

2020 Parish Annual Mass Count

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.

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Today is Rosary Sunday and Wednesday in the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. One year ago, Bishop Richard placed our parish under the patronage of Our Lady, under the title 'of the Rosary', while each community and Church retained their individual patrons of St Mary Magdalene and St Martha's. All Sunday Masses this weekend will be of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, with readings of 27th Sunday in OT. Both Masses on Wednesday 7th October will be of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, with the proper readings, meaning that there are six Masses, allowing as many parishioners as possible to gather for Mass. The 9am & 11am Mass on Sunday will be Live Streamed on Facebook, as will the two Masses on Wednesday. We welcome Fr Desmond who will supply the Saturday Vigil Mass at St Martha's and the Sunday evening Mass at St Mary Magdalene. We wish Fr Rajesh a restful holiday and thank him for diligently saying Mass throughout lockdown, the summer, and for his weekly online reflections. With my prayers and best wishes for our Patronal Feast Day, Fr Simon.

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: **Peter's Pence (from Feast of SS Peter and Paul)**. This collection is used to fund the Pope's various charitable endeavours, often providing emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

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.

We pray for those who have died:

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/>

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 been sent 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. Please do not attend if you do not have a ticket.

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.

Other CAFOD Fast Day Resources and events

CAFOD online events 8th -11th October: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> which include: School Assemblies on 8th October; Fast Day Live Talk at 11am on 9th October; Online Mass with Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham Diocese at 6pm on Friday 9th October; Global Family Food event at 12pm on Saturday 10th October; Online Quiz at 7pm on Saturday 10th October; Children's Liturgy at 10am on Sunday 11th October. Use the link above to access.

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

CAFOD Fast Day: The Church in England & Wales will mark **CAFOD Family Fast Day** on 11th Oct. We suggest that you choose one day this week to fast and pray for people facing the worst of the Coronavirus crisis and then offer the money saved in the second collection for CAFOD. We have all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let us come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild, and heal. As we are unable to give out publications, there are no special envelopes available this year so please give online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or **text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10, plus one standard rate message which also opts you in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising by telephone and SMS. If you like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing comms, **text CAFODNOINFO** to 70085. Alternatively, you can still put money in the second collection box as you leave Church.

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 are now open. Forms: <https://stmm.bexhill.co.uk/confirmation/>
The Bishops have clarified that the 'rule of 6' does not apply to sacramental programs as these are educational but the course will most likely employ a significant online element. **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.stmm.bexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/. The celebrations are now restricted by the 'rule of 6' people in attendance.

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.

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

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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 3rd October

St Mary Magdalene

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Opt. Mem. Blessed Martyrs of Sussex

10.00am

10:30am

10:30am

Public Mass: Agnes Varghese Birthday

Adoration:

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 (*Vigil Mass*)

6:00pm

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

Sunday 4th October

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

9:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

Public Masses

People of the Parish

Frank Ratcliffe RIP

Brian Durrant RIP

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

Monday 5th October

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

Saint Faustina Kowaiska

n/a

No Live Stream today

Tuesday 6th October

St Mary Magdalene

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Opt. Mem

Saint Bruno

10.00am

10.30am

Madeleine Gordon GE

Adoration until 11am

Wed. 7th October

St Mary Magdalene

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Solemnity

Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00am

10.30am

6.45pm

7.30pm

Intentions of the Paris Family

Adoration until 11am

Public Mass: People of the Parish

Adoration until 8pm

Thursday 8th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Thursday Week 27

n/a

No Live Stream today

Friday 9th October

St Mary Magdalene

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Feast

St John Henry Newman

10.00am

10.30am

Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP

Adoration until 11am

Saturday 10th October

St Mary Magdalene

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St Martha's

Opt. Mem

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

10.00am

10:30am

12noon

No Mass today

No Adoration or Confession today

Confirmation Mass: Ticket Only Event

28th Sunday OT A

Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

6:00pm

Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP

Sunday 11th October

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

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9:00am

11:00am

6:00pm

Lily Bolger RIP

Christina Gramme RIP

People of the Parish

Second Collection Box: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Or donate online: www.cafod.org.uk/give

Text CAFOD to 70085 to give £10, plus one standard rate message or text CAFODNOINFO to 70085 if you want to donate but receive no marketing communications.

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