

PARISH NEWS

11th & 18th July 2021 (Double Edition)
15th Sun. in OT B & Feast of St Mary Magdalene
The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea
Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

19th July: "Freedom Day"

As of publishing this newsletter, we have yet to receive new guidance from the Bishops Conference or from our own Bishop. Until then, we are not sure how the so-called "Freedom Day" will pan out in Churches, although the signs have been very promising. We will issue a separate note on what will happen in Bexhill when we know more. **In the meantime, please remember that we are still in restrictions for 10/11th July and 17/18th July, and these must be followed.** As Fr Simon wrote in the newsletter on 13th June 2021, we should not assume that we are ready to return to everything we had prior to March 2020, especially as we do not know what human resources, we may have available. *It will take time to rebuild our social, spiritual, liturgical, and pastoral services and resources* which mostly all went into abeyance overnight with the first lockdown. In addition, many people may well use their freedom to be away from the parish over the summer holiday period.

Second Collections

Give directly, online

10/11th July: SEA SUNDAY for the work of Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea).

<https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate>

17/18th July: SURVIVE MIVA for the work of missionary and pastoral outreach.

<https://www.survive-miva.org/donate/>

15th Sun: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**SMM: For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God**

15th Sunday in OT B

St Paul says (2nd Reading), "Now you too, in him, have heard the message of truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it". 16th July is the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Deacon Simon Kirkdale's anniversary of his ordination. That day, the bishop handed him the book of the Gospels and said, 'receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach'. Fr Rajesh and Fr Simon certainly appreciate the support of Deacon Simon and know that our Deacons will play an increasingly important role in the mission and life of the diocese.

The Feast of St Mary Magdalene

We transfer the Feast of St Mary Magdalene to a Sunday. Despite COVID restrictions, we have **six** celebrations:

Votive Mass of St Mary Magdalene (17th July):

Public Mass at 10am on Saturday in St Mary Magdalene

Sunday (18th July): Public Masses:

9am at St Martha's, & 11am & 6pm in St Mary Magdalene

On the Feast Day itself (Thursday 22nd July):

Afternoon Mass for Year 6 Leavers at St Mary Mags. Primary.

Public Mass at 6.30pm in St Mary Magdalene Church.

Please make an extra effort with your offertory this weekend, as a special gift to the parish, perhaps to make up for missed offertories over the pandemic year.

Sunday 25th July is the new Feast of St Martha, Mary & Lazarus (transferred from 29th July) but remains the Patronal Feast at St Martha's Church.

We pray for those who have died: no new parish notifications (**NB: Although the 30 limit on funerals was lifted on 17th May, we understand the COVID capacities apply (see below). Other COVID precautions may still apply, at least until 19th July.**

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

Church Capacities until 19th July: 50 units of people (up to a max of 66 individuals) at St Martha's and **60 units of people** (*max 80 individuals*) at St Mary Magdalene. See note below "Government Roadmap".

Quinquennial Buildings Survey (w/c 26th July 2021)

Every five years, we are required to conduct a building survey of the estate. Over the last five-year period, we had 18 months without a Parish Priest and now 18 months of COVID with a significantly reduced income. This means that many tasks identified last time will be carried over to this new survey. Once the surveyor had provided us with the report, we will be able to inform you of **what work is required, the costs involved and the fundraising targets to be set** to maintain the parish mission here in Bexhill. We should be under no illusion; this will require a significant effort from all.

Parish Halls (updated)

We will review the use of St Martha's Hall on 19th July and ***will be entirely based on the guidance issued by the Diocesan Property Department and by the Diocesan Insurers***, which may mean a reworking of hire agreements and reassessment of the charges for both external and parish users. ***We may also need to review the usage again following the Quinquennial report (see above)***, as we work through the surveyor's building maintenance recommendations. Therefore, any opening of St Martha's Hall may be limited, especially as St Mary Magdalene Hall remains out of commission while the Insurance Loss Adjusters work through the repairs to the flood damage. At the presbytery, we have had an initial visit by the Diocesan Property Department who have advised a more detailed survey to determine works needed for refurbishment and restructuring of the public and private areas. Any works may impact the use of other pastoral facilities in the parish which may be needed to pick up the strain.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration: On Saturday, 17th July, at West Grinstead, from 12 noon. More details from Jayne at jaynelock1@gmail.com or 07816 422851.

The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey: Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts - Online Day Retreat: Sat. 24th July 2021, 10am-4:30pm. To book: go to www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

Day for Catechists Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey: A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD summer news: a full update of CAFOD activities, given as a separate post on the website: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/cafod-summer-2021-news.pdf>

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

Sacraments:

Baptism: applications can still be submitted: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/

First Holy Communion: (updated) please do not submit applications for 2022. We are not ready to receive them, as we have not yet determined the arrangements for the course.

