

# PARISH NEWS

## Restoration of the Sunday Obligation:

With the pandemic situation now greatly changed, the Bishops of England and Wales have restored the in-person Sunday Obligation, which comes back into effect at Pentecost, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The full statement is available at our parish website:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/bishops-invite-faithful-to-return-to-mass-at-pentecost.pdf>

The statement acknowledges and takes account of those who may still have a genuine reason to be absent from the Church. Fr Simon will continue a limited Facebook Livestream provision on the days on which he is celebrating the parish Mass.

## 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>

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

The Parish Office is open **by appointment only**. Please contact using:

E: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

01424 210263 opt. 4 - M-F 09.15-4.45pm

## I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

As we approach the coming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, the Gospel today helps us understand that Jesus is our bond of love with the Father and with one another.

Jesus shows us the way to live full and happy lives by living in love: "I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete." The commandments of Jesus are always about love - love of God and love of neighbour. Those who live by these commandments of Jesus abide with him, others, and the Father in love.

From the 10<sup>th</sup> May until the 16<sup>th</sup> May, it is National Marriage Week. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our family lives. It's a moment for strengthening family life, celebrating it, and learning more about it. The National Marriage Week invites us to renew the connection between our families and Jesus' family, the Holy Family.

When the Son of God became a human being, he didn't become an abstract "human" or an isolated figure. He belonged to a place and a people and a family.

He began his public ministry with the wedding feast of Cana, saving a couple from embarrassment. He went into Peter's house and healed his mother-in-law. He befriended Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and calmed a domestic row between the two sisters, comforting them when their brother died and even giving him back to them.

Through the sacrament of matrimony, the Lord blesses love and life. Christ has made family life a way to God. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, befriend and bless our families.

God bless, Fr. Rajesh.

**Missio** would like to thank the Parishioners of our Parish for kindly raising £974 in 2021.

**We pray for those who have died:** Win Connellan, Madeline Roberio 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.

### **Social & Pastoral**

**First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts will be on sale: 22<sup>nd</sup> May** in St Martha's church hall, following the 9am Mass, coffee will also be available in the hall.

**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 / [poppy57@outlook.com](mailto:poppy57@outlook.com)

**SVP Pilgrimage to Aylesford:** Our parish SVP conference are arranging a day pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory, Shrine of Our Lady on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 [poppy57@outlook.com](mailto:poppy57@outlook.com)

**Grandparents Day at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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>

**'theASCENT' Programme for Teenagers in School Years 10 - 12:** Information Sessions at 7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>

**Catholic Women's League (CWL):** CWL is the only group for women within the Parish who share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the Parish and worldwide Church within our hearts. Our group invite speakers to enrich and entertain us and we go on pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month in St Martha's Hall. Please contact 211717 or 221803 for further information.

**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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May. First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts will be on sale: 22<sup>nd</sup> May in St Martha's church hall.

**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 Rajesh will be away 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Other Notices**

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

**Worth Abbey Mothers' Prayers Day:** Unity Room, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1.45pm - 5pm. Info: Janet Desmond 07985 989533

**Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Talks:** Fr Kevin Dring: "*A Peruvian Mission: life and ministry in the Andes*". Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm. Our Lady of Ransom, Hall, Eastbourne.  
And, Fr Pat Kilgarriff, "*Five Hopkins Sonnets*". Fri 17 June. 7.30pm. St Martha's Church Hall.  
Further information: 01424 219788

**Gift Aid Statements:** with rising postage cost, these statements will be available for collection at the back of our churches, from the 17<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary Magdalene church, and at St Martha's the following week.

**Three Churches in Little Common:** Next meeting – Little Common Methodist Church, 11am, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. All are Welcome.

**Bexhill Foodbank:** Shopping list poster at the back of both churches; to help you with your very kind and generous donations.

**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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**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.**

**Parish Mass Diary and Intentions**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

St Mary Mags	9.00am	<b>Feast St Matthias, Apostle</b> Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Priest's Intentions

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 14:21-27, Rev. (Apoc.) 21:1-5 & John 13:31-35*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

St Martha's	9.00am	<b>Sunday</b> William (Bill) Austin RIP
St Mary Mags	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Henry Forster Simmons
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Second Collection: The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

St Mary Magdalene	n/a	<b>Ferial Monday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b> <b>No Mass Today</b>
Bexhill Cemetery	12 noon	Burial of Ashes of Beltane Alton RIP

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Ferial Tuesday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b> Martin Malone RIP
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**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> May**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Ferial Wednesday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b> Priests Intentions
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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	<b>Ferial Thursday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b> Priests Intentions
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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Ferial Friday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b> Pat Billingham RIP
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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Ferial Saturday in 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b> Fred Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism & FHC of Hannah Henry
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Divina Stephen GE

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Rev. (Apoc.) 21:10-14, 22-23 & Jn 14:23-29*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

St Martha's	9.00am	<b>Sunday</b> John Allistone
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Maria Capaldi RIP
OLR, Eastbourne	2.30pm	Parish Confirmations
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Second Collection: Parish Maintenance**

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)*