

2020 Parish Annual Mass Count

26 / 27 September

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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.

Places of Worship remain open in line with our current 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.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

"If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy" It is important that our Churches remain open as a beacon of hope. The extra vigilance asked of us means we cannot take anything for granted. Our stewards ensure people sanitise their hands, complete 'track and trace', maintain social distancing and clean the Church. As we cannot open without stewards, I again appeal to parishioners who are under 70 and have no underlying COVID health conditions to volunteer as stewards. Jesus did not cling to his position of honour, but emptied himself, assuming the condition of a servant. The basis of the COVID precautions encourages us not to think of our own interests first but to think about everybody else instead.

Fr Simon.

TRACK & TRACE: PLACES OF WORSHIP

Please arrive in good time for Mass in order to complete the 'track and trace' information before the start of the Sacred Liturgy. You need to provide your name and contact number each time you come to Church. The information will be collected by the stewards and kept by the Parish Office for 21 days. The QR code for the NHS Covid 19 App is now on display; should you prefer to use this method.

Many thanks.

Second Collection: we are grateful to parishioners who continue to give their weekly offertory and to those who have moved it 'online'. We have obligations to fund various second collections; this weekend the box is for: **Education of Future Priests**. It costs over £100K to form a new priest over 7 years. This being a diocesan collection, you could use the Diocesan Just Giving Page: www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory writing "**Education of Future Priests**" in the comments box.

We pray for those who have died: Eileen Shanahan.

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 & Adoration Times: Please see the back page.

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.

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

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/UC7l-pXF8v-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

First Holy Communion Masses: these will be celebrated over the following 4 Saturdays in 7th, 14th, 22nd and 28th November, at 12noon at St Martha's in Little Common. Thank you to those who have agreed to act as stewards. ***Families may now contact the parish office with your preferred FHC Mass date (max 10 children per Mass). Each family bubble may not exceed 6 people (FHC child and 5 others).***

Masses for the Conferral of Sacrament of Confirmation: 12 noon on Sat 10th October & Sat 17th Oct. at St Martha's in Little Common. This is a ticket only event and each family has 6 tickets for the candidate, sponsor and four family members from the same household or bubble. Your ticket is also your track and trace card, so you must bring it with you.

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. The College has applied for an amendment to the oversubscription criteria. For this year only, you will not need to make a declaration of Mass attendance, but Fr Simon still needs to sign the form.

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 the Parish Office on 01424 210263 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.

Sacramental Programmes for 2021: Please do not apply until invited.

For Confirmation: applications will open on 3rd October. Due to the 'rule of 6', this will most likely be a Zoom course. **For FHC:** applications will open on 2nd January 2021. **RCIA:** There will be no formal course but if any adults are considering Baptism or Reception into Holy Communion they should make contact with Fr Simon directly by emailing: stmm@btconnect.com

CCIA (aka WJT): Details for this course are still being worked out, so please do not apply yet.

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

November: The Month of the Holy Souls

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.

Masses for the Deceased: Mass intentions can still be booked through the parish office.

Message from the SVP: September was SVP Awareness Month with the theme of "Who Cares?" The Bexhill Conference wants to remind you that "we do!" If you would like to talk to someone we are happy to phone you for a chat or we can arrange a socially distanced walk or perhaps a chat on a bench. Please email stmm@btconnect.com and the office will forward the message onto the SVP.

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.

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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(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.

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The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 26th September	Opt. Mem.	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: CANCELLED
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Adoration: CANCELLED
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Confessions CANCELLED

26th Sunday in OT A

Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11 & Mt 21:28-32

St Martha (<i>Vigil Mass</i>)	6:00pm	Public Mass: William Austin RIP
Sunday 27th September		Public Masses
St Martha	9:00am	Tommy Campbell RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Miss Elizabeth Francis RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Rafael Harry Andrews
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Second Collection Box: Ed. of Future Priests

Monday 28th September	Ferial	Monday Week 26
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Live Stream: Bartolomeo Visconti RIP
Tuesday 29th September	Feast	of the Archangels
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Irene & David Herring RIP, Children & Mary Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
Wed. 30th September	Memorial	St Jerome
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Pub' Mass: Fay, Fraser, Pat, Alistair GE
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
Thursday 1st October	Memorial	St Therese of the Child Jesus
St Mary Magdalene	12noon	Live Stream only: Henry Emmanuel Coward
Friday 2nd October	Memorial	The Holy Guardian Angels
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Iris Read RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
Saturday 3rd October	Opt. Mem.	Blessed Martyrs of Sussex
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Agnes Varghese Birthday
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Adoration:
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Confessions

Rosary Sunday

Readings of 27th Sunday in OT A

Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

Prayers of the Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary

St Martha (<i>Vigil Mass</i>)	6:00pm	Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
Sunday 4th October		Public Masses
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Frank Ratcliffe RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Brian Durrant RIP

Second Collection Box: Peter's Pence (From SS Peter & Paul Sunday)

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