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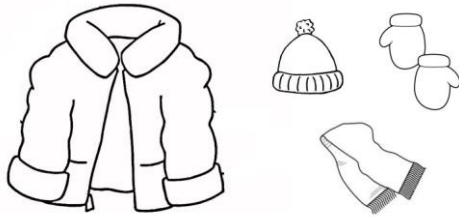
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B.

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

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

PARISH NEWS

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:



REMINDER!



We strongly recommend that Face Coverings **continue** to be worn in the Church and Subsidiary Buildings. Hand sanitiser and Track & Trace is recommended on entry.

Sanitizing & Cleaning

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

'Supplementary Information Forms'

(St Mary Magdalene Primary School)

Following the Open Afternoons on 15th & 18th November, Fr Simon will be available to sign your Supplementary Information Forms at 9am on Sat. 20th & 27th Nov. 2021 at the Presbytery. More information:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/st-mary-magdalene-primary-school-supplementary-information-form-for-admission-in-september-2022.pdf>

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

World Mission Sunday: "MISSIO"

Mission is a command of the Lord Jesus, *'go make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the commands that I gave you'* (Mt 28:19-20). Every Catholic is an apostle, being sent out to share the good news of Jesus Christ to people everywhere, and especially to those who are in the greatest need: *'the spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor'* (Lk 4:18). This weekend our **Second Collection** will support the work of MISSIO, the Pope's charity for World Mission. MISSIO ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. The needs are varied, such as supplying transport for a priest to reach remote areas, or to provide a community hall, or to assist with vaccinations for vulnerable children. Whatever the need, the missionaries share *'the joy of the gospel'*.

For more information on MISSIO, please visit their website:

<https://missio.org.uk/>

If you prefer, you can also donate online, direct at:

<https://missio.org.uk/donate/>



All charities rely on planned and sustained giving and many would traditionally have a collection box at home. In these pandemic times, to minimize cash handling, the **Red Box** is now available online: <https://missio.org.uk/redbox>

We pray for those who have died: Sheila Aldworth, William Wickens and Fr Ken McCarthy RIP.

From CAFOD volunteers: A Mass for Ann Hamilton RIP has been arranged for 10am in St Thomas of Canterbury (St Leonard's) on Thursday 28th October.

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 are now **open**, and close on Friday 19th November. Application forms can be found here: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/confirmation/> The first session will be at 4pm in the Presbytery on Sunday 21st November 2021. **If you live outside of the geographical boundaries of the Bexhill Parish** (e.g. *St Leonard's, Hastings, Eastbourne and Battle*) we may send you to your parish priest for his permission for you to join our Bexhill course. If you are part of the 'St Thomas More' Syro Malabar Mission, we may send you to the S.M. Chaplain for his permission to join the course.

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: 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 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. Contact: 211717 or 221803 for more details.

Pastoral Facilities: 1) we have completed our risk assessments for sacramental programmes to use the pastoral rooms in the presbytery. **2)** The Diocese has approved our risk assessment for the re-opening of St Martha's Hall to parish use. (*We are not ready for commercial hirers*). Therefore, 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. **3)** At St Mary Magdalene, Academy flooring has begun laying the new floor and we are drawing up new kitchen plans, so this facility is not ready to re-open.

'Station Mass' for the Bereaved (updated) (4th Nov): as per last year, the annual Mass for the bereaved will be celebrated in each Deanery by Bishop Richard. The Mass reverts to **7pm on Thur. 4th Nov. in Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne** and includes Fr Kevin's Induction as Parish Priest. The change of date is due to disruption caused by the Eastbourne Bonfire on 5th Nov. 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)

Those who have applied and now seen Fr Simon should now have received their welcome letter from the catechists for the first session at the 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://stmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together-form/>

Infant Baptism (aged 0-6 years): applications via: www.stmbexhill.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). **Closed: Thu. 28 Oct.**

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>

St Mary Magdalene School Governor Invitation: 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. More information: contact: nfeast@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

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 bench 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]

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

Monday 25th October	Ferial	Monday in 30th Week in OT
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Michael Halse RIP
Hastings Crematorium	1.15pm	Funeral Service: William Wickens RIP

Tuesday 26th October	Ferial	Tuesday in 30th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP

Wednesday 27th Oct.	Ferial	Wednesday in 30th Week in OT
Presbytery (said privately)	N/A	Holy Souls

Thursday 28th October	Feast	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Public Mass: Ben McMahon GE

Friday 29th October	Ferial	Friday in 30th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Kathy Collyer
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration

Saturday 30th October	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Winifred Broughton GE & Stanley Pryke RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: John O'Neil RIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Apoc. (Rev) 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John 3:1-3 & Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday 31st October	Solemnity	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	Dennis Connor RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Joseph Bates RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Mae Jane Matthews
St Martha's	5.00pm	<i>Extra Syro-Malabar Mass for All Saints</i>
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Online Offertory 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)

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.