

14th February 2021

PARISH NEWS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B.

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

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

Public Worship in Lockdown 3

Although, public worship is permitted in Lockdown 3, the obligation to hear Mass on Sunday remains suspended and we note that some Churches locally in Brighton, St Leonard's and Hastings have closed either because they do not have the stewards or to protect the NHS locally.

If you feel it best to stay at home and Live Stream at the moment you should do so without feeling any pressure to be at a public Mass.

If you require assistance to come to and from Mass (including lifts in other people's cars) or while at Mass, you can only be supported (or driven) by a person who is part of your household or support bubble, as household mixing is not permitted in or outside of the Church.

If you wish to be at a public Mass for devotional reasons, try to balance this with due prudence: Perhaps only come to one Mass at week, and make sure you wear a face covering over mouth and nose (unless exempt), sanitize your hands, complete the track and trace, maintain social distance throughout, and do not mix with anyone who is not in your household in the Church or outside the Church; follow the directions of the stewards and please only receive Holy Communion in the hand and then go straight home. Please do not gather to chat after Mass – we are in Lockdown.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Ash Wednesday: 17th February 2021

Day of Fasting for those aged 18-59

& Abstinence from Meat for those aged 14+.

This week we begin the Sacred Lenten season when we 'begin with holy fasting our campaign of Christian Service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint'. On Ash Wednesday, Mass will be Facebook Live only at 10am and 6pm. The distribution of Ashes will be at St Mary Magdalene as a 'walk-through' between 11am and 11.30am & 7pm and 7.30pm.

With the COVID precaution of avoiding unnecessary contact, the Ashes will be distributed following the Roman custom, by sprinkling ash over the top of your head rather than the English custom of a paste on your forehead in the form of a cross. (Face-covering required)

There is a video on our You Tube channel:

"Preparing for Ash Wednesday":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beBRquA-kHI&t=8s>

This week, Public Masses will be:

Sunday: 9am at St Martha's Church

11am & 6pm at St Mary Magdalene Church

Weekdays: 10am on Friday and Saturday

and 6.45pm on Thursdays at St Mary Magdalene.

Confessions with Adoration: after 10am Mass on Saturday.

This week, Facebook Live Only Masses:

10am on Monday, Tuesday, and 6pm on Saturday.

Ash Wednesday 10am & 6pm.

We pray for those who have died: Rosemary Fulton-Hart RIP, Mary Munn RIP, Paddy Pearson RIP, Mary Bird RIP, Margaret Mary Fox RIP (**NB: it is taking about a month to arrange funerals at the moment and they remain restricted to 30 close family and friends**).

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

Church Capacities: 36+ people at St Martha's Church and **47+** people at St Mary Magdalene Church. Due to some damage to the windows in STMM Church, some further benches have been roped off.

Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins: Ash Wednesday falls on 17th February 2021. The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him. What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like-minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more.

Worship Song for Invited: This worship song has been specially commissioned for the mission, and has been composed and recorded by One Hope Project, a wonderful Catholic Worship Band. You can find the *Invited* theme on YouTube <https://youtu.be/-43A-X6aOcw>

Arch Publishing: My Day by Day for Lent & Easter: Daily Readings for Lent and Easter, available for £1. Contact Arch Publishing: 01782 21300 or email: sales@archpublishing.co.uk to obtain a copy.

CAFOD Lent Appeal: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. **AND:** For your Lenten commitment this year, sign up to CAFOD's Walk for Water. Ask your friends and parishioners to sponsor you to walk 10,000 steps a day throughout Lent and raise funds to help end water poverty, <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

AND Join Catholics all over England and Wales taking part in CAFOD's Big Walk for Water on Saturday 20 February. We are walking **5 miles** in solidarity with people who don't have access to clean, safe water. **Be mindful of the regulations**, the five miles should be local, and you should walk either alone, as a household or as part of your support bubble, maintaining social distance as appropriate. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water>

CAFOD St Leonard's Deanery Area: Stations of the Cross via Zoom:

Sunday 28th February at 3pm. Register at kandl.dignum@btinternet.com (email corrected).

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

First Holy Communion 2020 & 2021

2020 Celebrations: The Prime Minister has indicated that the Lockdown will not end before 8th March, and then we will wait to see what Tier Bexhill is placed in before announcing any new dates.

2021 Applications: Last call for First Holy Communion applications for 2021. These should be with the office by February Half term to allow you sufficient time to complete the preparation this year. Application Forms: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/first-holy-communion/>

Bishop Richard has issued a Pastoral Letter for 6th Sunday in OT:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/bishops-pastoral-letter-14th-february-2021-sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time.pdf>

Baptism applications can still be submitted: www.stmmbehill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ and you will then be directed to the online preparation.

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.

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage: every year on or around the day for the sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February, the diocese invites you to support financially the work of the pilgrimage. Please try and do this online: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home> where you will find a red donate button on the righthand side of the screen. **This is the Parish 2nd Collection for 14th February.**

The Pelham: Heat and Eat Bexhill: this is an initiative which is part of the East Sussex County Council Winter Grant Scheme, led by the Pelham, Sidley. It can help Bexhill families with Food and Fuel Support vouchers who have been negatively affected by COVID; you do not need to be in receipt of benefits to apply. To access the scheme, complete the online form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1Xhbu0bkcgOIKxnGr6t7NS0J-q-LUM3dgAFw1X2PL6Cn6KQ/viewform>

More information: 01424 476304 or 07842 149209 or heatandeatbexhill@gmail.com

Parish Office in Lockdown 3

Please use the email: stmm@btconnect.com to contact the Parish Office. Please do not call personally at the office door, as this does not constitute an essential journey.

Mass Intentions: can be booked via stmm@btconnect.com , there is some availability for February.

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 13th February	Memorial	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
Facebook Live Only	6.00pm	Priest's Intentions

6th Sunday of the Year B

Lev. 13,1-2, 44-46, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 & Mk 1:40-45

Public Mass or Facebook Only Mass

Sunday 14th February		All 3 Masses today are Public Masses:
St Martha's	9:00am	Public Mass: Mary Bird RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: People of the Parish

Second Collection: A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage

Monday 15th February	Ferial	Monday Week 6
Facebook Live Only Mass	10.00am	Margaret Mary Fox RIP
Tuesday 16th February	Requiem	Limited to 30 family & friends
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Requiem Mass of Rosemary Fulton-Hart

Wed. 17th February		ASH WEDNESDAY
Facebook Live Only Mass	10.00am	Irene Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Distribution of Ashes ("Walk Through")
Facebook Live Only Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Distribution of Ashes ("Walk Through")
Day of Fasting for those aged 18- 59 and		Day of Abstinence from Meat (aged 14+)

Thursday 18th February	Ferial	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Public Mass: Fr Martin Jakubus RIP

Friday 19th February	Ferial	Friday after Ash Wednesday
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Mary & Laurie Boakes RIP

Saturday 20th February	Ferial	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Noreen Corness RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
Facebook Live Only Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish

1st Sunday of Lent B

Gen 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22 & Mk 1:12-15

Sunday 21st February		Public or Facebook to be determined.
To be determined	9.00am	John Ireland RIP
To be determined	11.00am	David McGirk & Louis Rosenau RIP
To be determined	6.00pm	Priest's Intentions

Second Collection: to be determined

Parish Offertory: A simple way to donate (+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

Please indicate what the payment is for in the reference.

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.

Office hours

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01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours

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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

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.

Please do not wait until the end, as the priests may be otherwise engaged.