

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.

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

The Lord is my light and my help.

Transfiguration Sunday

The Transfiguration is the 'sacrament' of our second regeneration. Baptism was our first, when we became a new creation in Christ. We were given a white garment as an outward sign of our Christian dignity, to be brought unstained into the everlasting life of heaven. The Transfiguration helps us see the hope for our own resurrection from the dead, 'when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body' (EP3). This Sunday, then, stay hopeful! Wishing you every blessing. Fr Simon.

Preparing for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

(See dates and times in front page side panel)

The Triduum belongs to the whole parish, so we invite many people to be involved in the Liturgy, and to begin with:

Readers: If you are a Reader at St Mary Magdalene or St Martha's and you are available to read at any or all of the above services, please contact Monica Halse: 07946432331 or 01424 810131 or email: cuinpastelero@icloud.com and leave your name and a contact phone number and the service/services you will attend. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office on 01424 210263 opt 4 or by email: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk leaving the same information.

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

Fairtrade Breakfast: After 9am Mass this Sunday

Fairtrade Breakfast, St Martha's Hall, Sunday 13th March, after 9am Mass. With guests Mayor Councillor Paul Plim and Deputy Mayor Claire Baldry. Do try and remember to buy Fairtrade products whenever possible.

We pray for those who have died: Peter Stanley (**Requiem Mass: 10am on Monday 21st March 2022**) & Anne Barr RIP (**Requiem Mass: 2.30pm on Mon. 14th March 2022**).

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: Beryl Conner (berylconner@hotmail.com) is coordinating the rota. Please contact her if you are willing to be on the rota or help with setting up of the tables before Mass.

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.

March Solemnities: Respite from Lenten Penances: No Fasting or Abstinence Required.

Solemnity of St Joseph on Saturday 19th March & Solemnity of the Annunciation on Friday 25th March.

Catholic Women's League: 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 Treter 211717.

St Richard's PFTA Barn Dance (7.30pm on Friday 25th March at St Richard's Catholic College): The dance features the Catsfield Steamers. Tickets are £8 (£5 children and over 60) family of 4 ticket £20. Bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks as well as snacks for sale. All welcome! Tickets can be bought via PayPal: pfatreasurer@strichardsc.com - or cash on the door. More information: ptfa@strichardsc.com

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

Three Churches in Little Common: Next Meeting: 11am on Wednesday 16th March at St Martha's Church Hall. All are welcome. Please come if you can.

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.

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: First Confessions are underway: **10.30am on Saturdays 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.

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>

Lost Property: a ring (*found at St Martha's*) and a crucifix (*found at St Mary Magdalene*) have been handed into the parish office. Please contact the office if you think it may be yours.

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
simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk &
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 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
<i>Arundel Cathedral</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>	<i>Rite of Election</i>
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	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 (& Facebook)	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	12.00pm	Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine
St Mary Mags	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION

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

Monday 14th March	Ferial	Monday in 2nd Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Mary Thompson RIP
St Mary Magdalene	2.30pm	Requiem Mass of Ann Barr RIP
Tuesday 15th March	Ferial	Tuesday in 2nd Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	David Johnson RIP
Wed. 16th March	Funeral	Wednesday in 2nd Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Colin Page RIP
Thursday 17th March	Feast	St Patrick, Bishop and Missionary
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Anne Barry GE
Friday 18th March	Ferial	Friday in 2nd Week of Lent
<i>St Richard's</i>	<i>School Day</i>	<i>Student Confessions for Lent</i>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Franker Horner RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
Memorial Garden	10.30am	Burial of Ashes of Peter Salt RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine)
Saturday 19th March	Solemnity	St Joseph, Husband of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Thomas Moran
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Parish & First Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Francis Steele GE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT C

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12 & Lk. 13:1-9

Sunday 20th March	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Peter Vail RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Archer Faber
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: CAFOD UKRAINE APPEAL

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)