



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Sunday 12th July 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 Obligation to hear Mass on Sundays remains suspended until further notice”.

“You’ve got to start somewhere”. From Sunday evening, we celebrate our first public Mass since they were suspended on 20th March. **Note:** The resumption of public Masses is very limited, and **we should not view it as a return to normal.** The liturgical space in St Mary Magdalene has been reworked to enable Baptisms, and benches shifted to ensure social distancing, reducing the capacity of the Church to **55 people**. As families and couples may sit together, an extra couple of people might be accommodated at the stewards discretion. With the furlough of the parish administrators there is no booking system. It is ‘*first come*’ – ‘*first served*’. A more detailed update is available in the newsletter section of our parish website:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/a-limited-resumption-of-public-masses-1.pdf>

As the **obligation to hear Mass on Sundays remains suspended** any Mass across the week may be attended and, in charity, please only attend one Mass each week. ***If you are in anyway nervous about social distancing, you should not feel compelled to come to Mass.*** Indeed, with a capacity of only 55 people, most parishioners will still need to make use of the Live Stream Masses which have fed us spiritually throughout lockdown. ***Once the Church has reached its capacity,*** the stewards will invite you to either come back on another day or invite you to come back later when the Church is open for private prayer.

We have also booked in some Adult and Children’s Baptisms and Receptions into Full Communion. Under the guidelines, these ‘*cycle of life*’ celebrations, as the Government calls them, are limited to 30 people at any one time, *which is a clarification on previous announcements made.* As this is only a gradual and limited opening up of public Masses, there will still be a wait until we can celebrate First Holy Communions and Confirmations.

Finally, to have more Masses, we need more volunteer **stewards!**

With my best wishes and prayers, Fr Simon.

Due to COVID-19 limitations, the normal schedule of Parish Masses is suspended. There will be a Limited number of Public Masses, some Live Stream Masses, and some Private Masses, so please check the newsletter & Parish Facebook Page.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH & PRESBYTERY

Please pay particular attention to the "Type"

Date	Feast	Time	Intention	Type
Sun 12 th July	15 th Sun. OT A	10.00am	Clare Keegan RIP	Facebook Mass
		-	Joseph Thomas RIP	Private Mass
		2.00pm	Adult Baptism of Hugh Lewis	
		6.00pm	Marian Razvan Zane GE	Public Mass
Mon 13 th July	Mon 15 th Week	10.00am	Holy Souls	Facebook Mass
Tues 14 th July	Tue 15 th Week	9.45am	Fr Gilmore McDermott GE	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		-	Frank Ratcliffe RIP	Private Mass
Wed 15 th July	St Bonaventure	9.45am	Elizabeth Francis RIP	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		6.45pm	Priest's Intentions	Public Mass
		7.30-8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 16 th July	O.L Mt Carmel	10.00am	Giuseppe Cioffi RIP	Facebook Mass
		-	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP	Private Mass
		Funeral of Giuseppe Cioffi at Hastings Crematorium		
Fri 17 th July	Fri 15 th Week	9.45am	Ann Ford RIP	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		-	Merlyn Coward RIP	Private Mass
Sat 18 th July	Sat. Mem. BVM	9.45am	People of the Parish	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10.30-11.30am	Confessions	
		12noon	Baptisms of William Hodd & Benjamin Steele	
		12noon	Ann Ford RIP	Facebook Mass

Facebook Mass = Online only at www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill , and uploaded afterwards to the 'Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea' You Tube Channel.

Public Mass = Mass in St Mary Magdalene with **55 parishioners maximum**

Private Mass = one of the priests is saying Mass privately in the presbytery



For those unable to attend a Public Mass and also unable to join the Bexhill Parish Mass through Facebook Live, 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 Siobhan Dolan who died recently.

For the sick: Martin Stiles and David Spooner, and Doreen Turner and Deirdre Edwards after recent hospital visits.

*[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

Requiem Mass of Josephine (Siobhan) Dolan RIP: The Requiem Mass of Josephine Dolan, known to many by her Traditional Irish name of Siobhan, will be held in St Mary Magdalene Church at 10.30am on Friday 24th July. Government Guidance restricts attendance at funerals 30 people. Therefore, **this Mass is for family and nominated friends only and the list of names is already at capacity.**

Volunteer Stewards: It would be good to add another two teams at St Mary Magdalene before moving on to think about provision at St Martha's. Fr Simon has sought a slight clarification over the DBS requirement. It seems that we may have been overly cautious. Not every volunteer must have a DBS check with the parish, just as long as there is at least one volunteer in the team and on duty who hold a Parish DBS then the others may assist providing that they are not over 70 or have any COVID-19 underlying health conditions.

Updates

Church opening times for Private Prayer:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday mornings **10.30-11.30am**
- Wednesday evenings **7.30-8pm**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar for Adoration after the cleaning following the Mass. Please follow the one-way system and the advice of the stewards.

Reminders

Mass Intentions for August: There are some Mass intention slots available for the month of August. If you would like to have a Mass said for the repose of a loved one's soul (RIP) or for their "good estate" please email stmm@btconnect.com and Fr Simon will let you know what is possible and how you may make the customary Mass offering.

Baptisms: We have permission to celebrate Baptisms again, and there is a backlog to clear. We have contacted most families and continue to work through the list. You do not need to contact us. In order not to add to the backlog, July baptisms may continue as scheduled. We must adhere to the routines of 'supervision, cleaning and social distancing' and we will explain that to families when we contact them. New applications can be made through the website:

<https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/>

We will then direct you to the online preparation.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion Masses for 2020 continue to be delayed, and regretfully we are not yet able to announce a new date.

Confirmation: The Confirmation Mass for 2020 continues to be delayed. As this also affects the Deanery the conversation with the Dean is on-going.

What about applications for the 2021 programmes? We are not yet accepting applications as we do not yet know how these courses will be run.

CAFOD: Coronavirus Petition: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Unite-against-coronavirus> CAFOD say: "Our petition has over 5000 signatures, rising every day. We are calling for our Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home. We easily reach 30,000 names in our petitions (under usual circumstances!), and we hope to do the same for this petition. Please sign and share before September, when we will hand it in to the government".

CAFOD Prayer Resources:

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

CAFOD: Please visit this page for the latest news and appeals:

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

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.

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/>

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 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:

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).

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.*