

The Sacred Paschal (Easter)

Triduum 14th - 16th April.

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

10.30am on Friday 15th April:

Stations of the Cross

7pm on Friday 15th April:

Good Friday Vespers, with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday (17th April):

9am Mass

Other Liturgy:

Blessing of Easter Baskets: 9am on 16th April 2022 in St Mary Magdalene Church.

COVID Precautions

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

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.

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

Passiontide

We are now in Passiontide, a more sombre and sorrowful period of Lent that focuses more deeply on the Passion of Christ. Today, the Church beckons us to look towards the Cross and see the depth of Christ's love for us. It is a preview of Good Friday when we will see the reality of the cross, genuflecting to Christ's Real Presence as he pours out his blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, Passiontide is also a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus' bitter passion and foster sorrow for our sins. Fortunately, this intense period lasts only two weeks, giving way to the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The veiling of crosses and statues is linked to the last verse of gospel (*John 8:46-59*) that was traditionally read on this day, '*and they took up stones to throw at him, but **Jesus hid himself** and went out of the temple*'. Then, following the Gospel, the Deacon veils the processional cross and the statues with a violet cloth. As the schools break for the holidays, we are encouraged not to forget about the Cross. Indeed, we have been given a special time which gives us the freedom to participate in the central mysteries of our faith, especially Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Sacred Paschal Triduum. As the Psalmist sings: '*what marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad*'.

The Third Scrutiny: The Power of the Spirit.

On this Sunday, the Church prays '*The Third Scrutiny*' with the '*Elect of God*'. Again, we use the bidding prayers as our 'scrutiny' of how the grace of the sacraments conform us to Christ's passion, death and resurrection and enable us to triumph over the bitter fate of our death. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates and strive to be with them in this intense period of preparation, standing alongside them during the Sacred Paschal Triduum. God Bless. Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died:

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.

Liturgy & Prayer

Good Friday (15th April), Walk of Witness: Meet at 9.15am on the Lawn (westside) of the De La Warr Pavilion. Ends at 10.30am, Town Square, followed by Ecumenical Service at Beulah Baptist Church.

Resumption of the Holy Rosary before Weekday Mass: Step One: As part of the resumption of 'normal service', we wish to resume the practice of reciting the Rosary before weekday Mass at St Mary Magdalene's church. Initially, this will be on a Tuesday morning each week at 9.30am commencing from Easter Tuesday 26th April. 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 simply turn up on the 26th at Our Lady's altar.

Flowers for Easter Vigil: if you can help with Flowers, Helga will be leading the arrangements at 10am on Holy Saturday (16th April 2022) and would appreciate offers of help. Please let the Paris Office know.

Confessions before Easter: A priest will hear Confessions: 10.30am & 5.15pm on Saturdays 2nd & 9th April; 10.30am on Holy Monday – Wednesday (11-13th April) and finally, 9.30am on Saturday 16th April.

Social & Pastoral

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.

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/>

Catholic Women's League (CWL): CWL is the only group for women in the Parish who share faith, skills and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the Parish and worldwide Church in our hearts. We invite speakers to enrich and entertain us, go on pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets on the first Monday of each month @ 7-30pm. Please contact 01424 211717 or 01424 221803 for more details.

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

SVP Pilgrimage to Aylesford: Our parish SVP conference are arranging a day pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, Shrine of Our Lady on Tuesday June 14th 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

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: With 1st Confessions complete, the Children should be working on Chapter 6. Please book your 1st Holy Communion Celebration: 12noon on either 11th June or 18th June in St Martha's Church. If you have not made a 1st Confession, please contact the office to discuss support required.

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

Outreach & Other Notices

St Vincent de Paul (SVP): if you feel you need help or support, please contact our team on 07783 598238 or email popsy57@outlook.com and they will be happy to speak with you.

One-off, non-urgent pastoral visits from the parish clergy: If you would like a visit from one of the clergy team, please use this form: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/>

Arundel & Brighton News & Events: You can keep up to date with Diocesan news and events at the A&B Diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

From the Finance Committee: Easter Collection

From this weekend green envelopes are available for the Easter Collection on 16th & 17th April. The Easter Collection is your personal gift to the priests of the parish, who do not receive a salary but who rely on your generosity in the collections at Christmas & Easter, and in the 'offerings' you give for Masses and the sacramental celebrations throughout the year. The Easter Collection makes up 25% of their annual income. If you already have an online standing order with the parish, this is your parish offertory and cannot be transferred to the priests. If you wish to give online, please make a separate payment, including the reference 'Easter Collection'. Thank you for your support. (BACs information, bottom of page 4).

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 2nd April	Ferial	Saturday in 4th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Sandy Verbish RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Harrison Erleigh
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Dominic & Italia Capaldi RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C (Passiontide)

Is. 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14 & Jn 8:1-11

Sunday 3rd April	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Keith Bourne GE
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Michael Halse RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12noon	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: Lenten Alms

Monday 4th April	Ferial	Monday in 5th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Lost Souls
St Martha's Hall	3.00pm	SVP Tea at 3
Tuesday 5th April	Ferial	Tuesday in 5th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Peter Koe RIP
Wed. 6th April	Ferial	Wednesday in 5th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	John De Freitas RIP
Thursday 7th April	Ferial	Thursday in 5th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Reg Chapman RIP
Friday 8th April	Ferial	Friday in 5th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Joe (Jack) Horner RIP
St Mary Magdalene	c. 10.35am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 9th April	Ferial	Saturday in 5th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Jane Chapman RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptisms of Oscar Gunston & Montgomery, Hugo & Ralph Mclvor.
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Elizabeth O'Brien RIP

PALM SUNDAY C

Palm Gospel: Lk 19:28-40. Mass: Is. 50:4-7, Phil. 2:6-11 & Lk 22:14—23:56
including the reading of the Passion according to Luke. This Mass always takes a little longer to celebrate, so please plan ahead if you rely on taxis or public transport.

Sunday 10th April	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB GE
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stephens RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

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)

Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

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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.

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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.