

Holy Communion Reminders

- Distributed after Mass.
- Stewards will direct you.
- Do not come forward until directed. The stewards will bring a handful of people forward at a time to keep the flow round the one-way system.
- In the Hand only – speak to the priest at the end of Mass if you have a real problem with this.
- “*The body of Christ / Amen*” is said collectively. Individually, we receive in silence.

Face Coverings: Unless you are exempt, face coverings should be worn while attending places of worship, including Churches (*removed carefully for Holy Communion*).

Weekday Mass times

From 1st September 2020, the weekday Mass time reverts to the pre-lockdown time of 10am. The stewards will open the doors at 9.35am and close the Church after Adoration at 11am. *The 9.45am Mass time remains throughout the week commencing 24th August.* The Wednesday evening Mass remains at 6.45pm. Our thanks to the stewards for facilitating weekday Masses on **Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays, and Saturdays**. If you can join a stewarding team, please let the office know.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands

Who do you say that I am?

Jesus asks this same question of each one of us. He is Jesus of Nazareth and He is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, one person with two natures, one fully human and one fully divine. He is, as we pray in the Creed, ‘*God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father*’. Being consubstantial means that he shares the same essence of God. Whatever “it is” that makes God, God, Jesus shares it with the same glory and majesty. This means he is not just a prophet or a quirky rabbi but God Incarnate, Emmanuel (God-with-us); meaning his gospel is not a philosophical work but the words of eternal life and his teaching is an extension of the commandments of God! At Holy Baptism, we are asked: “*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, [God’s] only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?*” “*I do*”, we declare; then Blessed are you indeed!

Release of 2019 Financial Statement, including a 2020 COVID Forecast

Please do visit the newsletter section of the parish website to read the latest Parish Financial Statement:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/2019-accounts-for-the-parish-of-st-mary-magdalene-bexhill.pdf>

It provides the accounts for 2019, a letter from Sarah Kilmartin, the Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese addressing some of the particular financial matters faced by the Parish of Bexhill, and also provides some comment of how COVID-19 is affecting the parish.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: no new deaths to report

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner and Deirde Edwards

Church Capacities: St Mary Magdalene 55+ and St Martha's 36+. Households may sit together which may free up a couple of extra spaces, at the steward's discretion. ***Please follow the directions of the stewards and do all you can to be on-time for Mass!***

Public Mass Times: Sundays: 6pm (Sat) & 9am at St Martha's, and 11am & 6pm at St Mary Magdalene. **Weekdays:** 9.45am* Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays and 6.45pm Mass on Wednesday. [Only possible if stewards are available!] Requiem Masses continue to have priority. [**reverts to 10am from Tuesday 1st September 2020*].

Facebook Live Mass: 10am on Mondays and 12noon on Thursdays, and when Fr Simon can stream his Public Mass: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill and uploaded afterward to You Tube.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: after Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturdays: now until 11am, to take the pressure off the stewards. **Confessions:** after Mass on Saturday morning. **Mass Intentions:** these may still be booked by emailing stmm@btconnect.com where the administrators can let you know what is possible and how to make the customary donation.

For those unable to attend a Public Mass and wish to Live stream:

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>

Thank you to those who have moved their offertory from "envelope" to electronic Banking, and for also reviewing and increasing their offertory. With the Administrators back in the office they can help parishioners sign up for Gift Aid and set up Bankers Orders. Our challenge is to have as few people as possible still giving by cash in the offertory plate / box. If you still need to give cash weekly, please do all you can to move beyond giving a few coins and instead make it a note. **BACs: Account Name: St Mary Magdalene, Account No. 21077139, Sort Code. 40-05-20**

Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale
Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young
Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins

Charity and Mission

CAFOD: 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 DEC to help alleviate those in poorer communities significantly affected by Coronavirus: www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal .

CAFOD latest news: www.cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news

CAFOD Prayer Resources: www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers

Bexhill Foodbank: How to donate: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound: The priests can make one-off visits to bring the sacraments to those who genuinely cannot attend one of the restored parish Masses or Confessions times. Please contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210263 opt 2 or email stmm@btconnect.com to make an appointment for a priest to visit. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should email or speak to Fr Simon before resuming any visits.

