

21st November 2021

PARISH NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B).

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

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

Autumn: Ventilation is necessary to reduce COVID particles, so even when the time comes 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)

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

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).

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

This weekend and the week ahead brings our liturgical year to a close with a celebration of the Majesty of God, as a reminder to make Christ the centre of our universe, and not allow ourselves to be caught up in our own bubble. Next Sunday, we begin a new Year (Cycle C) and look forward to a renewed sense of community and once more making our participation in the Sacred Liturgy a priority.

This Sunday is also National Youth Sunday, and we pray that our young people will be granted a renewed sense of Christ in their life and wish to play an active part in the Church of God. All of us can think about how we encourage our young people to explore their faith, that they see the joy of the gospel radiating from us: Christ *'loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve God'*. With every blessing, Fr Simon.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022:

The first session of our 2022 Confirmation Programme begins this Sunday (21st November 2021), National Youth Sunday. If you are a BEXHILL parishioner and wish to receive Confirmation from the bishop next year, and have not yet applied, **come to the presbytery at St Mary Magdalene at 4pm this Sunday** where application forms will be available.

One week until 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

All things being equal with the course of the current pandemic, the obligation to be at Mass on a Sunday is due to be restored in two weeks on 28th November. And we, therefore, invite you to read and reflect on the document from the Bishops' Conference: *"Sunday: It is our Day"*:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

We pray for those who have died: Peter Andrews RIP (**Requiem Mass:** 11.30am in St Martha's, Little Common on Tues. 7th Dec. 2021) and Peter Koe RIP. Also: Serge Adam RIP (**Requiem Mass:** 12noon in St Mary Magdalene on Mon. 29th Nov); Leanne Hearne RIP (**Requiem Mass:** 11.00am on Wed, 1st Dec). Katherine Hebb (**Funeral:** 11am, Mon. 6th Dec, Eastbourne Crematorium).

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Veronica Phillips, Stanley Pryke, Winifred Broughton, Vera Stevens and Fr Desmond Baker

Parish Pastoral Support Team: as advised last week, as Fr Simon meets the group of the parishioners who have approached him and offered themselves as a pastoral support team, *we invite all parishioners to support the Pastoral Mission of the Parish by praying the Rosary during Advent.* The pastoral team start by reviewing the reflections from "Something to Celebrate" that Fr Stephen Ortiger began with us, to assure us that their remit is grounded in the people's hope and dreams for the parish.

Follow-Up from the Music Formation Session: Thank you to the musicians who came to the formation session last Saturday, where we explored what it means to 'sing the Mass', as opposed to 'singing at the Mass', with a view in these times, for simplicity and brevity. We have two main objectives for the present time, to resource the parish celebrations of Christmas, and to focus our human resources as best as we can to cover our Sunday liturgies, with a renewed sense of working together as one parish.

Advent Taize Service: 4pm on Sunday 12th Dec in St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's. Poster: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/11/advent-taize-poster-2021-revised-date.pdf>

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, 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.

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. We shall have our parish's **Service of Acceptance of the Catechumen and Candidates** at the 11am Mass on 1st Sunday of Advent.

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: please see the front page of this Sunday's newsletter.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Applications will open on 1st Sun. of Advent (28th Nov. 2021).

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.

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.

PACT: Operation Elf: supporting prisoners and their families this Christmas: more info: parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, and full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

Red Wednesday (transferred): We will have a Public Mass offered for persecuted Christians at 6.30pm on Thursday 25th November in St Mary Magdalene. Christianity is the most persecuted faith world-wide.

Christmas Masses in the Parish of Bexhill

Mindful of the local situation, the desire to avoid a booking system and to spread out the capacity over both Churches, and to keep them COVID secure, this is our proposed Christmas Mass schedule:

Christmas Eve (Friday): 6pm & 8pm Mass at St Martha's & 6pm & 8pm Mass at St Mary Magdalene
(*All the Christmas Eve Masses will use the texts from Midnight Mass*)

Christmas Day (Saturday): 9am at St Martha's & 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene. (No Sat Vigil Mass)
(*9am will be the Dawn Mass of Christmas and 11am Mass will be the Day Mass of Christmas*)

Boxing Day (Sunday): 9am at St Martha's & 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene. (No Sun Eve. Mass).

Volunteer Stewards for each Mass would be desirable, and each Church community needs to arrange choirs for all Masses and agree their plans with the parish priest, otherwise it is CDs.

Christmas Day Lunch: In person event: 12.30pm at **St Stephen's Church Bexhill**. To book: contact Tim on 01424 213456 or email: infofol2020@gmail.com Delivery option also available. More information, see the poster uploaded to our parish website: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/11/the-friends-of-lossie-long-christmas-lunch-poster-2021.pdf>

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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01424 210 263 opt 4

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 20th November	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Joy Laundry RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration or Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: Halina & Leszek Slazak RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dan 7:13-14, Apoc (Rev) 1:5-8 & Jn 18:33-37

Sunday 21st November	Solemnity	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	Elizabeth O'Brien RIP (also FHC of Bryony Campbell)
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Lilian Barlow RIP
Presbytery	4.00pm	1 st Confirmation Session
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

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

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

Monday 22nd November	Memorial	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Beltane Alton RIP
Tuesday 23rd November	Opt. Mem	St Clement, Pope & Martyr
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Alice & Albert Whatling RIP
Wednesday 24th Nov.	Memorial	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Presbytery (said privately)	N/A	Mr & Mrs Thomas' Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 25th November	Votive	Votive Mass for Persecuted Christians
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Public Mass: Irene & David Herring RIP
Friday 26th November	Ferial	Friday in 34th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Anastazia & Zbigniew Zglobis RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration
Saturday 27th November	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Luca Cruz Cabanlit
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: Margaret Kenny RIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT C

Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 & Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Sunday 28th November	Sunday	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	Gloria Lindsay-Vail RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Gerard Noel McNamara RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Brandon O'Donoghue
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers
[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)