

PARISH NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe A

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

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

Lockdown 2 Arrangements

Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh will celebrate Mass during this period. Fr Rajesh will celebrate privately in the presbytery and Fr Simon will say Mass in the Church privately but will Live Stream on the Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

See the back page for Mass times.

The Mass will be uploaded to our YouTube Channel afterwards. Search: Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill.

St Mary Magdalene Church will be open for private prayer on:

- 11am -12noon Saturdays
- 11am - 12noon on Sundays
- 11am – 12 noon on Tuesdays
- 7pm – 8pm on Thursdays
- 11am – 12noon on Fridays

(except when Requiem Masses are being celebrated, which take precedence). The Church will be closed on Monday and Wednesdays. St Martha's will be closed until Sat 5th December. **Baptisms** scheduled for this time are postponed.

Cleaning of St Martha's Church, 10.30am on Saturday 28th November

As St Martha's will have been closed for a month, we invite people to help clean the Church ahead a hoped resumption of Mass. You need to be under 70 to help and free from any COVID underlying health conditions. Please let the office know if you can help.

***The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

'Then the King will say... 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world'.

After watching the Presidential election in the USA, we may be grateful for our constitutional monarchy! As Catholics, we have a high view of monarchy providing it is modelled on Our Lord Jesus Christ *'who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many'*. We have a low view of certain historical monarchs who asserted their privilege for their own political advantage, power and wealth. Holy Baptism granted us all a share in Christ's Kingship as we were anointed *priests, prophets and kings*. As a royal household, the Church announces our King's decree – his gospel - so that his subjects may be filled with *faith, hope and love* and take their place in His Kingdom, which is *'an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace'*. As this liturgical year draws to a close, we prepare for the Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, his second coming when those who have been faithful take their place in the kingdom which will be manifested in its fullness. To borrow a line from Tolkien, we are awaiting the *'Return of the King'*, and so Advent is a season of preparation and hope. Yes, we will be on the count down to Christmas and we hope soon to have an answer on how we may celebrate it, in the world and in the Church. This will need the continued good work of our parish stewards.

Best wishes and prayers, Fr Simon.

TRACK & TRACE: PLACES OF WORSHIP

When coming to the Church for 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: Amalia Young RIP, Jane Macintosh RIP, John Mansfield RIP (Cathy Bate's father), Mary Stewart RIP, Gloria Lindsey-Vail RIP & Monsignor Barry Wymes RIP, Eileen Mary Furnell 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.

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: all 4 Masses are now postponed. New dates will be announced after the lockdown period ends.

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 one month prior to April 2020.

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. 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)

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)

Parish Office Reminder

The administrators are available, but **due to lockdown please do not call in person at the office**.

The door will only be opened to those with appointments. 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 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 Faith Companion parishioner magazine is now online only. Digital copies and subscriptions are available at <http://www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk> or call 01403 754808. We have now launched Catholic Gifts online selling The Faith Companion candle, rosaries and a gift card for gifts or subscriptions. Please support and pray for our mission to support the Church.

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

Godly Play: this is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults. Telling stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. For more info: join the Diocesan Formation team on Zoom on Saturday 21st November at 10.30. Booking information: E: rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

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 infofol2020@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.

Finance

A new simple and straightforward way to give your weekly offertory (+gift aid) online at the new Parish giving link via the 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

This Sunday's second collection would have been for Day for Life.

You might like to visit their website: www.lifecharity.org.uk

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.

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmbexhill

Saturday 21st November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Memorial

10.00am
11.00am
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The Presentation of the BVM

Deceased Deanery clergy & religious
Church open for one-hour private prayer
Private Mass: Pro Populo

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ev. 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26,28, Mt 25:31-46

Sunday 22nd November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

10.00am
11:00am
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Maura & Michael McElligot RIP
Church open for one-hour private prayer
Private Mass: Bartholomew Visconti RIP

Monday 23rd November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am
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St Clement I, Pope and Martyr

Alice & Albert Whatling RIP
Church closed on Mondays

Tuesday 24th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Memorial

10.00am
11.00am
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St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions

Mr & Mrs Thomas's Anniversary.
Church open for one-hour private prayer
Private Mass: Holy Souls

Wed. 25th November

Presbytery
St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

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Red Wednesday: Persecuted Christians

Private Mass: Irene & David Herring RIP
Church Closed on Wednesdays

Thursday 26th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Ferial

6.00pm
7.00pm
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Thursday Week 34

Karolina Frostick GE
Church open for one-hour private prayer
Private Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 27th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Ferial

10.00am
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Friday Week 34

Arthur Cornfield RIP
Church open for one-hour private prayer
Private Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 28th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Opt. Mem

10.00am
11.00am
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Saturday Memorial of the BVM

Frank Ratcliffe RIP
Church open for one-hour private prayer
Private Mass: Pro Populo

1st 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
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

10.00am
11:00am
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Tommy Gillespie RIP

Church open for one-hour private prayer
Peter Robinson & Parents RIP

Confessions are by appointment only

You Tube: search: "Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea"

Masses broadcasted on Facebook available later that same day.

Please pray that the lockdown ends on 2nd December.

We hope to return to public Masses as per the previous schedule before the lockdown, thanking once again our parish stewards.