

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary

Bexhill-on-Sea

St Mary Magdalene's, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

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A Limited Resumption of Public Masses

There will be a limited resumption of Public Masses in the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea in the **Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene Only**, from 12th July 2020.

***“The Obligation to hear Mass on Sunday
remains suspended until further notice”.***

With only six teams of stewards recruited, there will only be six Masses in the week and with **social distancing, the maximum capacity of St Mary Magdalene is 55 people**, which might be slightly increased as couples and families may sit together.

Therefore, ***this is not a return to normal***, and the vast majority of parishioners (*last Mass count 750 people*) will need to continue to make use of Live Stream Masses.

With the furlough of the parish administrators, no booking system is possible. Attendance at Mass will be ***‘first-come’ – ‘first-served’*** and you will be guided by the stewards who will help you get seated. They will fill up the Church from the front; *therefore, you may not be able to sit in your favourite seat*. Once the capacity is reached, you will not be able to enter the Church until after Mass, when you may come in for private prayer. ***As the Sunday Obligation remains suspended, those attending Mass should choose one Mass across the week, and in charity, not try to attend more than one.***

NB:

- Please maintain social distancing.
- Please do not come to Mass if you have any of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- The Toilet will be **closed**.
- Face coverings are optional for Mass-goers.
- If you wear gloves, they should be removed for Holy Communion.
- Please follow the one-way system and the direction of the stewards.
- Parents may not bring food, drink, or toys to the Church.

Limited Public Mass Times: W/C 12th July 2020

Sunday:	6pm:	Public Mass	Capacity 55
Monday:		Closed	
Tuesday:	9.45am	Public Mass	Capacity 55 <i>Church closes for cleaning after Mass</i> <i>Private prayer from 10.30am to 11.30am</i>
Wednesday:	9.45am	Public Mass	Capacity 55 <i>Church closes for cleaning after Mass</i> <i>Private prayer from 10.30am to 11.30am</i>
	6.45pm	Public Mass	Capacity 55 <i>Church closes for cleaning after Mass</i> <i>Private prayer from 7.30pm to 8pm</i>
Thursday:		Closed	
Friday:	9.45am	Public Mass	Capacity 55 <i>Church closes for cleaning after Mass</i> <i>Private prayer from 10.30am to 11.30am</i>
Saturday:	9.45am	Public Mass	Capacity 55 <i>Church closes for cleaning after Mass</i> <i>Private prayer from 10.30am to 11.30am,</i> <i>with Confessions.</i>

NB: Masses will all be 'Low Masses':

- Doors open 15 minutes before Mass.
- There will be no singing during the Mass, except perhaps by a cantor.
- No Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass.
- No 'Holy Water', 'Prayer of the Faithful', 'offertory' or 'sign of peace'.
- Communion under one kind only, at the end of Mass. Only the priest will distribute.
- The priest will act as his own sacristan but may choose a reader if appropriate.
- There will be a collection box by the exit **for those who cannot use internet banking or the Diocesan Just Giving Scheme.** We want to minimise cash-handling and accounting.