

6th September 2020

23rd 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 NEWS

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 13th September. There will be a second box for the following collections:

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

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*



Today, the twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary time, our Holy Mother Church reminds us of our responsibility to towards one another and to society.

May you continue to follow the lead of the Master-Teacher and imitate His loving concern for all.

A few years ago, in the Catholic school in which one of my relative's was teaching, they chose a theme for the whole year. The chosen theme was: "What would Jesus do?" My relative and I talked about it. It means much more than just avoiding doing wrong. It demands that those who are disciples ("disciplined learners") must, as St. Paul says, put on "the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2: 16). We must "know" Jesus from reading the Gospels and then model our lives on His. He showed compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness while at the same time challenging those who needed it. Jesus' mind was always on what was best for the other person.

As we go through our daily lives, we must put on the mind of Christ and try to do as Jesus did and still does – we must love one another.

God bless you, Fr Rajesh.

We pray for those who have died: Elizabeth Capon, Noreen Cooves.

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. [Dependant on steward availability]. 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 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](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>

First Holy Communion Masses: we are considering celebrating First Holy Communion over 4 Saturdays in November (7th, 14th, 22nd and 28th 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 29th Nov. **We now have the required number of stewards for 14 November; but urgently need more volunteers for the remaining dates in order to proceed with the FHC Masses.**

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). Fr Simon will be available at the presbytery at the following times only: **12 noon on Saturday 3rd October, 7pm on Friday 9th October, 7pm on Friday 16th 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 .

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: 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 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/ .

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 10th October & Sat 17th 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.

Blessing of Graves: Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road: 2.30pm on Sunday 1st November.

St Mary Magdalene Memorial Garden: After 11am Mass on Sunday 8th November.

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.

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 5th September	Memorial	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Confessions until 11am
Memorial Garden	After 10am Mass	Burial of Ashes of Josette Oliver-Jones

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

St Martha	6:00pm	Public Mass: Bill & Vi Hayes RIP
Sunday 6th September		Public Masses:
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Thomas & Norah Moran RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism: Phoenix Marie Turner
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vanhottegham family and friends deceased

Monday 7th September	Ferial	Monday Week 23
St Mary Magdalene	N/A	No Live Stream Mass today

Tuesday 8th September	Feast	Birthday of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Brian Durrant RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am

Wed. 9th September	Ferial	Wednesday Week 23
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Holy Souls
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm	Public Mass: Patrick Keegan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.30pm	Adoration until 8pm

Thursday 10th September	Ferial	Thursday Week 23
St Mary Magdalene	N/A	No Live Stream Mass
Presbytery	Private	No Mass

Friday 11th September	Ferial	Friday Week 24
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am

Saturday 12th September	Memorial	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Christel Gramme RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Confessions until 11am

24th Sunday in OT A

Eccles. 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9 & Mt 18:21-35

St Martha (<i>Vigil Mass</i>)	6:00pm	Public Mass: Jenny Tidy RIP
Sunday 13th September		Public Masses
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Lenny Coward RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Norah Low RIP

Second Collection Box: Holy Places (from Good Friday)

Parish Finance: please try and give your offertory online and it can be gift aided: 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**

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

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.