



17th Sunday in OT A

Sunday 26th 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)

We have now completed two weeks of Masses in St Mary Magdalene Church since being permitted to return to our Churches after the Coronavirus Lockdown. Many thanks to the volunteer stewards who are making this possible and sustainable. The 11am Mass last Sunday had 40 people (capacity 55) and the 6pm Mass had 30 people (capacity 55), and the weekday Masses are averaging around 30 people (capacity 55).

Mass at St Martha's in Little Common

Last Saturday, a team of volunteers gave St Martha's a deep clean and marked it for social distancing. This, however, reduces the capacity to 36 people and so we are looking to put on two Masses: *6pm Saturday evening and 9am on Sunday morning*. We have a confirmed team of volunteer stewards for the Sunday morning Mass and are nearly there with putting together a sustainable team for the Saturday evening but need one or two more volunteers to ensure its long-term viability. Even so, we will resume Masses in Little Common by celebrating the Feast Day of St Martha (*transferred from 29th July*) on 1st and 2nd August.

Temporary Mass Schedule

From the 1st August 2020, our temporary Mass schedule for the Parish will be as follows:

Public Masses on a **Sunday**:

6pm (Sat) Mass:	St Martha's, Little Common	(Capacity 36)
9am Mass:	St Martha's, Little Common	(Capacity 36)
11am Mass:	St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre	(Capacity 55)
6pm Mass:	St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre	(Capacity 55)

The obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended.

Public Masses on a **Weekday** in St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre:

9.45am Masses:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	(Capacity 55)
6.45pm Mass:	Wednesday.	(Capacity 55)

Funerals continue to take precedence and places reserved to the family

Like the railway, the Mass schedule is subject to short notice cancellations and amendments

Facebook Live stream only: 10am Mass: Monday and Thursday

Best wishes and prayers, Fr Simon.

Due to COVID-19 limitations, the normal schedule of Parish Masses is suspended.

Mass Schedule - Please pay particular attention to the "Type"

At St Mary Magdalene, unless otherwise stated.

Date	Feast	Time	Intention	Type
Sunday 26 th July	17 th Sun OT A	11am	Alexander MacDonald RIP	Public Mass (capacity 55)
		2pm	Reception of Beth, Kaiden & Kaleb Tree	
		6pm	Baby Angelo Di Mascio	Public Mass (capacity 55)
Monday 27 th July	Monday in 17 th Week	10am	Alaric Rosman GE	Facebook Mass
Tuesday 28 th July	Tuesday in 17 th Week	9.45am	Alexander MacDonald RIP	Public Mass (55)
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		-	Int. the Ffrench Family	Private Mass
Wednesday 29 th July	St Martha (in St Mary Magdalene)	9.45am	People of the Parish	Public Mass (55)
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		6.45pm	Priest's Intentions	Public Mass (55)
		7.30-8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 30 th July	Thursday in 17 th Week	10am	Fr Peter Murphy GE	Facebook Mass
		-	Holy Souls	Private Mass
Friday 31 st July	Saint Ignatius Loyola	9.45am	Robert Ffrench RIP	Public Mass (55)
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 1 st August	Sat Mem. of the BVN Transferred Feast of St Martha	9.45am	Irene Hulewicz RIP	Public Mass (55)
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10.30-11.30am	Confessions	
		12.30	Baptisms of Oliver & Harrison Blackmore	
		6pm (at St Martha's)	People of the Parish	Public Mass (capacity 36)
Sunday 2 nd August	Transferred Feast of St Martha	9am (at St Martha's)	Ernest & Lily Whitehead RIP	Public Mass (capacity 36)
		11am	Roy & Peggy Fisher RIP	Public Mass (capacity 55)
		12.30	Baptism of Matei Zane	
		6pm	Priest's Intentions	Public Mass (capacity 55)

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



Those who have died: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Josette Jones RIP and Joolz Durkin RIP (*former teacher at St Richard's Catholic College*).

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 Notice

Homeless Unity Group (H.U.G.): *The Bexhill Homeless Unity Group are having a summer fundraiser to prepare for a possible increase in Homelessness:* "The Bexhill & Rother Homeless Unity Group (HUG) today begins its summer funding appeal. Homelessness is an issue all year round not just in winter or at Christmas. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated homelessness in our district as rough sleepers return to the streets following the end of government funding and families struggle with reduced income and unemployment. Since November 2018, our safe space at St Barnabas Church, Bexhill has had a positive impact on the homeless community by providing food, washing facilities and a social environment. This summer we are launching our settlement mentor programme to provide our guests with one-to-one support in gaining and then sustaining new accommodation. We also want to expand our small grants provision. We strongly believe that a small helping hand can make a big difference in alleviating the effects of homelessness. Since we began, we have funded Furniture and carpets for those moving into temporary accommodation, covering vet bills for the pets who provide companionship on the streets, repairing vehicles to allow individuals to be economically active and essential travel fares. HUG has also provided our guests with sleeping bags, dry clean clothes and transport for hospital appointments. However, with your help we could do so much more. The big charities are already using their superior marketing resources to canvass for donations. While we all stand together in the fight against homelessness, HUG can guarantee that 100% of resources are spent locally to alleviate hardship in our district. Our message currently is simple: support your community by giving local. HUG welcomes any level of donation and promises that it will be put to good use in the community". To donate, visit <https://bexhillhug.org.uk/donating-with-hug>

Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB: Best wishes and prayers to Fr Stephen who will be the Priest in Residence at Our Lady, Star of the Sea in East Preston for a period of two or more years, covering the vacancy left by the death of David Rhea earlier in the year.

Face Coverings:

Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and will be mandatory in shops and in supermarkets from 24th July 2020. People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church. Please supply your own face covering.

Updated

CAFOD: Summer of Hope: You can use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal:

www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope

CAFOD in partnership with DEC: Millions of lives are at stake as coronavirus hits refugee camps and places suffering conflict. Every step we take now will prevent deaths and reduce suffering. Families who have been forced to flee their homes and have lost everything in places like Syria, South Sudan and DR Congo are particularly vulnerable to the virus. For countries that have had years of conflict, people will struggle to access healthcare. Lockdown in these countries means that many people will suffer a huge loss in income, pushing people further into poverty and putting millions at risk of hunger and malnutrition. For refugees, such as the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, overcrowding and a lack of hygiene facilities in refugee camps means that the spread of the virus will be devastating. We have joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to scale up our response, ensuring that no one is beyond reach of the aid they need to survive. Our valuable experts on the ground understand the challenges and needs in their respective communities. They are able to respond quickly and are already involved in activities that include: delivering food to where it is needed most, improving hygiene, handwashing and sanitation at the community and household level. Producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention. Training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns.

Donate: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

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>

Reminders

Church opening times for Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Offertory: The Offertory box is available at the back of the Church after each Mass. **It is only for those who cannot give their offertory using one of the online methods**, listed at the bottom of this newsletter. There are strict rules for handling cash and cheques, and we wish to keep cash handling to an absolute minimum.

Mass Intentions for August: There are few Mass intention slots still 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 have emailed those waiting for baptism. If you are waiting to rearrange a postponed baptism and have not received the email, either check your spam / junk folder and if no message, send an email to stmm@btconnect.com

New applications can be made through the website: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/baptismal-form/>
We will then direct you to the online preparation. We must adhere to the routines of '*supervision, cleaning and social distancing*' and we will explain that when agreeing a date.

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.

Bexhill Food Bank: How to donate.

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

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>

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>

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 on Saturday mornings between 10.30am & 11.30am:

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”.*

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: *Chris Jones 602914*

Sacrament of the Sick & Pastoral Visits (updated)

For non-urgent visits:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ministers of Communion may email stmm@btconnect.com or phone Fr Simon to discuss the individual situation before resuming any visits, so that he can also provide you with the up to date guidance. **Housebound:** It may be sometime until regular visits by the Team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Housebound may resume. **By appointment,** the priests can make one off visits to those who need Confession, Anointing and Holy Communion at home, to those who genuinely cannot attend one of the restored parish Masses. Please contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210 263 opt 2 or email stmm@btconnect.com and he will co-ordinate a visit.

Visits to Care, Residential and Nursing Homes:

You must firstly clear the visit with the Home before contacting us to arrange a visit. We will discuss with you / the home as to what is most appropriate.

NB: Except, in the case of extreme emergency, in many instances (and in all settings) it is good if a member of the family can be present at the visit, leaving the room if confession is required.

For urgent need (i.e. in danger of death):

“Last Rites” does not mean last minute! A visit from a priest should be requested in good time, if possible before the individual loses consciousness so that they may make a confession and receive Holy Communion. As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for the anointing has surely already come. If you leave it to the last minute, we may be away attending to other pastoral matters.

For urgent requests:

1. Email stmm@btconnect.com or simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk
2. Telephone: 01424 210 263 (opt 3 for Fr Simon, opt 2 for Fr Rajesh). Try both numbers, back up any answerphone message with an email, as above.

Visits to the DGH Eastbourne or the Conquest Hospital in Hastings: You must ring the Conquest Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who are co-ordinating visits and emergency response for both hospitals (or if out of hours as the Ward to contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain). **For Bexhill Hospital,** check with them that a visit is possible and then contact Fr Rajesh who is co-ordinating the response from our parish.

Parish Finances (updated)

BACS payments:

- 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*.

Gift-Aid Internet Payments:

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, you can hand in your offertory during any public Mass.