beginning with the most vulnerable. With these sentiments, the Holy Father gives the assurance of his closeness in prayer and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State

I avail of this opportunity to assure you of my very best wishes and warm personal regards, while remaining,

Yours sincerely in Our Lord



Monsignor Matteo De Mori
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Rt Rev. John Sherrington
Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster
LONDON

Bishop John Sherrington says: 'the global coronavirus pandemic... has reminded us in the starkest way of the important and God-given dignity and worth of every life, especially the weakest and most frail'. This year, the Day for Life message emphasises the care of the unborn child and pregnant women. More here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-day-for-life-2020/>

Baptisms: All baptisms scheduled for the **month of June** are hereby suspended. They can be rearranged (*with the postponed baptisms from March to May*) when restrictions on public Masses and services have been lifted.

Kairos Forum: Liturgical Resources with those with Special Needs:

Joe Apicella (*from St Martha's*) and his cousin Cris offer liturgical resources with those who have special learning needs: <http://www.kairosforum.org/space/easter-season/>

CAFOD Prayer Resources:

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

Organ Donation: Presumed Consent: This law changed recently 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/>

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.

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/>

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”.*

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

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.

Parish email: stmm@btconnect.com **Parish telephone:** 01424 210 263