

Easing of COVID Precautions

Face coverings are personal choice.
Please continue to clean your place.
You are advised to wear warm clothing.



The Sacred Paschal (Easter)

Triduum 14th - 16th April.

This is the highlight of the Church's Liturgical Year and the most important celebration in the life of the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea. As such, there is one Triduum bringing together the people of the parish, including all ministries, especially musicians.

St Mary Magdalene

8pm on Thursday 14th April:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

3pm on Friday 15th April:

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

8.30pm on Saturday 16th April:

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday (17th April):

11am & 6pm Mass

St Martha's

7pm on Friday 15th April:

Good Friday Vespers, with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday (17th April):

9am Mass

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

RCIA: Rite of Election

This weekend, catechumens from across the Diocese gather with Bishop Richard in Arundel and write their names in the 'Book of the Elect', along with other baptised Christians who ask to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. From Bexhill, we pray for: Lauren Bartholomew, Annie Craddock, Rachel Cooke, Reggie Wray, Cecilia Hubbard, Kimberly McIvor, Oscar Gunston, Lauren Nutt, Riley Nutt, Lauren Plimmer, Kimberley Roberts, Hannah Short, Ivy Short, Aicha Witcombe and Sarah McCloud. [Plus, several children of catechetical age preparing for baptism this year. We pray for Stephen Gallagher preparing for Confirmation. Fr Simon.

CAFOD FAST DAY: Friday 11th March 2022

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. By eating simply and giving what you save, you'll be making a place at your table for children like Lombah this Lent. No child should go hungry.

CAFOD Lent Challenge: Walk Against Hunger

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/register>

CAFOD: Ukraine Crisis Appeal:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Ukraine-crisis>

1st Sunday of Lent: Bishop's Pastoral Letter

The Bishop's Pastoral Letter is also available as a Podcast:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/bishops-podcasts>

And his message on Ukraine is available here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/03/message-regarding-ukraine-from-bishop-richard-28th-february-2022.pdf>

We pray for those who have died: Vera Stevens RIP (**Requiem Mass: 10.30am on 9th March 2022**).
Peter Stanley RIP.

We pray for the sick: Jim Green, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Veronica Phillips, Stanley Pryke, Winifred Broughton, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent.

Coffee after 9am Sunday Mass: From Sunday 6th March and on most Sundays after the 9am Mass at St Martha's there will be tea and coffee in the hall. Please come and support. Please email Beryl Conner: berylconner@hotmail.com if you would like to help, she is putting together a rota. Also, if any physically strong persons could come to the hall before Mass to set up a few tables that would be much appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY – 13th March 2022

Fairtrade Breakfast: St Martha's Hall, Sunday 13th March, after Mass. With guests Mayor Councillor Paul Plim and Deputy Mayor Claire Baldry. Raffles prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please come along, enjoy, donate, and welcome the guests. Do try and remember to buy Fairtrade products whenever possible.

St Martha's Hall: with a growing number of hall hires, please do not enter the hall without checking with the parish office that it is free. Please leave the hall how you found it, in line with the COVID assessment.

Catholic Women's League: A big thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and bought cakes at the recent CWL Coffee & Cake Stall - £404.92 was raised for CWL charities.

Lenten Lunch in aid of Catholic Women's League Charities: The CWL are holding a Lenten Lunch on **Friday 25th March at 12.30pm, St Martha's Hall** – With a choice of home-made soups, bread, cheeses, etc. A suggested donation of £5 per person. Tickets will be on sale after Mass each Sunday. For more details: Margaret von Speyr 215787 or Carmel Trenter 211717.

The Catenians: Catholic Association for laymen (& their widows) whose purpose is to establish a support network of friends. More info: Robert on 07394 925611. New Website: <https://sussexcatenians.org/>

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 Monthly "Tea at 3": First tea: **Monday 4th April from 3pm to 4.30pm, St Martha's Hall.** All welcome, especially anyone feeling lonely and isolated who would benefit from meeting new friends and having a chat. Perhaps invite a friend. As the event grows, we will be grateful for support with cakes and helpers. For further details and offers of help, please contact 07783 598238 or email popsy57@outlook.com

Beginning Experience (8-10th April): Residential weekend at the Sion Community, Brentwood - for those single again following divorce, separation or death of your partner to help you to heal. More info: E: besouthofengland@gmail.com or Freda: 01322 838415 or Maura 07795 498445

Triduum: Parish Music Group: Margaret Rafferty is coordinating a parish music group for the Triduum, singers and musicians wishing to participate should please speak with her or contact the parish office.

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 baptised 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: First Confessions have now begun: **10.30am on Saturday's 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th March**. After 1st Confession, continue working on Chapters 5-9 and book in for your 1st Holy Communion Celebration at 12noon on either 11th June or 18th June in St Martha's Church.

At 9am on Saturday 5th and 26th March, Mrs Surman will hold a session in St Mary Magdalene Church for anyone who would like support with their First Holy Communion Preparation. Open to all children on First Holy Communion but particularly suited to those not in the Catholic School.

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

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

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage: There are a number of pilgrims who require assistance, but the pilgrimage is currently short of helpers, nurses, and doctors. Please consider applying if you are able. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions prior to applying. The application form they should use is available on our website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

World Meeting of Families (22-26 June 2022): Due to the ongoing COVID situation, the diocese will not be traveling to Italy for this event but will be looking to celebrate locally instead. More information about WMF can be found here: <https://romefamily2022.com/en/>

Diocesan Job Vacancies with the Diocesan Education Service

Primary and Secondary Adviser for Religious Education & Catholic Ethos.

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/primary-adviser-for-re>

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/secondary-adviser-for-re>

Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle – Lent Taizé Service – 7pm, Tuesday 8th March – All are welcome.

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

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
bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk
01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours
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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.

Saturday 5th March	Ferial	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	10.00am	John De Freitas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Parish & First Confessions & Adoration
<i>Arundel Cathedral</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>	<i>Rite of Election</i>
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	David McGurk & Louis Rosenay RIP

FIRST (TEMPTATION) SUNDAY OF LENT C

Deut. 26:4-10, Rom. 10:8-13 & Lk 4:1-13

Sunday 6th March	Sunday	
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	Joan Horner RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	12.00pm	Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine
St Mary Mags	6.00pm	Kathleen Standen GE
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: The SVP (Bexhill Branch)

[CAFOD Speakers ahead of the Fast Day on 11th March (Collection on 13th March)]

Monday 7th March	Ferial	Monday in 1st Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass
St Martha's (<i>Fr Chris B</i>)	7.00pm	CWL Mass

Tuesday 8th March	Ferial	Tuesday in 1st Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Margaret Hanson RIP

Wed. 9th March	Funeral	Requiem Mass
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Requiem Mass of Vera Stevens RIP

Thursday 10th March	Ferial	Thursday in 1st Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Grace Surman GE

Friday 11th March	Ferial	Friday in 1st Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Linda Scully GE
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine

Saturday 12th March	Ferial	Saturday in 1st Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Joseph Thomas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Parish & First Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Francesca Surman GE

SECOND (TRANSFIGURATION) SUNDAY OF LENT C

Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1 & Lk 9:28-36

Sunday 13th March	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Joan Horner RIP
<i>St Martha's' Hall</i>	<i>c.9.50am</i>	<i>Fairtrade Breakfast</i>
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Mary & Laurie Boakes RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

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)

The Parish Office is open **by appointment only**. Please contact using:
E: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk or T. 01424 210 263 opt 4. Hours: M-F: 09:15 and 4:45pm.