

PARISH NEWS

17th October 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time B.

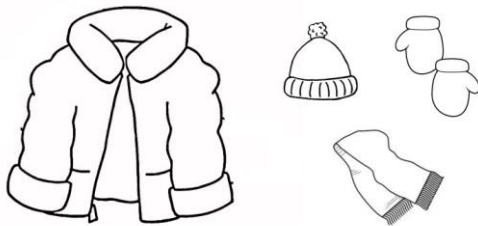
The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

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

Clergy Holiday

Fr Rajesh: 5th – 21st October (inclusive)

Autumn: our Churches are a bit cooler now, and the doors are open for COVID ventilation. As it's too early for the heating, warmer clothing is recommended:



Sanitizing & Cleaning

Please continue to sanitize your place after each Mass, Liturgy or Service.

Other Precautions:

Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in Church. Hand sanitiser and Track and Trace is recommended on entry.

'Supplementary Information Forms'

Signing by Fr Simon

St Richards: see link:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/st-richards-catholic-college-supplementary-information-form-for-admission-in-september-2022.pdf>

St Mary Magdalene

As usual, Fr Simon will complete the form signing for St Richard's before announcing dates for primary school SIFS, the deadline for which is 15th January 2022.

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**



VACANCY: FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Are you a practising Catholic with a willingness to help support our school of St. Mary Magdalene's to deliver an outstanding education, both academically and spiritually to our children? If so, and you can spare 8-10 hours per half term, then there is an opportunity awaiting you to be a Foundation Governor for the school. Governors have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the head teacher. They have oversight of the curriculum, the appointment of staff and the performance of the school. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld. The governing board at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School need people with a mixture of skills and experience to help them fulfil this very important role. As mentioned the time commitment is about 8-10 hours per half term and training is provided. To ensure the school community is safeguarded, an application form needs completing, references taken, a criminal records search undertaken and endorsement needed from your parish priest. Make the first step an email to the Chair of Governors expressing your interest in finding out more to: nfeast@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk

To explore the role of a foundation governor join an informal chat with other governors by calling into school on Tuesday 9th November at 2:30pm. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nigel Feast, Chair of Governors.

We pray for those who have died: Sheila Aldworth, William Wickens RIP

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Veronica Phillips, Stanley Pryke & Winifred Broughton.

CONFIRMATION: Applications for Confirmation 2022 will open on 24th October 2021 and close on Friday 19th November, ahead of the 1st session at 4pm on Sunday 21st November (in-person) at the presbytery. The link to the application form will be provided in next weekend's newsletter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: following the completion of the 2020 & 2021 First Holy Communion, we are taking the usual period of review, reflection, and discernment about moving forward. This means we will not be starting the 2022 First Communion Programme just yet. ***Applications will open on 1st Sun. of Advent (28th Nov. 2021).*** This will allow families time to return to Mass before beginning their preparation.

Music in the Liturgy: thank you to those who provided music for our recent parish celebrations; the bishop was pleased that it was a parish-wide choir. Our mini conference on Music in the Liturgy is ***10am Mass on Sat. 13th Nov. 2021*** in St Mary Magdalene, followed by liturgical musical formation until 12noon by Catherine Christmas, Diocesan Liturgy Adviser. A session for anyone who currently provides Music in our parish, has previously provided Music and those who are interested in being involved in parish Music.

Catholic Women's League (CWL): CWL is a National and International Organization and is the only group for women within the Parish who share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the parish and world-wide Church in our hearts. Our group invite speakers to enrich and entertain us, we go on Pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets: first Monday of each month @ 7-30pm. Please contact us on 211717 or 221803 for more details.

