

# PARISH NEWS

## Sacred Paschal Triduum, Easter & Low Weeks

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

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

### Easter Collection

#### in Support of the Clergy

In the Easter Collection, we invite you to support the income of the priests, who do not receive a salary but rely on your offerings throughout the year. The Easter collection makes up 25% of their annual income and so your generosity is appreciated. From Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday, single use and COVID-secure green envelopes will be available, and the offertory box can be found by the exit door. As places at Mass remain limited and many remain cautious, you can also give online. If you currently have an online standing order or direct debit this is your parish offertory and cannot be transferred over to the Easter collection, so please make a separate BACs transfer with an explicit reference of "Easter".

### Public Worship

**Government Roadmap: 1b: 29<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April:** the routines of stewarding, social distancing, and cleaning remain.

**Government Roadmap: 2: 12<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> May:** unless further guidance is received, we do not anticipate any changes to the above routines at this time.

### Parish Office

The Parish remains closed to personal callers, please continue to contact the office via email (preferred) or by phone.

**NB: However, please note the Parish Office will be closed for Easter Week (2<sup>nd</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> April).**

### Palm Responses

#### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

The blessing cup that we bless  
is a communion with the blood of Christ.

#### Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

#### Easter Vigil & 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Easter

Preserve me God I take refuge in you.  
I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.  
I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### Easter Sunday

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

#### Low Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Fr Simon, Fr Rajesh, Deacon Simon, and the Parish Office  
team wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Fr Boniface Moran also sends his Easter blessings to you all.

### Triduum and Easter Bookings

Please do not arrive at an Easter Liturgy without a booking.

*As of time of writing:*

Thurs: 8pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: **90% booked**

Friday: The Lord's Passion at 3pm STMM is **fully booked**

Friday: The Lord's Passion at 6pm St Martha's: **55% booked**

Saturday: The Easter Vigil at 9pm in STMM: **52% booked**

Easter Sunday: 9am Mass at St Martha's is **fully booked**

Easter Sunday: 11am Mass at STMM is **fully booked**

Easter Sunday: 6pm Mass at STMM is **fully booked**

**Last call: The office closes at 4pm on Maundy Thursday**

### Household Mixing

**In Church:** No Household Mixing

**Outside Church:** Rule of 6 or 2 households

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr Brian Taylor RIP, Margaret Mary Fox RIP, John Merlenn RIP (**NB: it is taking about a month to arrange funerals at the moment, and they remain restricted to 30 close family and friends, names provided for track and trace purposes in advance**).

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

**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.

### **Holy Week in the Syro-Malabar Rite: St Thomas More, Mission**

We have agreed with Fr Jose that there may be Liturgies for the Triduum and Easter Sunday at St Martha's in the 'Syro-Malabar Rite' as follows: Maundy Thursday: 5pm, Good Friday: 12noon, Holy Saturday 3rd April: 7pm, Easter Sunday: 11:30am. All COVID assurances on capacity, stewarding, social distancing, and cleanliness have been given and signed off by the Diocese. After Easter, Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite at St Martha's will be 11.30am on Sundays, and 5pm on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Parish Halls:** With a growing confidence in the community, there have been enquiries about our parish halls. At present they remain closed to pastoral activity as the cleaning requirements of the Insurers make hiring ill-advised. There are currently two exceptions, the Bexhill Food Bank have, with the Bishop's permission, been using St Martha's Hall as a sorting hub, and both halls will be used for the Local Elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May and the Council have provided assurances regarding COVID-security. We hope restrictions will be lifted in line with the "Roadmap" but until we receive further guidance, they remain closed. We have no date for reopening as we do not know what the ongoing requirements will be.

**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](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) to make an appointment for a priest to make a one-off visit. Please let us know of any COVID concerns.

**Mass Intentions:** can be booked via [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) , there is availability for **April and May**

**Diocesan Fairtrade Group:** We are a Fairtrade Diocese, with half of our churches certificated as a Fairtrade Parish. The A&B Fairtrade Group ensures goals are met and seeks to raise awareness about Fairtrade labelled products, including Tradecraft products, which support fair terms of trade, decent working conditions and local sustainability for farmers and producers in the developing world. The Group seeks new members from across the Diocese, welcoming enquiries from interested people. The Group meets three times a year. Info: Sue Joy, Convenor. e: SusanJoy471@hotmail.com T: 01342 835190.

**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, Acct No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20.**

**Please indicate what the payment is for in the reference.**

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

**First Holy Communion**

**2020 Pending Celebrations:** Having reviewed the Roadmap for Unlocking, celebrations of First Holy Communion will be no earlier than 17<sup>th</sup> May, and to allow for a proper celebration we have provisionally allocated 12noon on Saturdays 26<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July at St Martha's to complete the 2020 celebrations.

