

PARISH NEWS

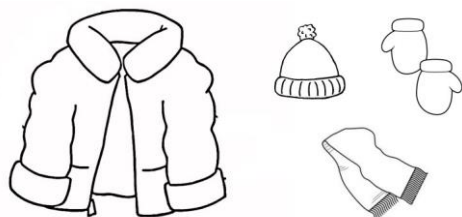
7th November 2021

32nd Sunday in OT B.

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>

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Mini-Conference on Liturgical Music

10am to 12noon on Sat. 13th Nov. 2021

Hidden away in the month of November is the Feast of St Cecilia (22nd November), who is the patron of musicians. One of the great frustrations of the COVID restrictions was not being able to sing the Sacred Liturgy. We are grateful to the parish choir who provided music for the First Holy Communion and our Patronal Feast. If we wish to fully restore liturgical music, we need to form new parish choirs, stressing the need for a parish-wide approach, and to allow ourselves to be formed in sacred music. To this end, on Saturday 13th November, Catherine Christmas, the Diocese's Liturgy Co-Ordinator will come for a mini conference, which begins with Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene, followed by a formation session until 12noon. This session is for anyone who is, has been, or would like to be involved in parish music. Please let us know if you are coming. The Gospel speaks of those who contribute to the treasury, and while this might speak to us of our parish offertory, clearly, the treasury also includes the richness of our skills and talents, so if you like to sing or play an instrument, please ask yourself, '*should I not be doing so as an act of service to the Parish and the Sacred Liturgy?*' Please pray and discern. Every blessing, Fr Simon.

November: Remembering the Faithful Departed.

Saturday 6th November:

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

Sunday 7th November: **THIS SUNDAY!**

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: 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, and Vera Stevens.

THE WIDOW'S MITE – A GUIDE TO OUR OFFERTORY GIVING?

People joke that their offertory only needs to be like the '*Widow's Mite*', dropping in a couple of small coins into the collection box. This joke becomes a reality when the money is counted which is dominated by coins of low denomination, and often it feels like our offertory is akin to a tip for the '*Barista*' at a coffee shop rather than a real gift of our disposable income for the maintenance and mission of the Church. How much should be given? That does depend on your circumstances. If we emulate the Widow, '*I tell you solemnly*', say the Lord, '*this poor widow has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money they had over, but she from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on*'. For us, that is not possible; instead, we can emulate the words of St Paul to the Corinthians in seeking support for the Church in Jerusalem: '*the Lord loves a cheerful giver*'. Thank you to those who have moved online, setting up a regular and substantial standing order. Fr Simon.

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.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH": Talks at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Eastbourne.

Tuesday, 16th November: 'The Good Life: can you be a good, moral person and have a fulfilled life - without God?' (Fr Kevin Dring). **Tuesday, 30th November:** 'Jesus: who do people say I am? What the New Testament tells us - also the Early Church' (John de Waal). **Monday, 6th December:** 'Gaudete! and the gift of Christian Joy.' (Fr Tristan Cranfield). **Tuesday, 14th December:** 'COP 26 and its aftermath.' (Barbara Echlin). Sessions will be in the Parish Centre (accessed from the church car park) from 7.30 – 8.30pm - with a break halfway for refreshments. All are welcome to all or any of the talks!

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.

Repository: the first steps in re-opening the repository begin on Saturdays, opening after the 6pm Vigil Mass. If people would like to see the Repository open at other times, it needs a volunteer to step forward.

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

Sacramental Programmes

RCIA: This course has now begun, and registration is now closed for 2022.

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

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

Infant Baptism (aged 0-6 years): applications via: www.stmmbexhill.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://stmmbexhill.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.

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" runs until 12th November: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit>

PACT: Operation Elf: *'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through Pact's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.'* Bishop Richard Moth. (Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 6th November
 St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Opt. Mem** **Saturday Memorial of the BVM**
 St Mary Magdalene 10.30am **Public Mass:** Elizabeth Francis RIP
 St Mary Magdalene 5.15pm Adoration & Confessions
 St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm Adoration & Confessions
Public Mass: *For the Bereaved*
No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

32nd SUNDAY IN OT B

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

Sunday 7th November
 St Martha's 9.00am **Sunday** **3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**
 St Mary Magdalene 11.00am Peter Lindsay-Vail 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]

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

Monday 8th November
 Facebook Live Mass **Ferial** **Monday in 32nd Week in OT**
 10.00am Ann Ford RIP

Tuesday 9th November
 St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Feast** **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
STMM Primary School 2.30pm **Public Mass:** Ann Walsh GE
Prospective Governors Event

Wednesday 10th Nov.
 Presbytery (said privately) **Memorial** **St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**
 N/A Thanksgiving: Regi Thomas

Thursday 11th November
 St Mary Magdalene 6.30pm **Memorial** **St Martin of Tours, Bishop**
Public Mass: JCA (Tony) Barry RIP

Friday 12th November
 St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Memorial** **St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
 St Mary Magdalene 7.00pm **Public Mass:** Bartolomeo Visconti RIP
 Adoration

Saturday 13th November
 St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Opt. Mem** **Saturday Memorial of the BVM**
 St Mary Magdalene 10.30am **Public Mass:** Noreen Corness RIP
 St Mary Magdalene 12.30pm **Music Conference until 12noon**
 St Mary Magdalene 5.15pm Baptism of Effie Brown
 St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm Adoration & Confessions
Public Mass: Holy Souls

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

(33rd Sunday in OT B)

Dan 12:1-13, Heb 10:11-14, 18 & Mk 13:24-32

Sunday 14th November
 St Martha's 9.00am **Sunday** **3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**
 St Mary Magdalene 11.00am People of the Parish
Memorial Garden 11.45am **Requiem Mass:** those fallen in War
 St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm **Blessing of Ashes Plots**
 Joseph Thomas RIP
Second Collection: Holy Souls Mass 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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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.