Baptism: new applications via the website: www.stmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ .

First Holy Communion: The Sacramental Masses for 2020 continue to be delayed, and regretfully we are not yet able to announce a new date. **2021 applications?** We are not accepting applications at this time; we do not yet know how these programmes will be run.

Masses for the Conferral of Sacrament of Confirmation: 12 noon on Sat 10th October & Sat 17th Oct. at St Martha's in Little Common. Each Mass can accommodate up to 10 candidates. To book a row for the Sacrament of Confirmation please email: stmm@btconnect.com .The row seats 6 people: The Candidate, Sponsor, and four family members from the same household or bubble group. With social distancing there is no spare seating for other family guests.

Reading at Mass: If any existing Reader wishes to read at Mass please make yourself known to the presiding priest. You may need to wear gloves so that you do not touch the lectionary and be aware you may be visible on the Live stream recording when Fr Simon is presiding at Mass.

And finally, congratulations to those receiving GSCE results and to St Richard's Catholic College for another year-on-year improvement in performance. Well done to staff and students alike.

Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

stmm@btconnect.com

Sacrament of the Sick

Urgent Requests

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!

As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

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opt. 3 Fr Simon

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(back up your call with an email message)

Hospital Visits

For **DGH Eastbourne & Conquest Hastings** you must contact the Conquest Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who co-ordinate all visits to both hospitals (out of hours ask the Ward to call the on-call Catholic chaplain).

For **Bexhill Hospital:**

contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210263 opt 2.

Care Home Visits

You must first 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.

Home Visits

Please contact us above to discuss the most appropriate response. A member of the family bubble should be present when a priest visits, stepping out of the room for Confession.

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 22nd August

St Mary Magdalene

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Memorial *Our Lady, Queen & Mother*

9:45am

10:30am

10:30am

2.00pm

Public Mass: Teresa Pausania RIP

Adoration until 11am

Confessions until 11am

Baptisms: Oliver & Thomas Bond

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Is. 22:19-23, Rom. 11:33-36 & Mt 16:13-20

St Martha

Sunday 23rd August

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

9:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

Public Mass: Joseph Thomas Family GE

Public Masses:

Peter Dolan RIP

Pro Populo

Halina & Leszek Slazak RIP

Monday 24th August

St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday 25th August

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Presbytery

Feast

10:00am

Ferial

9.45am

10.30am

Private

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Facebook only: Angela Brennan GE

Tuesday Week 21

Public Mass: John Keegan RIP

Adoration until 11am

Priest's Intention

Wednesday 26th August

St Mary Magdalene

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Thursday 27th August

St Mary Magdalene

Presbytery

Friday 28th August

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Presbytery

Ferial

9:45am

10.30am

6.45pm

7.30pm

Wednesday Week 21

Public Mass: Bernard Saunders RIP

Adoration until 11am

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

Adoration until 8pm

Memorial

Private

Private

Memorial

9.45am

10.30am

Private

St Monica (no live stream Mass today)

Funeral Service

Mass for the Sick & Housebound

St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

Public Mass: Parish Stewards GE

Adoration until 11am

Priest's Intentions

Saturday 29th August

St Mary Magdalene

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St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

9:45am

10:30am

10:30am

Private

Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

Public Mass: Alex Thomas RIP

Adoration until 11am

Confessions until 11am

Burial of Ashes of David Connearn RIP

22nd Sunday in OT A

Jer. 20:7-9, Rom. 12:1-2 & Mt 16:21-27

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday 30 August

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

9:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

Public Mass: Roy Cox GE

Public Mass: Herbert Whitehead RIP

Public Mass: People of the Parish

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

Parish Finance: Please try and give your offertory online and it can be gift aided: www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory

On 7th August, we received a further £789.00 from the Just Giving scheme and claimed an additional £342 in gift aid. Thank you very much! If you cannot give online, please use the collection box by St Anthony's Statue available at every Sunday & Weekday Mass