

**“Government Plan B Continues”**

Face coverings are mandatory, unless exempt. Masses will be celebrated with reverence and joy but with simplicity and brevity in mind. The Church is ventilated so please wear warm clothing.



**Cleaning**

Despite new guidance relaxing the need for sanitizing, the Church still needs cleaning, so please continue as normal.

**Parish Office in Plan B**

The Parish Office is closed to casual callers (**access by appointment only**). Please do not come to the presbytery unless you have an appointment. Instead, please email: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) and the office will respond. Alternatively, you can ring 01424 210 263 opt 4 between 09:15 and 4:45pm but you may need to leave a voicemail. Many thanks. Fr Simon.

**Halls:** Parish groups wishing to use St Martha's should contact the Office to complete their individual risk assessment. St Mary Magdalene is closed.

**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 reference)

**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.**

**‘There are all sorts of service to be done’.**

Last Sunday, I met again with the ‘Pastoral Support team’ to continue and deepen our reflection on the parish’s pastoral needs. As St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, says, ‘*there are all sorts of service to be done*’, but as always it depends on our personal priorities. The Pastoral Support team are not here ‘*to do things for us*’ but to help us set a pastoral vision and direction. The responsibility for pastoral activities belongs to every member of the parish community; we are not simply ‘*consumers*’ of services but servants of one another.

Some activities can restart now providing people are ready and willing to take ownership of them, including taking responsibility for the COVID and Safeguarding risk assessments. Other activities will need to wait until some semblance of normality has returned in the wider community. For now, the ‘Pastoral Support Group’ advise us to focus on a ‘*ministry of welcome*’. At St Martha’s, there is a small group who continue to welcome parishioners as they come to Mass, and they need to be supported. At St Mary Magdalene, this ministry of welcome is largely in abeyance. Therefore, inside the newsletter there is more information on how to volunteer and join the welcoming teams for each Church.

All of us can offer a ‘*ministry of welcome*’, from a smile, to not insisting that someone is in ‘*my seat*’. A fundamental part of this ‘*welcome*’ is wanting to be part of the community and contributing to its growth. Our challenge, perhaps, at the very least is to recognize the invitation to participate in the ‘*wedding banquet of the Lamb of God*’, to arrive early, to assist in the offering, and certainly not looking to rush out before the final blessing. In the Mass, in the Eucharistic community, the Lord has ‘*let his glory be seen*’ and many people continue to believe in him. Every Blessing, Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Peter Retout, Janie Butcher, Simon Palmer, Fr Desmond Baker RIP

**We pray for the sick:** Jim Green, 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, Cecila Weathers, Margaret, Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep

**Synod:** our local conversation on welcome, unity, communication and Children & Young People tie in nicely with the Synod discussion. We have until 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to submit Synod questionnaire responses. The Synod Questionnaire can be completed by existing parish groups (or individuals). The diocesan website has the F.A.Q.s, downloadable questionnaire, and the response form for this first stage in the synodal process: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>

**'Ministry of Welcome' for the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary:**

**6pm Vigil Mass at St Mary Magdalene:** volunteer coordinator required.

**9am Mass at St Martha's:** Sarah Phillips, Jo and Adam Seal co-ordinate this Mass and invite others to join the team. Please contact them via [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) or speaks with them at Mass.

**11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene:** Monica Halse has agreed to co-ordinate a team of welcomers. Please contact her on [cuinpastelero@icloud.com](mailto:cuinpastelero@icloud.com) or on 01424 810131 or speak to her at Mass.

**6pm Mass at St Mary Magdalene:** Sarah Surman has agreed to co-ordinate a team of welcomers. Please contact her via [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) or speak to her at Mass.

**Fr Desmond's Funeral Details:** Reception of the Body before the 5pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January (*Celebrant: Bishop Richard Moth*) & Funeral Mass at 2pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January (*Celebrant: Bishop Paul McAleenan*). Both Masses at St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonard's.

**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.

**The Catenians:** an association of Catholic laymen whose principal purpose is to establish a network of friends to support each other, their families, and any widows in the practice of Faith. There is an online meeting on Thursday, 20th Jan at 7pm should anyone wish to get a better understanding of the Hastings and Bexhill Circle. I can forward the details should anyone wish to email me or phone 07394925611.