Pastoral Facilities: 1) risk assessments are underway to enable the presbytery to be used for RCIA and Confirmation. **2)** Following the re-issuing of Gas safety certificates, we are ready to re-open St Martha's Hall to parish use (*but not yet to commercial hires*). If a parish group wishes to use St Martha's Hall, they should contact the Parish Office (*before restarting*) to complete their individual risk assessment as per the COVID guidance. **3)** At St Mary Magdalene, the new Hall floor has arrived and is acclimatizing before it can be laid. Quotes are being obtained for the kitchen repairs, so this facility is not ready to re-open.

Annual Mass count (26th Sept to 10th Oct.): Overall average: 273 people. Individual Masses, People: St Mary Magdalene: 6pm (Vigil): 36, 11am: 105, 6pm: 49, and at St Martha's, 9am: 83 people.

'Station Mass' for the Bereaved (4th Nov): as per last year, the annual Mass for the bereaved will be celebrated in each Deanery by Bishop Richard. The Mass will be ***7pm on Fri. 5th Nov. in Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne*** and includes Fr Kevin's Induction as Parish Priest. Attend in person or via the Live Stream. This Mass allows people to come together to pray for the faithful departed and one another.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults (18+) wishing to explore their faith with the possibility of being Baptised or Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church are invited to contact Fr Simon via bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk or by completing the online application form: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/rcia-form/>

This programme is also suitable for Catholic Adults (18+) who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those who have already seen Fr Simon and are waiting the start of this year's course are invited to the first session with our Catechists at the Presbytery at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

Christian Initiation (Baptism) of Children of Catechetical Age (7+) (CICCA): For 2021/22, Fr Simon has decided to continue this course on a case-by-case basis, with an at home preparation using either 'I-Belong' or tailored course depending on age, ability or need.

Applications via the website: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/we-journey-together-form/>

Infant Baptism (aged 0-6 years): applications via: www.stmmbehill.co.uk/baptismal-form/

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: currently due to be restored on **1st Sunday of Advent (28th November 2021)**.

The Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Support Team: are looking for Volunteers to assist with providing spiritual support for patients and relatives at both Eastbourne DGH and Hastings Conquest Hospital. Training and support will be provided. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested please contact Lead Chaplain Graham Atfield on 07972 242753 or by email to graham.atfield@nhs.net.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP): If you feel you need help or support, please contact our team on 07783 598238, or e-mail popsy57@outlook.com and they will be happy to speak with you.

Parish Office: the office is open in-person only to those with pre-booked appointments, otherwise the administrators can assist you by email or telephone (Mon-Fri, 9.15am to 4.45pm).

CAFOD

Prepare & Inform yourself on COP 26: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit>

Remind yourself of Pope Francis Document 'Laudato Si':

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Pray the Care of Creation Rosary: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Care-of-creation-rosary>

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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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 16th October	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	No Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	1.00pm	Baptism of Poppy Ruth Hopkins
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: Elsie Dadswell RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16 & Mk 10:35-45

Sunday 17th October	Sunday	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's (<i>Fr Desmond</i>)	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Ernest & Lily Whitehead RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Neil Jenkins RIP

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance
[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

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

Monday 18th October	Feast	St Luke, Evangelist
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	John Mackie RIP
Tuesday 19th October	Solemnity	St Philip Howard, Diocesan Patron
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Catenian Mass for Vocations
Wednesday 20th Oct.	Ferial	Wednesday in 29th Week in OT
Presbytery (said privately)	N/A	No Mass
Thursday 21st October	Ferial	Thursday in 29th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Public Mass: Jacques Bruneau RIP
Friday 22nd October	Opt. Mem	St John Paul II, Pope
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass: Clergy Safeguarding Day
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration
Saturday 23rd October	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Pat Nelson RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: Deceased Members of Gilbert & Pattison Families RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own seat afterwards

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Jer 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6 & Mk 10:46-52

Sunday 24th October	Sunday	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	Young & Mistry & Bourne Families
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Stewart McNamara & wife Susan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Sloane Jhene Owusu
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

Second Collection: MISSIO (World Mission Sunday)
[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

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)