**Bookings will open after Easter (after 12<sup>th</sup> April), and more details will be given next week.**

**2021 Preparation:** Thank you to those who have applied for the 2021 preparation. You should now be working through your 'I Belong' book. After completing the 1<sup>st</sup> four chapters, **and no earlier than 17<sup>th</sup> May**, you may begin to make an appointment with Fr Simon or Fr Rajesh to discuss your progress and make your **First Confession**. Dates for 2021 Holy Communion celebrations will not be released before 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Baptism applications** can still be submitted: [www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/) and you will then be directed to the online preparation. Due to current restrictions, celebrations cannot happen before 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Confirmation:** Bishop Richard will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We are very fortunate to have our own parish celebration.

**Parish Mass Intentions and Diary (Continued from the Back Page)**

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <a href="#">Facebook Live Mass</a>	<b>Eastertide</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b> Joseph Thomas RIP <i>Fr Simon away at a family wedding this morning</i>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <a href="#">Facebook Live Mass</a>	<b>Eastertide</b> 10.00am	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b> Joe Hurley GE
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> Presbytery	<b>Eastertide</b> N/A	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b> David Connearn RIP
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene	<b>Eastertide</b> 6.30pm	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b> <b>Public Mass:</b> Kaye Moggridge GE
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene	<b>Eastertide</b> 10.00am	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b> <b>Public Mass:</b> David Herring RIP
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene <a href="#">Facebook Live Mass</a>	<b>Eastertide</b> 10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b> <b>Public Mass:</b> Priest's Intentions Confessions and Adoration People of the Parish

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5, & Lk 24:35-48*

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Martha's (& <a href="#">Facebook</a> ) St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene <b>Other Liturgies</b> <i>[St Martha's]</i>	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm [11.30am]	<b>3 Public Masses</b> Dennis Connor RIP Priest's Intentions Gerard Hemsworth RIP <i>[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>
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**From Fr Simon:**

The Department of Health has written to me again to confirm my shielding ends from 1<sup>st</sup> April, meaning that I can celebrate the Triduum and Easter Sunday with you. Having been cautious throughout the Lenten Season, I am full of admiration for those who have been shielding this past year. Although this formal shielding period ends, all those on the extremely vulnerable list are advised to limit our social contacts and I have discussed this with Bishop Richard.

***The most significant impact are local parish sick calls which Fr Rajesh will manage.*** As he does not drive and COVID protocols are in place, please plan this in advance and ***remember that Last Rites does not mean Last Minute.*** As COVID protocols also remain in hospitals, all requests for Hospital visits must go through the Hospital Chaplaincy Team.

## 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.

Office hours

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

01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours

[simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Hospital Visits

For **DPH 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.**

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Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill](https://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM: by pre-booking only

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene*	<b>Triduum</b> 8.00pm	<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene* St Martha's	<b>Triduum</b> 3.00pm 6.00pm	<b>Commemorate of the Lord's Passion</b> Service of the Lord's Passion Service of the Lord's Passion
<b>Retiring Collection for the Holy Places</b>		
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	<b>Triduum</b> 9.00am 9.30am	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Blessing of Easter Baskets ( <i>Walkthrough</i> ) Confessions
<b>Triduum: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (after dark) and 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Easter</b>		
St Mary Magdalene*	9.00pm	Priest's Intentions
<b>[Triduum services marked with * will also be on Facebook Live]</b>		

## EASTER SUNDAY: by pre-booking only

*Acts 10:34,37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Sequence & Jn 20:1-9*

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Martha's (& Facebook) St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene [St Martha's]	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm [11.30am]	<b>3 Public Masses: by pre-booking only</b> The Paris Family Intentions of Jim Gordan & Family People of the Parish [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]
<b>One Collection: Easter Collection in support of the Parish Clergy</b>		

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Facebook Live Mass	<b>Octave</b> N/A	<b>Easter Monday</b> <b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> Facebook Live Mass Hastings Crematorium	<b>Octave</b> 12noon 1.15pm	<b>Easter Tuesday</b> Keith Bourne GE Funeral Service of John Merlinn RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene (Fr Paul)	<b>Octave</b> 11.30am	<b>Easter Wednesday</b> <b>Public Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene	<b>Octave</b> 6.30pm	<b>Easter Thursday</b> <b>Public Mass:</b> For Margaret Wood
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene	<b>Octave</b> 10.00am	<b>Easter Friday</b> <b>Public Mass:</b> Elizabeth Francis RIP <i>Each day of the Octave ranks as a solemnity, so no abstinence required today</i>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene Facebook Live Mass	<b>Octave</b> 10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	<b>Easter Saturday</b> <b>Public Mass:</b> Liz O'Brien RIP Confessions and Adoration People of the Parish

## SECOND (LOW / DIVINE MERCY) SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6 (& Sequence) & Jn 20:19-31*

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Martha's (& Facebook) St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	<b>3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)</b> Keith Bourne GE Margaret Mitchell GE Priest's Intentions
<b>Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund</b>		
Facebook Live [St Martha's]	3.00pm [11.30am]	Live Stream Divine Mercy Devotion [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]