**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](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com) and they will be happy to speak with you.

**CAFOD School Volunteers:** CAFOD are looking for volunteers to visit schools to give assemblies and lead workshops in areas of overseas development and global justice. More info: call CAFOD on 01483 573273 or Email: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) **Afghanistan appeal:** The News this week highlighted the plight of Afghans, and so the appeal is still active: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

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

### **The Sacraments**

**Adult Baptism (Aged 18+):** new applications can be submitted from September 2022 for Baptism at Easter 2023. Prospective applicants can book an initial appointment to see Fr Simon from Easter 2022.

**Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6):** applications submitted via the website: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptism/>

**Children of Catechetical (Aged 7-12):** Children aged 7+ have reached the age of reason and need to be prepared individually. These applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and an initial interview with Fr Simon may be necessary before accepting your application. Applications can be submitted via the website: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/> (*Please also use this form for children baptized in the Anglican Communion now seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church*).

**Young Adults (Aged 13-17):** Please book an appointment to see Fr Simon to discuss your needs. It is likely that we will prepare you using the Confirmation Course which begins in the autumn of 2022.

**First Holy Communion:** Applications are now **closed** for First Communion 2022. Children should now be working on the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of I Belong ahead of their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession during the first half of Lent.

**Marriage:** those getting married in 2023 should see Fr Simon soon, as 12 months' notice is required.

**Appointments: email the parish office:** [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please plan ahead. COVID protocols make 'out of hours' visits undesirable. *'Last Rites do not mean Last Minute'*. A priest should be requested in good time *to hear the person's confession, to anoint them, and give Holy Communion*. 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. Due to the condition of the presbytery, we are not always on-site, so please do not rely on answerphones, please use both email addresses listed on the back page of this newsletter.

**One-off, non-urgent pastoral visits:** <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/>

**A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022:** Online applications for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can be found on our website: [www.lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk)

or you can visit: <https://www.my-holiday-booking.co.uk/.../index/i/17/eid/13>

If you are an Assisted Pilgrim and would like a paper application posted to you, please email the Lourdes Office with your name and postal address: [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org)

**Evening Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2.45pm, at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Horsham:** Those in our Parish communities who may be separated, divorced, or who have married again, are invited to meet Bishop Richard for conversation. Evening Prayer is followed by Tea and Cake. You can sign up here: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/chpfxz58>

# Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

*Recommended Capacities: 112 in St Martha's and 150 in St Mary Mags.*

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<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Public Mass:</b> Jim Gordon RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Martha's	12.30pm	Baptism of Maise Munroe
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	6.00pm	<b>Public Mass:</b> Cesidio Capaldi RIP

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

*Is. 62:1-5, 1 Cor. 12:4-11 & Jn 2:1-11*

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)</b>
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Joseph & Thomas Families RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Elsa Rogers GE
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Second Collection: Pax Christi**

*Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh are also supplying Battle & Northiam this weekend*

*(Fr Desmond Baker RIP had originally been booked to supply).*

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Antony, Abbott</b>
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Rowe & Callaghan Families

**Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians 18-25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Tuesday in 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Public Mass:</b> Vincent Frain RIP

<b>Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday in 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in OT</b>
Presbytery (said privately)	N/A	Marion Cox RIP
St Thomas' (St Leonards)	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> Fr Desmond Baker RIP

<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Votive</b>	<b>For the Unity of Christians</b>
St Thomas' (St Leonards)	2.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass:</b> Fr Desmond Baker RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	<b>Public Mass:</b> For Lost Souls

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Public Mass:</b> Varghese Antony RIP

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Public Mass:</b> John De Freitas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	<b>Public Mass:</b> Peter McGuckin RIP

## THIRD SUN. IN OT C (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

*Neh 8:2-6, 8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-30 & Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)</b>
St Martha's	9.00am	Peter & Nicola Koe RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Good Estate of the OLR Bexhill Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Second Collection: Parish Lourdes Fund**

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### Sacrament of the Sick

#### Urgent Requests

#### Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!

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Office hours

[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours

[simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk) &

[rajesh.minz@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rajesh.minz@abdiocese.org.uk)

#### 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.**