

PARISH NEWS

Clergy & Staff Holidays

The Parish Office remains closed to casual callers, entry by appointment only.

The office is open for telephone and email traffic, except on:

Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th August.

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd September.

Monday 20th & Wed. 22nd September.

Monday 27th – Wed. 28th September.

Fr Simon will be away:

1st – 19th September (inclusive)

Fr Rajesh will be away:

5th – 21st October (inclusive)

Please bear this mind when requesting a priest for the Sacrament of the Sick and remember that *'Last Rites does not mean Last minute'*, especially as COVID protocols may still be in place (see also back of newsletter).

Church Cleaning (reminder)

Thank you to the 99% of people who happily cleaned their own seat after each Mass, and for being attentive to parishioners who needed help. This personal responsibility is the **'new-normal'**, so please be vigilant in leaving your space COVID-secure for the next person / liturgy. **You can help us by bringing your own virus wipes.** Post COVID (*whenever that may be*), the cleaning of the Church is being handed back to parishioners, and so, each Mass community will need to establish its own cleaning teams to keep the Church clean.

Taste and see that the Lord is good

Follow-up from the Quinquennial Survey

This week, I met with the surveyor who carried out our Quinquennial Buildings inspection in July. Although, there was nothing catastrophic (*i.e., anything dangerous that demanded an immediate closure of either Church*), there is a long list of issues that need our attention, including high priority tasks which will be discussed with the Property Team in Hove and be on my agenda with the Bishop and Chief Operating Officer when I speak to them in September about our place in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Once we have received the final report, we will upload a summary of it to the Newsletter section of the parish website so that we can all be aware of the challenges we will need to face together. As we already know, the presbytery needs considerable attention, and this too is on the agenda for my meeting with them. As you know from the 2020 Parish Accounts and Financial Statement our first priority is to review our financial giving, moving away from a few coins in the offertory to a regular standing order. People have said to me, *'do not worry, God will provide'*, to which I replied, *'but that provision is primarily through the generosity of God's people'*. Therefore, out of your love for the parish, we suggest for this weekend's second collection, an additional contribution to parish funds to make up for any missed offertory due to the last 18 months COVID restrictions. With my prayers, Fr Simon.

The Second Anniversary of our Parish under the Patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass with us for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at 7pm on Friday 8th October 2021 in St Mary Magdalene, during which he will also Confirm five of our parishioners. Capacity: 150 people.

We pray for those who have died: Fr Mario Sanderson, Kathleen Tunney, Pat Nelson, Kate Forsythe, Fr Adrian Cadwallader & Deacon Ivor Pelling RIP. **Requiem Masses:** Kate Forsythe, 10am Wed. 25th Aug. Elsie Sanders, 12noon Tues. 7th September & Pat Nelson 10am, 10th Sept. All in St Mary Magdalene Church. **Service:** Noel Ffrench, Facebook Mass 11am then 2.15pm at Hastings Crematorium

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, and Baby Neveah O'Leary

COVID precautions

Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in Church.

Hand sanitiser and Track and Trace is recommended on entry.

Cleaning of your own seat afterwards is required by everyone.

Congregational Singing and Choirs: the guidance allows for congregational singing but asks us to move forward cautiously, especially as we continue to wear face coverings and refrain from using hymn books. Our Masses continue to be celebrated with brevity in mind to allow time for individuals to clean their place afterwards. We must take a parish wide view of our liturgical music, not just for one Mass or community, and we have contacted our Diocesan Liturgy Coordinator for help (more information to follow).

Meanwhile, our priority is to provide a **parish choir** for the First Holy Communion Masses (12 noon Sat. 25th Sept. & 2nd Oct) and when Bishop Richard celebrates our Patronal Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7pm on 8th Oct. 2021), which includes our Parish Confirmations. Margaret Rafferty & Chloe Seal (who have been coordinating our COVID-time music provision) will lead but welcome musicians from across the parish, so please contact the office on bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk by 1st Sept if you can help. **Music Practices for First Holy Communion Masses** will be Friday 3rd Sept and/ or Friday 10th Sept at St Martha's 7-8pm. Please inform the parish office that you are coming.

