

PARISH NEWS

Thank You!

Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh wish to thank parishioners for their generous Easter offering. The Clergy Team also thank all parishioners for their service and support throughout the Easter Triduum, for making it a wonderful expression of the parish, united in profession of our one faith.

8th May 2022 - Vocations Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter)

Please pray for priestly vocations:

Almighty Father, the Harvest is rich, but the labourers are few. Grant to our Diocese, the gift of priests filled with zeal for your Word, and with dedication in the service of your people, that your Church may be nourished through the Sacraments and strengthened for the Mission to which you have called us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Mission & Vision

Through the Easter Season we are discerning what our renewed mission & vision might be. More information:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/04/parish-of-o-l-rosary-pastoral-care-and-support-group-easter-update-mission-and-vision.pdf>

Parish Office is closed due to annual leave: Wed 4th – Fri 6th May. Access is by appointment only. Please contact by email or phone: 01424 210 263 opt 4 or bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

3rd Sunday: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

4th Sunday: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Outreach to the Housebound, Lonely & Isolated.

The Bexhill SVP invite us to add an additional area of focus as we emerge from the pandemic. At the first 'Tea at 3pm', 34 people gathered for Afternoon Tea; and the next gathering is on 30th May 2022 in St Martha's Hall. All Welcome.

Outreach by Parishioners:

1: The first and most effective outreach is getting to know the other Catholics who live in our road, supporting and looking out for each other, informally, as needed.

2: If able (*subject to DBS checks*), join the SVP, as a full or auxiliary member. Both attend SVP meetings. Full members focus on the full SVP brief and auxiliaries focus on a particular area, such as home visiting. Contact the SVP: 01424 602914 or by email popsy57@outlook.com

3: As we learn to live with COVID, we might be ready to resume regular Holy Communion visits, and so we need a **coordinator of the Sick & Housebound list**, a volunteer to administer and match up Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) with those who need home visits

4: Once we have a coordinator, we need to commission (*or re-commission*) EMHCs to take Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound. We need to do this before considering recommissioning EMHCs for ministry at Mass, as home visits are the **primary reason** for being commissioned. To be an EMHC, (*along with an up-to-date DBS*), you must be living a life commensurate with receiving Holy Communion. We invite those who previously fulfilled the invaluable service of taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound to contact the parish office if you are willing to resume and be temporarily re-commissioned until the normal annual recommissioning can take place. Anyone else who would like to volunteer for this role could now make an appointment to see Fr Simon to discuss suitability and the training required. God Bless. Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Win Connellan, Valerie Ross, Fr Anthony Hale, Fr Jude CP 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, David Meyer and Stephen Doyle.

Liturgy & Prayer

Tuesdays, Holy Rosary (before Mass): If you would like to pray the Rosary before Mass, this is now being recited at 9.30am on Tuesday mornings before the Parish Mass (*subject to funerals*). If there is sufficient interest, we hope to move to having the Rosary recited on other days of the week. If you wish to participate, please gather at Our Lady's Altar in St Mary Magdalene.

May Procession & Crowning of Our Lady: This will be combined with the 9am Sunday Mass on 8th May at St Martha's. After Mass, **CWL** will have a 'Sausage Sizzle' in the hall; entrance £3 per person. CWL raised £199 at their Lenten lunch, and the Strawberry Tea event – 10 July, is now cancelled.

COVID Precautions: Face coverings are personal choice. Please continue to clean your place.

Social & Pastoral

SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": Thirty-four people (plus helpers) came to the First tea at 3. The next event is on 30th May from 3pm to 4.30pm, St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

SVP Pilgrimage to Aylesford: Our parish SVP conference are arranging a day pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, Shrine of Our Lady on Tuesday 14th June 2022, leaving Bexhill at 09.30 with pick-ups in Little Common and Bexhill. Cost of the trip will be £15 per person. For further information and to request a booking form, please contact 01424 602914 / 01424 844177 or by email popsy57@outlook.com

Grandparents Day at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead is on Wednesday 8th June from 10.30am to 3pm. More info and sign-up details can be found on the Diocesan website under events W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

National Marriage Week 9-15 May: This year's theme is "Celebrating Commitment", and all married couples are invited to discern elements that might make their marriage stronger. Please pray for our 7 parish couples preparing for marriage, with their wedding days throughout the summer.

'theASCENT' Programme for Teenagers in School Years 10 - 12: Information Sessions at 7.30pm on 11th or 24th May via Zoom for Parents and Young people to learn about 'theASCENT' project and the huge impact it is having on young lives. Meet the team, as well as young people who are already taking part, to have all your questions answered. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for joining instructions.

Invited (Season 2: Easter to Pentecost): Invited Website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

Video each Monday, with the conversation on the following Thursday, which for Bexhill, you can sign up for the online conversation: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/rerwgtid>

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

Sacraments

Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023: If you are thinking of Baptism, or being Received as a Catholic, or a Catholic seeking Confirmation, the next RCIA course begins in the autumn of 2022. Applications can be submitted from September 2022. However, if you would like to chat through whether this might be for you, please book an appointment with Fr Simon (bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk).

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

Children of Catechetical Age (7+): These children must be individually prepared, and we will assess your needs on a case-by-case basis. Applications: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

First Holy Communion: in May, the children should be on Chapter 9 of the 'I Belong' Course Book. All parents should also find time to show their children how to receive Holy Communion, drawing on their own regular Catholic practice. For Children in non-Catholic schools, Mrs. Surman is offering two further formation sessions on at 9am in St Mary Magdalene Church on 21st & 28th May.

Need a non-urgent clergy home visit? Please use the online form: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone the parish office on 01424 210 263 opt 4

Clergy Leave: Fr Simon will be away 4th -15th May and Fr Rajesh will be away 23rd – 30th May.

Other Notices

Worth Retreats: please visit <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/retreat-programme-2022/> for retreat opportunities.

Gift Aid Statements: with rising postage cost, these statements will be available for collection at the back of our churches from the 1st Sunday in May.

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)

<p>Friday 13th May St Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>Opt. Mem. Our Lady of Fatima 10.00am Joseph Thomas RIP</p>	<p>Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Talks</p>
<p>Saturday 14th May St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>Feast St Matthias, Apostle 10.00am Priest's Intentions 10.30am Confessions & Adoration 5.15pm Confessions & Adoration 6.00pm Priest's Intentions</p>	<p>Fr Kevin Dring: "A Peruvian Mission: life and ministry in the Andes". Thurs. 19 May. 7.30pm. Our Lady of Ransom, Hall, Eastbourne.</p>
<p>Sunday 15th May St Martha's St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene St Mary Magdalene [St Martha's]</p>	<p>Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter 9.00am William (Bill) Austin RIP 11.00am Robert & Vera Stevens RIP 12.30pm Baptism of Henry Forster Simmons 6.00pm People of the Parish [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</p>	<p>And, Fr Pat Kilgarriff, "Five Hopkins Sonnets". Fri 17 June. 7.30pm. St Martha's Church Hall. Information: 01424 219788</p>
<p>Second Collection: Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese</p>		

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
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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.

Saturday 30th April	Ferial	Saturday in 2nd Week of Easter
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	9.00am	Andree Rose Marceau RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	2.00pm	Wedding Service: James Cosens & Sarah McCloud
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Priest's Intentions

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41, Rev. (Apoc.) 5:11-14 & John 21:1-19

Sunday 1st May	Sunday	
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	Joy & Chris Jones 40 th Anniversary
St Mary Mags	11.00am	Ray Ford GE
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Sacraments for Nutt & Short Children
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

Monday 2nd May	Memorial	Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Noreen Corness RIP
Tuesday 3rd May	Feast	Saints Philip and James, Apostles
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	John De Freitas RIP
Wed. 4th May	Feast	The English Martyrs
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Lost Souls
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	RCIA Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 5th May	Ferial	Thursday in 3rd Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Anna Gawlik GE
Friday 6th May	Ferial	Friday in 3rd Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Margaret Malone RIP
Saturday 7th May	Ferial	Saturday in 3rd Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Holy Souls
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Deceased Members of Antonelli Family

FOURTH (Good Shepherd) SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52, Rev. (Apoc.) 7:9, 14-17 & Jn 10:27-30

Sunday 8th May	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Florence Raey RIP (& May Procession)
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Neil Gilhooly GE
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: Education of Future Priests

Monday 9th May	Ferial	Monday in 4th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass
Tuesday 10th May	Ferial	Tuesday in 4th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 11th May	Ferial	Wednesday in 4th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Mick Hanson RIP
Thursday 12th May	Ferial	Thursday in 4th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Joseph Thomas RIP

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