

29th November 2020

1st Sunday of Advent B

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Masses

We have five Mass times for Christmas
(all dependent on stewards).

If required, both priests will celebrate Mass simultaneously in the Church *and in the Hall*. We need four stewards for the Church and two stewards for the Hall at each Mass. We will book places in the Church first and only open slots for the Hall if the Church is fully booked.

You will need to book a place for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

01424 210 263

during office hours only: 10am to 4pm

Out of hours: email stmm@btconnect.com

Office is closed on Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Eve:

4pm St Mary Magdalene

6pm St Mary Magdalene

8pm St Martha's

(readings and prayers of Midnight Mass at
all Christmas Eve Masses)

Christmas Day:

Dawn Mass at 9am St Martha's

Day Mass at 11am St Mary Magdalene

Boxing Day

No Masses

Holy Family Sunday

9am St Martha's Church

11am St Mary Magdalene Church

***God of hosts bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved.***

Resumption of Public Masses

Lockdown restrictions remain up to and including Tuesday 1st December. After confirming with our Parish Stewards, we resume public Masses from Wednesday 2nd December.

10am on Tuesday*, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

6.45pm on Thursday

(*Requiem Masses continue to take precedence*).

**Tuesday 1st December is still in lockdown*

From 2nd Sunday of Advent, Sunday Masses:

6pm (Sat) and 9am at St Martha's.

11am & 6pm at St Mary Magdalene.

We would normally have a Morning of Reflection for Advent, but the current restrictions mean it is not possible this year. We have provided a reflection which links to popular Advent and other Hymns to guide us through the season, found in the newsletter section of the website: [A reflection for Advent](#)

Christmas Mass are shown in the side panel on the front of this newsletter. **You will need to book a place for Mass on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.** We will fill up slots for the Masses in the Church first and, if required, open slots for Mass celebrated in the Hall. If you can assist with stewarding Christmas Masses, please contact the Parish Office.

Best wishes and prayers, Fr Simon.

TRACK & TRACE: PLACES OF WORSHIP

When coming to the Church for Mass or Private Prayer, please continue to wear your face-coverings, use the hand sanitiser, maintain social distance and complete the Track and Trace information.

We pray for those who have died: Mgr Barry Wymes RIP, Eileen Mary Furnell RIP, Tom Lowry RIP, Ellen Louisa Searle RIP.

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Lem Murphy, Martin Murphy, Linda Scully, Janie Butcher, Samuel Barden.

Church Capacities

Mass: 55+ people at St Mary Magdalene & 36+ people at St Martha's, Little Common. [the "+" allows the stewards (*at their discretion*) to count couples & families as singles providing there is appropriate space]

Baptism outside of Mass: 6 people including the one being baptised.

Funerals: 30 people maximum – names in advance and limited to family and close friends only.

Weddings: 15 people maximum – names in advance.

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.

Adoration: after Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings & Thursday evening.

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

Supplementary Forms for St Mary Magdalene Primary School: NEW SIGNING DATES:

Due to the lockdown the 9am session on Sat 28th November is **cancelled**. Fr Simon will sign forms at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery at **9am on Saturday 5th December and at 9am on Saturday 12th December**. It will be on a first come-first served basis and there will be a socially distanced queue.

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

NEW DATES: St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:

Tuesday 8th December & Thursday 10th December (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> (*which still shows the old dates*)

CAFOD World Gifts: a wide range of virtual gifts, which make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. Even with COVID-19 we can still be good neighbours by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family & friends, e.g. The Keen Clean Gift at £6 or the Vegetable Garden at £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves:

www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts **Advent with CAFOD:** we all need the hope, peace, comfort, and joy of Advent. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online and prepare for the Lord's arrival. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/parisges

Advent appeal: help share comfort and joy around the world to families like Saba's, who with her three children fled Myanmar to escape horrific persecution. They were targeted because of their ethnicity. Thanks to your support, Saba was given essential materials to build a shelter, so finally her children have a safe place to call home.

To donate to the Advent appeal visit: www.cafod.org.uk/advent

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

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers: if you have not had any safeguarding training for three years or not yet had any training, you will have received a letter from Fr Simon giving you the details. Training is mandatory for those who have volunteering roles with vulnerable persons.

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

Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound: If you need the Sacraments 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. Please let us know of any COVID concerns.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: we have been told that the bishop will not administer Confirmations in 2021 until the autumn rather than in early summer which is customary. We had our 1st session on 22nd November but with only 4 Confirmation (25% of normal numbers). Therefore, we have pushed back the next session until January which also allows for more young people to join the programme. Application forms can be found at www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation Please return them by the end of December.

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.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ . These celebrations are restricted by the 'rule of 6' and no celebrations can be arranged until after the Lockdown.

The Friends of Lossie Long, in partnership with **St Stephen's Church Bexhill**, are offering a Christmas Day Lunch Delivery to those who might be spending Christmas Day on their own this year. No charge but donations are welcome. To reserve a delivery, contact Tim on 01424 213456 or infofoll2020@gmail.com You can also contact Tim if you wish to make a donation or volunteer as a driver.

Missio Advent Reflections: Join online each Friday of Advent to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, with an input from a Mill Hill Missionary. 10.30am, Fridays 27 November; 4,11,18 & 25 December. Each week the time of prayer and reflection will last for 20 about minutes. You are welcome to stay online to talk with one another and the Mill Hill Missionaries after the time of prayer. To register please email: rebox@missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755. When you register you will receive an email with a Zoom link to enable you to join all 5 sessions.

Big Give - Raising Funds for The Passage, London: Helping Homeless People this winter. Information contact Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk or visit www.passage.org.uk

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmbbexhill

Saturday 28th November	Opt. Mem.	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Frank Ratcliffe RIP
St Martha's	10.30am	Church Cleaning
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Church open for one-hour private prayer
Presbytery	-	Pro Populo

First Sunday of Advent B

Is. 63:16-17, 64: 1, 3-8, 1, Cor 1:3-9 & Mk 13:33-37

Sunday 29th November		
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Tommy Gillespie RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Church open for one-hour private prayer
Presbytery	-	Peter Robinson & Parents & Parents

Monday 30th November	Feast	St Andrew, Apostle
Facebook Live Mass	12noon	Holy Souls
St Mary Magdalene	-	Church closed on Mondays

Tuesday 1st December	Ferial	Advent: Monday Week One
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Gary David McNamara GE
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Church open for one-hour private prayer
Presbytery	-	Private Mass - Holy Souls

Public Masses & Adoration resume with previous restrictions

Wed. 2nd December	Ferial	Advent: Tuesday Week One
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: James J. Madden RIP
Thursday 3rd December	Memorial	St Francis Xavier
St Mary Magdalene	6.45pm	Public Mass: Gerard N. McNamara RIP
Friday 4th December	Ferial	Advent: Friday Week One
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Lily Bolger RIP
Saturday 5th December	Ferial	Advent: Saturday Week One
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Joseph & Thomas Family RIP
Confessions	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration until 11 am.
		Vigil of Sunday
St Martha's	6.00pm	Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent B

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14 & Mk 1:1-8

Sunday 6th December		Public Masses
St Martha's	9.00am	Pro Populo
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Joseph Bates RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Margaret Mulligan RIP

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

A new simple way to give your weekly offertory (+gift aid) online via

Diocesan Website: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/>

For Mass offerings & other payments: BACs:

Name: St Mary Magdalene, Account No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20

Fr Simon will continue to Livestream on Facebook from his iPhone when he is able, but the priority is public Mass.

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

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.