

15-16th August 2020

PARISH NEWS

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

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

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*).

Parish Office: Lisa and Bonita, our excellent administrators have returned and are back in the parish office following a risk assessment. The parish office remains closed to casual callers and the presbytery remains unavailable for pastoral activity, remaining as a residence for the priests. If you have need to contact the office, please continue to email:

stmm@btconnect.com

or if necessary, by telephoning 01424 210 263, leaving an answerphone message. Many thanks!

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength

On your right stands the queen, in garments of God.

This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Body & Soul into Heaven. There are five Masses this weekend and all will be a celebration of the Assumption:

St Martha's, Little Common

- 6pm on Saturday 15th August (Vigil Mass)
 - 9am on Sunday 16th August

St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre

- 9.45am on Saturday 15th August (Vigil Mass)
 - 11am on Sunday 16th August
 - 6pm on Sunday 16th August

Release of 2019 Financial Statement, including a 2020 COVID Forecast

Each summer we release the financial statement for the parish from the previous financial year (in the parish we follow a calendar year). You can find the financial statement in the **newsletter section** of the Parish Website:

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

Please help those who do not have access to the internet get a copy of the financial statement as we would like everyone to read it. Not only does it state where we were at the beginning of the Year but gives a forecast for how this year will go due to the extreme financial pressures of the global pandemic. In the financial statement there is 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.

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.

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 Homeless Unity Group (H.U.G.): Summer fundraiser to prepare for a possible increase in Homelessness: www.bexhillhug.org.uk/donating-with-hug

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, so that he can also provide you with the latest guidance.

Baptism: new applications may be made via the website: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ You will then be directed to the online preparation. **First Holy Communion:** The Sacramental Masses for 2020 continue to be delayed, and regrettably we are not yet able to announce a new date. **2021 applications?** We are not accepting applications at this time, as we do not yet know how these programmes will be run. Thank you for your patience.

Masses for the Conferral of Sacrament of Confirmation

12 noon on Saturday 10th October & Saturday 17th October 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.

Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

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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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(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 15th August

St Mary Magdalene

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Solemnity *Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM*

9:45am

10:30am

10:30am

1.00pm

Public Mass: Noreen Corness RIP

Adoration until 11am

Confessions until 11am

Baptism: Sophia Buckner-Badara

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2, 1 Cor 15:54-57 & Lk 11:27-28

Day: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6, 10, 1 Cor 15:20-26 & Lk 1:39-56

St Martha

6:00pm

Public Mass: John & Pat Billingham RIP

Sunday 16th August

St Martha

9:00am

Patricia Andrews RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Pro Populo

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

Priest's Intentions

Monday 17th August

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Facebook only: Agnes Shanahan GE

Tuesday 18th August

St Mary Magdalene

9.45am

Public Mass: Hunnisett Family RIP

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration until 11am

Presbytery

Private

Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 19th August

St Mary Magdalene

9:45am

Public Mass: Catherine Cronin RIP

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration until 11am

St Mary Magdalene

6.45pm

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

St Mary Magdalene

7.30pm

Adoration until 8pm

Thursday 20th August

St Mary Magdalene

12noon

Memorial St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

Presbytery

Private

Facebook Only: Parish Staff GE

Mass for Peter Kenny RIP

Friday 21st August

St Mary Magdalene

9.45am

Memorial St Pius X, Pope

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Public Mass: Ryan Kelly GE

Presbytery

Private

Adoration until 11am

Priest's Intentions

Saturday 22nd August

St Mary Magdalene

9:45am

Memorial Our Lady Queen & Mother

St Mary Magdalene

10:30am

Public Mass: Teresa Pausania RIP

St Mary Magdalene

10:30am

Adoration until 11am

St Mary Magdalene

2.00pm

Confessions until 11am

Baptism of Oliver & Thomas Bond

21st Sunday in OT A

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

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

6:00pm

Public Mass: Pro Populo

Sunday 23rd August

St Martha

9:00am

Public Mass: Peter Dolan RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

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

Otherwise please use the collection box by St Anthony's Statue available at every Sunday & Weekday Mass