

## 2020 Parish Annual Mass Count

From the Mass count we can report that on average 21% of our usual Sunday Mass population has resumed worship on the Lord's Day, plus those who come on a weekday which have not been counted. As we do yet have capacity for our full Mass population the obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended.

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.

## Give the Lord glory and power.

### World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, the Second Collection throughout England & Wales is for MISSIO. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for missionary activity and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The need is even greater this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in countries with inadequate financial and medical resources. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Here I am, send me!' The Holy Father encourages us: *'God continues to look to those he can send into the world, and to the nations, to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, and his liberation from evil'*. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) and if you would like to give your second collection on-line:

[www.missio.org.uk/donate](http://www.missio.org.uk/donate)

The second collection box will be available as usual.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

**New Residential Accommodation for the priests:** This week I released a letter in the newsletter section of the website (and linked to our Parish Facebook page) explaining that we have secured new accommodation for the priests. Read the explanation here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/new-accommodation-for-the-priests-of-the-parish.pdf>

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.

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr Albert van der Most RIP, Norah Jenner RIP.

**We pray for the sick:** Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Lem Murphy, Martin Murphy.

**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](mailto: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:** to be celebrated on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 12noon at St Martha's in Little Common. Thank you to those who have agreed to act as stewards. ***Families may contact the parish office with your preferred FHC Mass date (max 10 children per Mass). Each family bubble may not exceed 6 people. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> are now full.***

**Supplementary Forms for St Mary Magdalene Primary School:** Parents are required to sign the declaration that they have, "YES or "NO" attended Sunday Mass at least once a month for at least one year prior to the closing date for applications" (16 January 2020 to 15 January 2021). This has not been possible from April 2020 due to Covid-19, because the church was closed between 20<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Although public worship has resumed, due to the government limitations on public gatherings and the need for some to continue shielding, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Fr Simon is still required to countersign the Mass attendance declaration, and you are now declaring that you have "YES" or "NO" attended Mass at least once a month prior to April 2020. Fr Simon will sign forms at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery at **9am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November and again at 9am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.** It will be on a first come-first served basis and there will be a socially distanced queue. You should begin to look for your baptism certificates now as there is a charge of £10 to replace them via [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) in advance of the signing dates.

**Replacement certificate requests:** [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) (cost £10)

#### **Parish Office Reminder**

The administrators are available to assist you, but the office remains closed to casual callers.

Please ensure you only attend the presbytery in person with an appointment. In most cases, please try and make your enquiry by email: [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) or by telephone if that is not possible on 01424 210 263.

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

**St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November (3.30pm to 4.50pm). See the flyer:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/flyer-open-evening-and-admissions-for-st-mary-magdalene-primary-school.pdf>

**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 the Parish Office on 01424 210263 or email [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) to make an appointment for a priest to make a one-off visit.

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

**For Confirmation:** applications are now open. Forms: <https://stmmbexhill.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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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/](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/). These celebrations are restricted by the 'rule of 6'.

**November: The Month of the Holy Souls**

**All Souls Day:** Thank you to the three people who have volunteered to steward, meaning we can have a public Mass (under the normal COVOD precautions) on All Souls Day at 10am. **Blessing of Graves:** Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road: 2.30pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. St Mary Magdalene Memorial Garden: After 11am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. **Deanery Mass for the Bereaved with Bishop Richard:** 6.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov in Our Lady of Ransom Church and Live Streamed on their You Tube Channel. **Masses for the Deceased:** Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

**CAFOD Collection**

Many thanks to those who contributed £426 through the second collection and to those who donated directly through the CAFOD website.

**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.

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

01424210263  
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.

*The Sunday Obligation remains suspended*

**Parish Mass Diary and Intentions**

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>No Mass today</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	No Adoration or Confessions today
St Martha's	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass: Ticket Only Event</b>

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT A**

*Is 45:1,4-6. Thess 1:1-5 & Mt 22:15-21*

St Martha ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )	6:00pm	Public Mass: Peter Paul Phillips
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Public Masses</b>
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Margaret Malone RIP Inc. in Mass Reception into Full Communion of George Boyte-Price & Isla Boyte- Price
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	John Mackie RIP

**Second Collection Box: World Mission - MISSIO**

Or donate online: [www.missio.org.uk/donate](http://www.missio.org.uk/donate)

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Saint Philip Howard (A&amp;B Patron)</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Live stream only: Otto Halligan-Witham RIP

<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Tuesday Week 29</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: P.M. George RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am

<b>Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday Week 29</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Abinel Aju GE
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm	Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	7.30pm	Adoration

<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>		
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Private Mass: Holy Souls
St Martha's	12noon	<b>Requiem</b> <b>Restricted Attendance: names in advance</b> Requiem Mass of Norah Jenner RIP

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Friday Week 28</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Elizabeth ~Francis RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Eileen Shanahan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:35am	Adoration & Confessions

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT A**

*Ex 22:20-26, 1 Thess 1:5-10 & Mt 22:34-40*

St Martha ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )	6:00pm	Public Mass: Pauline Pearson (Bday)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>Public Masses</b>
St Martha	9:00am	Raymond Wood GE
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Intentions of the Boyle Family
St Martha	12 noon	Baptism of Noah Getty
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

**Second Collection Box: Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid)**

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

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory](http://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**