

30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

# PARISH NEWS

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

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

## Parish Halls Update

Having reviewed the Risk assessments for the re-opening of parish halls, we have concluded that the cleaning requirements are **currently too prohibitive to their re-opening**. They will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Bishop Richard said to the clergy, *'...such a re-opening will require a good number of measures to be in place and the decision to open a hall should not be taken lightly'*. This has a financial impact on the parish, so we appeal to your generosity in your offertory giving. We are working through the Risk Assessment to enable the St Mary Magdalene Presbytery to re-open for limited socially distant parish usage, in time for the resumption of Sacramental programs in the autumn **but depends on resolving boundary issues**.

**Second Collections:** These resume from 13<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a second box for the following collections:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Holy Places
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. Home Mission
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. Ed. of Future Priests
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Peter's Pence
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. CAFOD Family Fast Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. World Mission Sunday.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. Retired Priests' Fund
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. World Comm. Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. Cathedral Maintenance
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Day for Life
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Prisoners' Sunday
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sea Sunday

*For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord my God.*

## The Month of September

Bishop Richard has encouraged the clergy to take some holiday, and Fr Rajesh and I have held off as long as possible to help facilitate the re-starting of Public Masses over the summer and to honour all the Mass intentions which you have requested for the repose of the soul or good estate of your loved ones. I will be away from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. and Fr Rajesh will take some time in October, and so we have set the Mass Rota according. While I am away there will no Live stream Mass from the Parish but there are plenty of other sources.

We have been blessed in our stewards over the summer who have facilitated safe entry to our Churches and cleaned them after each Mass. This requirement looks likely to be with us for some time, and so we ask parishioners who are under 70 and have no underlying health conditions to join a stewarding team. We have checked with our stewards their availability for September. *As to October... it is too early to say.* Please contact the parish office if you can help as a steward.

As more parishioners become comfortable in returning the Mass, ***so far***, we have been blessed in not having to turn people away. Also, we have not needed to put a booking system in place. Therefore, Public Masses remain on a first come-first served basis and we reiterate the advice of the bishops' conference that **the obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended and if you have already been to Mass during the week we ask you to be mindful of others, perhaps not taking a seat away from someone else.** Finally, I wish all pupils and staff a safe return to school this week and wish you every blessing for your continued formation.

With my prayers, Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Elizabeth Capon RIP

**We pray for the sick:** Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner.

**Church Capacities:** St Mary Magdalene 55+ and St Martha's 36+. Households may sit together to free up extra (+) spaces. **Please follow the directions of the stewards.**

**Public Mass Times: Sundays:** 6pm (Sat) & 9am at St Martha's, and 11am & 6pm at St Mary Magdalene. **Weekdays:** 10am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays and 6.45pm\* Mass on Wednesday. [Doors open at 9.35am (6.35pm\*)]. Requiem Masses have priority.

**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:** booked by emailing [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto: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](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](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>

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**First Holy Communion Masses:** we are considering celebrating First Holy Communion over 4 Saturdays in November (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November), most likely at 12 noon at St Martha's in Little Common. We can only do this if we get enough volunteer stewards. We need 3 to 4 stewards per Mass. Please let the Parish Office know if you can help so that we can complete the sacramental programmes before the start of the new Liturgical Year on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**St Richard's Catholic College, Supplementary Forms:** start searching for your sacramental certificates now. There is a £10.00 charge to replace them (via email: [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) ). Fr Simon will be available at the presbytery at the following times only: **12 noon on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.** It is on a first come-first served basis, with a socially distanced queue, and he will stay until the queue is finished. *Mass attendance: make your declaration based on your attendance between Nov 2019-Feb 2020, as there were no Masses between Mar and July, and the obligation remains suspended.*

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

### **Charity and Mission**

**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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal) .

**CAFOD latest news:** [www.cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news)

**CAFOD Prayer Resources:** [www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers)

**Bexhill Foodbank: How to donate:** [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/](http://www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/)

**Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound:** If you cannot come to a Public Mass or Public Confession, please contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210263 opt 2 or email [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) to make an appointment for a priest to make a one-off visit. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should email or speak to Fr Simon before resuming any visits.

**Baptism:** new applications via the website: [www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/) .

**2021 sacramental applications? Please do not apply until expressly invited.**

For Confirmation: will open at the beginning of October 2020.

For FHC: will open in January 2021.

RCIA: I have asked the 2 catechists to reflect on how they wish to run the course.

CCIA (*aka WJT*): I have asked the 2 catechists to reflect on how they wish to run the course.

**Masses for the Conferral of Sacrament of Confirmation: 12 noon on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October & Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. at St Martha's in Little Common.** Remember: a row seats 6 people: The Candidate, Sponsor, and four family members from the same household or bubble group.

**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 or bring a missal with you and be aware you may be visible on the Live stream recording.

**Facebook Live Mass:** No Facebook Livestream during September as Fr Simon will be away.

**Sunday Gospel for those with Special Needs:** <http://www.kairosforum.org/space/weekly-gospel/>

**And finally,** as Autumn approaches, think about bringing warmer clothing (*coats, jumpers, scarfs*) as we will need to keep the Churches well ventilated with a natural airflow.

## Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto: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.

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

01424210263

opt. 3 Fr Simon

opt. 2 Fr Rajesh

(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 29<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene

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**Memorial** *Beheading of St John the Baptist*

9:45am

10:30am

10:30am

Private

Public Mass: Alex Thomas RIP

Adoration until 11am

Confessions until 11am

Burial of Ashes of David Connearn RIP

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A

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

St Martha

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

9:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

Public Mass: Roy Cox GE

**Public Masses:**

Herbert Whitehead RIP

People of the Parish

Priest's Intentions

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Presbytery

**Opt. Mem**

N/A

**Ferial**

10.00am

10.30am

Private

*St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop*

No Live Stream Mass today

**Tuesday Week 22**

Public Mass: Jetwin Stephen GE

Adoration until 11am

People of the Parish

### Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

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### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

**Ferial**

10.00am

10.30am

6.45pm

7.30pm

**Feast**

Private

**Wednesday Week 22**

Public Mass: Julia Dance GE

Adoration until 11am

Public Mass: Mary Carroll & Family GE

Adoration until 8pm

**St Gregory**

**Requiem Mass: Elizabeth Capon RIP (Family only at Funerals)**

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

**Opt. Mem**

10.00am

10.30am

**Memorial**

10.00am

10:30am

10:35am

**St Cuthbert, Bishop**

Public Mass: Sheila Dray RIP

Adoration until 11am

**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP

Adoration until 11am

Confessions until 11am

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT A

*Ex. 33:7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20*

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

9:00am

11:00am

12.30pm

6:00pm

Public Mass: Bill & Vi Hayes RIP

**Public Masses**

People of the Parish

Thomas & Norah Moran RIP

**Baptism of Phoenix Marie Turner**

Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vahottengham family and friends deceased.

**Parish Finance:** please try and give your offertory online and it can be gift aided: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory)  
*Remember to set the Just Giving Contribution: 0%-15% as you desire*

**BACs: Account Name: St Mary Magdalene,**

**Account No. 21077139, Sort Code. 40-05-20**