

# PARISH NEWS

## COVID-19 Update: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Places of Worship may continue with services in line with the precautions and restrictions we already have in place:

- The obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended.
- If you have symptoms please do not enter and book a COVID test.
- Face coverings should be worn over mouth & nose, unless you have a medical exemption.
- Please sanitize your hands on entry and exit.
- Please follow the instructions of the stewards.
- Please sit apart from one another if you are not part of the same household or bubble
  - Couples or households of up to 6 people may sit together.
- Capacities:
  - St Mary Magdalene 55+ units of people.
  - St Martha's 36+ units of people.
  - [Be mindful of others, if you can come on a weekday perhaps save a space at the weekend for someone else].
- Please try and give your weekly offertory online.
- The parish halls remain closed.
- The Parish Office remains closed to personal callers.
- Please volunteer as a steward if you are able.

**Second Collections:** These resume this weekend. 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

***The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

The great British convert and apologist G. K. Chesterton once said, "Forgiving means to pardon the unpardonable, or it is no virtue at all." By contrast, you and I are often only willing to forgive if we deem someone's sins not too serious or offensive. Today Jesus challenges us to go further in being instruments of His Divine Mercy.

On this Sunday, we ought to think back to the Sunday after Easter Sunday. The Church names this day Divine Mercy Sunday, in honor of Jesus instituting the Sacrament of Confession seven days after His Resurrection. The gift of this Sacrament is anything but ordinary. Yet the fruits of this sacrament are meant to help each Christian face the ordinary challenges of forgiving others as we have been forgiven.

Forgiveness sounds so easy. "I forgive you." "Forgive me. I forgive you." But all of us know that saying it is one thing and deep down in our hearts it is quite another.

The mercy of God is available always, everywhere and to everyone whose heart is turned to the Lord in sincere repentance. Such is the power of Christ's Passion.

God bless you, Fr Rajesh.

## 2020 Parish Annual Mass Count 2020

**19 / 20, 26 / 27 September & 3 / 4, 10 / 11 October**

For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our stewards to count all parishioners and record on the document provided.

The counts take place on the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October. Thank you.

**We pray for those who have died:** 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](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>

**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. **We now have the required number of stewards for 7, 14, 22 November; but need more volunteers for the 28th, we can then proceed with the FHC Masses, please contact the parish office with your preferred FHC Mass date.**

**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.stmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/](http://www.stmbexhill.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.

**Blessing of Graves:** Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road: 2.30pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.  
St Mary Magdalene Memorial Garden: After 11am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **Diocesan of Arundel & Brighton dialogue and unity Event 2020**

A New Normal for Christian Unity. What can we learn during the pandemic? What vision should we aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forward together?

Saturday 26 September 202 - 10.45-1pm on Zoom - Prayer, speakers, Small groups

Email Catherine to register and receive the zoom link - [catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk)

**All welcome, invite your friends from other churches.**

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

*The Sunday Obligation remains suspended*

## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b>
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

### 24<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>Public Masses</b>
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)**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
St Mary Magdalene	N/A	No Live Stream Mass today
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Patrick Kelly & Brian Kelly RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
<b>Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Frank Ratcliffe RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm	Public Mass: Priest Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	7.30pm	Adoration until 8pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Thursday Week 24</b>
St Mary Magdalene	N/A	No Live Stream Mass
Presbytery	Private	No Mass
Hastings Crematorium Chapel	12.30pm	Funeral Service of Noreen Cooves RIP followed by Hastings Cemetery
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Friday Week 24</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Foundation
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Saturday Week 24</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Confessions until 11am

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT A

*Isaiah 55:6-9, Philipians 1:20-24. 27 & Mt 20:1-16*

St Martha ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )	6:00pm	Public Mass: Jenny Tidy RIP
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>Public Masses</b>
St Martha	9:00am	Siobhan Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Francesco Russo RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

#### **Second Collection Box: Home Mission**

**Parish Finance:** please try and give your offertory online and it can be gift aided: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffortory](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffortory)  
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](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.

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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.