

## The Sacred Paschal (Easter)

Triduum 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The pinnacle of the Parish's Liturgical Year, bringing people together.  
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### From the Finance Committee:

#### Easter Collection

Green envelopes are available for the Easter Collection on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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 below)

#### 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)

#### COVID Precautions

Face coverings are personal choice.

Please continue to clean your place.

You are advised to wear warm clothing.

## My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

### Palm Sunday & Holy Week

We begin Holy Week and celebrate Our Lord's 'Triumphant entry into Jerusalem', echoing the crowd's acclamation: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'. His entrance is a statement of his identity as the Messiah, riding on a colt, arriving by way of Bethage and the Mount of Olives, the route the Messiah was expected to make. Today, we join in the jubilation of the people who welcome their King. How quickly things change because the people's idea of the Messiah did not match God's plan. Yes, Our Lord comes to free us from oppression, but from the more serious enemy of sin and death. This week, we follow a King who makes the Cross His throne. Holy Week is a time for us to consider our deepest desire, 'do we want the Lord to save us (Hosanna)?' If not, we will have joined the crowd who cries out, 'crucify him, crucify him'. At the end of the week, we will celebrate the Sacred Paschal Triduum and celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood, take station at the foot of the cross, waiting by the Tomb, until we can sing our 'Solemn Alleluia' as we celebrate the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, which will include 9 Adult Baptisms, 1 Reception and a Confirmation of a Catholic and those Baptised and Received. If you are on holiday (holy day), do avail yourself of the opportunity to celebrate our principal Christian Festival. With every blessing for Holy Week. Fr Simon, Fr Rajesh & Deacon Simon.

### The Parish Office will be closed:

Holy Monday (11<sup>th</sup> April), Holy Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> April), Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) and Easter Week (18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

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**We pray for those who have died:** Irene Carey, Valerie Ross.

**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, Stephen Doyle.

### **Liturgy & Prayer**

**Maunday Thursday:** Watching at the 'Altar of Repose' after the Evening Mass will be c.9.15pm until Night Prayer at 10.45pm. The bishop asks that we offer this time for the people of Ukraine.

**Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's Altar.

### **Social & Pastoral**

**Coffee after 9am Sunday Mass:** Beryl Conner ([berylconner@hotmail.com](mailto: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":** Thirty-four people (plus helpers) came to the First tea at 3. The next event is on 30<sup>th</sup> May from 3pm to 4.30pm, St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com)

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

The weekly video will be released on the website each Monday, the first on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April, with the first Thursday conversation on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. In Bexhill, we recommend you join the online conversation, which you can sign up for here: <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

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6):** applications submitted via the website: <https://stmmbehill.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://stmmbehill.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 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions complete, the Children should be starting Chapter 7. The school holidays are an ideal time to focus more time on the coursebook. The 11<sup>th</sup> of June Holy Communion Celebration is now fully booked, but spaces are available for 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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://stmmbehill.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>

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** we have not ordered new gift aid envelopes for the new financial year. There remain several unclaimed envelopes from 2020, so please check if yours is still waiting for you to collect. We have a small number of envelopes available if you need a pack (*first come-first served by contacting the office*). The simplest way forward is for gift aiders is to buy a small packet of envelopes from a stationers or supermarket and write their number and date on it.

**Gift Aid Statements:** with rising postage cost, these statements will be available for collection at the back of St Mary Magdalene / St Martha's from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May.

**Parish Mass Diary and Intentions**

**Parish Office**  
Remains closed to casual callers.  
All enquiries:  
[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.

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[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.**

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Saturday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Jane Chapman RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism 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*  
**This Mass always takes a little longer to celebrate.**

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Hall & Church	9.00am	Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB GE
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stevens RIP
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund**

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>	<b>Holy Monday</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Dennis Connor RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Joseph Thomas RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions

<b>Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	David Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions
Arundel Cathedral	6.00pm	Mass of Chrism

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Triduum</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
St Martha's	10.00am	Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)
St Mary Magdalene	8.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Intention: Kaye Ford GE
Altar of Repose	Until 10.45pm	Our watching offered for Ukraine

<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Triduum</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
St Martha's	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
St Martha's	2.30pm	The Lord's Passion (Syro-Malabar Rite)
St Mary Magdalene	3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
St Martha's	7.00pm	Vespers (with Veneration of the Cross)

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Triduum</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
St Mary Magdalene	9.00am	Blessing of Easter Baskets
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Flower Arranging for Easter
<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:</b> Intention: RCIA Candidates.
St Martha's	9.00pm	Easter Vigil (Syro-Malabar Rite).

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

*Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-8, Sequence, Lk 24:1-12 (& Lk 24:13-35 6pm)*

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's	9.00am	Dennis Connor RIP
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Curtis Family GE
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**One Collection Only: Easter Gift to the Clergy**