Parish Halls (reminder): to open St Martha's Hall even in a limited way, needs a volunteer team of cleaners (and coordinator) to step forward and be trained. [Remember, St Mary Magdalene Hall is out of commission due to the flood damage. This hall is now dry (it has taken 3 months), and the floor has been taken up and, therefore, needs to be relayed and the kitchen repaired before reopening].

40th Anniversary of the Diocesan Youth Service: This will be 2pm to 5pm on 4th September in Arundel Cathedral. To book a place: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/10x4omvx>

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

Beginning Experience Weekend: 8th – 10th October, at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex: A residential weekend for those who are single again following divorce, separation, or the death of a partner. To book or discuss: Freda 01322-838415, Maura 07795-498445, besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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: 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.

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.

Sunday Obligation: as it may not be possible for everyone to return to Mass at present, the obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended; restored on **1st Sunday of Advent (28th November 2021)**.

Anniversaries Mass: Taking place at St Joseph's Guildford, on Saturday 9th October, at 11.30 am, with Bishop Richard. For couples and their families celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Numbers limited to 150. Parking off site. You can sign up by emailing: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world, working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the earthquake and tropical storm. In Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of local partners and their communities, supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Parish Offertory:

A simple way to donate (+gift aid) online via Diocesan Website: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/>

For Mass intentions & 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

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out of hours

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rajesh.minz@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 21st August

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

St Mary Mags. (& Facebook)

6.00pm

St Pius X, Pope

Public Mass: Francis Steele GE

Adoration & Confessions

Baptism of Mikaella Caranto

Adoration & Confessions

Public Mass: People of Afghanistan

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Jos 24:1-2, 15-18, Eph 5:21-32 & Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 22nd August

St Martha's

Sunday

9.00am

St Mary Mags. (& Facebook)

11.00am

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)

Patricia Andrews RIP

People of the Parish

Joseph & Regi Thomas's Anniversary

Second Collection: to make up for lost offertory in 2020 & 2021 (suggested)

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Please clean your own bench at the end of each Mass.

Monday 23rd August

Facebook Live Mass

Ferial

10.00am

Monday in 21st Week in OT

Nick Harvey RIP

Tuesday 24th August

St Mary Magdalene

Feast

10.00am

St Bartholomew, Apostle

Public Mass: Fr Gillmour McDermott GE

Wednesday 25th August

St Mary Magdalene

Funeral

10am

Requiem Mass

Requiem Mass: Kate Forsythe RIP

Thursday 26th August

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

6.30pm

Thursday in 21st Week in OT

Public Mass: John Keegan RIP (& Baptism of Ingrid Scully).

Friday 27th August

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Facebook Live Mass

11.00am

Hastings Crematorium

2.15pm

St Mary Magdalene

7.00pm

St Monica

Public Mass: Pat Nelson RIP

No Adoration due to online Requiem.

Requiem Mass: Robert Ffrench RIP

Funeral of Robert (Noel) Ffrench RIP

No Adoration during August

Saturday 28th August

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor.

Public Mass: Hugh Stewart GE

Adoration & Confessions

Baptism of Liem Nguyen

Adoration & Confessions

Public Mass: Bill & Vi Hayes RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own seat afterwards

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8, Js 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 & Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday 29th August

St Martha's

Sunday

9.00am

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)

People of the Parish

Peter Dolan RIP

Baptism of Isabella Knight-Angel

Alex Thomas RIP

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

2020 Accounts & Financial Statement: [2020-accounts-for-the-parish-of-our-lady-of-the-rosary-bexhill.pdf](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020-accounts-for-the-parish-of-our-lady-of-the-rosary-bexhill.pdf) ([wordpress.com](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk))