

Retired Priest's Fund

Today's Second Collection is for the Retired Priest's fund, to support priests who have ministered in the diocese.

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.

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.

50th Anniversary of the Forty Martyrs of E&W

In a change to the advertised schedule, this weekend Bishop Richard invites us to celebrate a Votive Mass on 50th Anniversary of the Canonization of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales which occurred on 25th October 1970. To mark this occasion, Bishop Richard has released a pastoral message which you can read here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/pastoral-letter-25-october-2020-30th-sunday-in-ordinary-time.pdf>

The Liturgy for the Canonisation Mass can be found here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/prayers-and-readings-for-the-votive-mass-on-the-50th-anniversary-of-the-canonisation-of-the-forty-martyrs-25th-october-2020.pdf>

and will form the basis of our Sunday Masses this weekend.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

Confirmation Applications: after the successful and joyful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past two weeks, I would like to remind those in school year 10 and 11 (and those in year 12 who will be 17 or under on 30th June) that applications for Confirmation 2021 are now open. You can find the application form here:

<https://stmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/>

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: Amalia Young RIP, Jane Macintosh RIP, John Mansfield RIP (Cathy Bate's father).

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 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 7th, 14th, 22nd and 28th November, at 12noon at St Martha's in Little Common. Tickets have been sent out. Liturgy is being prepared.

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 20th March and 4th 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 28th November and again at 9am on Saturday 5th 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 in advance of the signing dates.

Replacement certificate requests: stmm@btconnect.com (cost £10)

St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:

Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th 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>

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 or by telephone if that is not possible on 01424 210 263.

Bexhill Foodbank: How to donate: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

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

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.

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

For Confirmation: applications are now open. Forms: <https://stmmbehill.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 Full 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.stmmbehill.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 COVID precautions*) on All Souls Day at 10am. **Blessing of Graves:** Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road: 2.30pm on Sunday 1st Nov. St Mary Magdalene Memorial Garden: After 11am Mass on Sunday 8th November. **Deanery Mass for the Bereaved with Bishop Richard:** 6.30pm on Thursday 5th Nov in Our Lady of Ransom Church and Live Streamed on their You Tube Channel. If you wish to attend in person, you must book in advance via the Eastbourne Parish Office on 01323 723222.

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

St. John's Seminary, Wonersh: Many of you will have heard that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site. Unfortunately, there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, Chelsea in September 2021. Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Wonersh in 1891 will continue. The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

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.

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

Saturday 24th October	Memorial	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Eileen Shanahan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Adoration & Confessions

50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of the Forty English Martyrs

Is. 53:3-11, Heb 11:33-12:2 & Jn 17:11-21 (special readings)

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

Second Collection Box: Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid)

You could also use the www.justgiving.com/campaign/parish offertory and put "Retired Priests Fund" in the comments section.

Monday 26th October	Ferial	Monday Week 30
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Live stream only: Keith & Bernadette Thomson and Family
Tuesday 27th October	Ferial	Tuesday Week 30
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Margaret McNamara Int.
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
Wed. 28th October	Feast	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Maureen Nunnick & Family
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm	Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	7.30pm	Adoration
Thursday 29th October	Ferial	Thursday Week 30
St Mary Magdalene	12noon	Live stream only: <i>Noreen Corness RIP</i>
Friday 30th October	Ferial	Friday Week 30
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration until 11am
Saturday 31st October	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Stewart & Susan McNamara RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10:35am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	2:00pm	Wedding: Rachel Bennett & Christian Picknell. Restricted Attendance.

All Saints

Ap 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3 & Mt 5:1-12a

St Martha (<i>Vigil Mass</i>)	6:00pm	Public Mass: Anne-Marie Coleman RIP
Sunday 1st November		Public Masses
St Martha	9:00am	Peter Ernest Lindsay Vail RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Denis O'Sullivan, Mary O'Sullivan, Johanna O'Sullivan RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	2.30pm	Annual Blessing of Graves
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Second Collection Box: World Communications 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: Name: St Mary Magdalene, Account No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20