Confirmation: Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on Friday 8th October 2021. The next session after that will be **in-person** session at 4pm in St Martha’s Church on 18th July, focussed on prayer.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) & Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age (7+) (CICCA): these courses are not due to begin until October and November respectively, and we will update you on plans later in the summer, once we have more certainty with the unlocking.

Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound: If you need the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 01424 210263 or email bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk to make an appointment for a priest to make a one-off visit. Please let us know of any COVID concerns.

CWL Summer Garden Party: 2.30pm on Sunday 15th Aug. in the grounds of St Martha’s, including several stalls and a raffle. Tickets on sale before all Masses on 25th July: £4 per adult & £2 per child.

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Thursday 22nd July St MM Primary School St Mary Magdalene	Solemnity N/A 6.30pm	St Mary Magdalene Year 6 Leavers Mass Public Mass: Michael Stevenson RIP
Friday 23rd July St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	Feast 10.00am 10.30am 7.00pm	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 24th July St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	Votive 10.00am 10.30am 12.30pm 5.15pm 6.00pm	Saturday Memorial of the BVM Public Mass: Ann & Charles Wright RIP Adoration, Confessions & 1 st Confessions Baptism of Karrisa Williams Adoration & Confessions Public Mass: Priest’s Intentions

THE FEAST OF ST MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

(New Feast Name & Transferred from 29th July)

1 John 4:7-16 & John 11:19-27

Sunday 25th July St Martha’s St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	Solemnity 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served) Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, especially the community at St Martha’s Sr Mary of Jesus GE People of the Parish
<i>[St Martha’s]</i>	Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund <i>[11.00am]</i>	<i>[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>

Parish Offertory:

A simple way to donate
(+gift aid) online via
Diocesan Website:
[https://abdiocese.churchs
uite.com/donate/](https://abdiocese.churchs uite.com/donate/)

**For Mass offerings & other
payments: BACs: Name: St
Mary Magdalene, Acct No.
21077139, S/C 40-05-20.**

(Please add a suitable
reference)

Mass Intentions:

Requests to:
bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

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

bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours

simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

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.

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 10th July St Mary Magdalene <i>St Michael's, Ashtead</i> St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Mags. & Facebook	Votive 10.00am N/A 12.30pm 5.15pm 6.00pm	Celebration of Sacred Priesthood NO MASS or Confessions <i>Canon Tony Churchills 50th Anniversary</i> Baptism of Smith Saunders Confessions Public Mass: Fr Simon's 8 th Anniversary <i>No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards</i>
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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1: 3-14 & Mk 6:7-13

Sunday 11th July St Martha's (& Facebook) St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	Sunday 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served) People of the Parish Gino Di Mascio RIP The Partridge Family GE Second Collection: Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) <i>[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>
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Monday 12th July Facebook Live Mass	Ferial 10.00am	Monday in 15th Week in OT No Mass
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Tuesday 13th July Facebook Live Mass	Ferial 10.00am	Tuesday in 15th Week in OT No Mass
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Wednesday 14th July Presbytery (Said Privately)	Ferial 11.00am	Wednesday in 15th Week in OT Claire Keegan RIP
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Thursday 15th July St Mary Magdalene	Memorial 6.30pm	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP
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Friday 16th July St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene	Opt. Mem 10.00am 10.30am 7.00pm	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Public Mass: Jim Gordon RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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Saturday 17th July St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene Facebook Live Mass	Votive 10.00am 10.30am 12.30pm 6.00pm	Votive Mass of St Mary Magdalene Public Mass: Ann Ford RIP Adoration, Confessions & 1 st Confessions Baptism of Eleanor Baldwin Deacon Simon Kirkdale GE
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THE FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

(Transferred from 22nd July)

SofS 3:1-4, 2 Cor 5:14-17 & John 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday 18th July St Martha's St Mary Mags. & Facebook St Mary Magdalene <i>[St Martha's]</i>	Solemnity 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm <i>[11.00am]</i>	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served) Baby Angelo Di Mascio RIP Florence Raey RIP People of the Parish Second Collection: SURVIVE MIVA <i>[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>
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"19th July Freedom Day": see front of the newsletter (subject to change)

Monday 19th July Facebook Live Mass	Ferial 10.00am	Monday in 16th Week in OT Priest's Intentions
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Tuesday 20th July St Mary Magdalene	Ferial 10.00am	Tuesday in 15th Week in OT Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
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Wednesday 21st July Presbytery (said privately)	Ferial N/A	Wednesday in 16th Week in OT Priest's Intentions
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