

PARISH NEWS

31st October 2021

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.

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

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

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>

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

All Saints

Our Celebration of All Saints this year actually takes place on Halloween (*which is properly All Hallows Eve*), a day when the Church reminds itself of the reality of Death but always in the context of All Saints (our true destiny) and the month of November in which we keep a vigil of prayer for the faithful departed that they may complete their purification in purgatory and, God willing, take their place in the Communion of Saints. This is the month when we contemplate the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Purgatory, Heaven or Hell. All of us will be called to give an account of our lives but today, *'let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God'*. Fr Simon.

November: Remembering the Faithful Departed.

All Souls: 2nd November:

Public Masses at 10am & 7pm in St Mary Magdalene.

Thursday 4th November: Deanery Bereavement Mass:

The annual Mass for the bereaved will be celebrated by Bishop Richard **7pm on Thur. 4th Nov. in Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne** and includes Fr Kevin's Induction as Parish Priest. Attend in person or via Eastbourne's You Tube.

Saturday 6th November:

The 6pm Vigil Mass has the intention "For the Bereaved".

Sunday 7th November:

2.30pm Blessing of Graves at Bexhill Cemetery

Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Sunday.

11am Requiem Mass for those fallen in War, followed by the Blessing of the Parish Memorial Garden.

We pray for those who have died: Shelagh Aldworth, Fr Ken McCarthy, and Fr David Irwin 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.

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 is or has or wishes to be involved in parish Music. It would be helpful to Catherine to know if you are coming, and whether you are a vocalist or instrumentalist (or both, and which instrument). Please email: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk to confirm attendance.

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.

St Gregory's Catholic School, Tunbridge Wells: Sixth Form Open Evening: This will be held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 from 7pm until 8.30pm. Details of parking and booking system will be available shortly on their website. Please also check the website for any Covid restrictions that may apply.

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.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS: the SVP will be selling Christmas cards after all weekend Masses from the weekend of 6/7th November. The cards are priced at £4.00 or less, for a pack of 12. Please bring your purses and wallets to church. Suitable change would be helpful. Cheques can be accepted if needed.

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

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

Sacramental Programmes

RCIA: Those who have received their welcome letter begin their preparation on Wednesday 3rd November.

Christian Initiation (Baptism) of Children of Catechetical Age (7+) (CICCA):

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/

CONFIRMATION: Applications for Confirmation 2022 are now **open**, and close on Friday 19th November.

Application forms can be found here: <https://stmbexhill.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 Communions, 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.

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).**

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). **Pastoral Facilities:** any parish group wishing to use St Martha's Hall should contact the Parish Office (*before restarting*) to complete their individual risk assessment. St Mary Magdalene Hall remains closed.

CAFOD & "COP 26", this November 2021.

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

"Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable and commit their nations to the care of our Common Home. Through Christ our Lord. Amen". Prayer of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales.

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmbbexhill

Saturday 30th October	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Winifred Broughton GE & Stanley Pryke GE
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Martha's	5.00pm	Extra Syro Malabar Mass for All Saints
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: John O'Neil RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

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 Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

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

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

Monday 1st November	Votive	Votive Mass of the Saints
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd November	Comm.	Commemoration of All Souls
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Holy Souls
St Martha's	5.00pm	Syro-Malabar Mass for All Souls
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Public Mass: Peggy & Harry Paris RIP

Wednesday 3rd Nov.	Ferial	Wednesday in 31st Week in OT
Presbytery (said privately)	N/A	Sr Francois RIP

Thursday 4th November	Memorial	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
OL Ransom, Eastbourne	7.00pm	Deanery Bereavement Mass

Friday 5th November	Ferial	Friday in 31st Week in OT
Memorial Garden	10.30am	Burial of Ashes: Mary Thompson RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.30am	Requiem Mass: Shelagh Aldworth RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration

Saturday 6th November	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Elizabeth Francis RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Teddie Roman Eden
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: For the Bereaved

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1 Kings 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28 & Mk 12:38-44

Sunday 7th November	Sunday	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	Peter Lindsay-Vail RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Denis, Mary & Johanna O'Sullivan RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	2.30pm	Blessing of Graves
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

Second Collection: Retired Priests Fund

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

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER is REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The 11am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for those Fallen in War

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.