

PARISH NEWS

Restoration of the Sunday Obligation:

The in-person Sunday Obligation is restored from Pentecost, Sunday 5th June

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>

Prayer for H.M. The Queen

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come before you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil, and, being, blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

The Parish Office is open by appointment

only. Please contact using: E:

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M-F 09.15-4.45pm - Closed 2,3 June for the Spring & Platinum Jubilee bank holiday.

The Lord is King, most high above all the earth

“I, John, hear a voice speaking to me”.

There is wisdom in the advice, ‘*speak to God before Mass, listen to God speaking to us in the Mass, and then speak to one another after Mass*’, especially about our joy in encountering the Lord in Word and Sacrament in the Mass. Thank you to those who proclaim the Word of God at Mass. We have slowly been restoring Reader’s Rotas, with progress at St Martha’s and at the weekday Masses. At St Mary Magdalene with three Sunday Masses, finding readers has been a bit ‘*hit and miss*’, so it would be good if we could establish a coordinator of the reader’s rota, especially at the Vigil, 11am and 6pm Masses. As per the ‘*General Instruction of the Mass*’, the priest can read all the readings, but it is a great enhancement to the liturgy if a member of the baptised proclaims the Word of God that has gathered us together in ‘*thanksgiving*’ (Eucharist). Sacred Scripture permeates the whole Mass, not just in the readings, but also in the psalms and antiphons which have priority in our singing of the sacred liturgy and lifts our hearts to God. In hearing the Word of God, we are assured of the promise from the last chapter of the book of the apocalypse (revelation): ‘*the one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.*’ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with God’s people. Fr Simon.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Winifred Broughton, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent, David Meyer and Stephen Doyle.

Liturgy & Prayer

Vigil of Pentecost (4th June): The 6pm Mass on a Saturday evening is normally an '*anticipated*' Mass of the Sunday, but some Feast Days have proper designated '*Vigil Masses*', and so, we will celebrate the 6pm Vigil of Pentecost in its '*Extended Form*', with the extra readings and psalms as a fitting mirror to the Easter Vigil which started this '*Joyful Eastertide*'. Please bear this in mind if arranging taxis / lifts to Mass.

Diocesan Pentecost Invited Novena, 7pm St Mary Magdalene Church (27th May to 4th June 2022): available online at our parish website: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/invited-novena-prayer-to-the-holy-spirit-27-may-to-4-june-2022.pdf>, culminating with the Extended Pentecost Vigil above. This links to our parish mission and vision.

Saturday Morning Masses: There will be no 10am Mass or morning Confessions on Sat 11th and Sat 18th June due to the First Holy Communion Masses at St Martha's on these two dates.

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

Social & Pastoral

Reminder SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": This Monday, 30th May from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

SVP Pilgrimage to Aylesford: There are still a few places on the coach for day pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Tuesday 14th June 2022, leaving Bexhill at 09.30 with pick-ups in Little Common and Bexhill. Cost: £15 per person. More info and to book, contact: 01424 602914 / 01424 844177 or by email popsy57@outlook.com There will be prayer baskets in each Church for your petitions to take to the shrine.

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>

Catholic Women's League (CWL): CWL, a group for women in the parish to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the needs of the Church in our hearts. Invited speakers enrich and entertain us and we go on pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of each month in St Martha's Hall. Contact: 211717 or 221803 for further information.

Pope Francis' Message for World Communications Sunday (29th May 2022):

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2022/1/24/messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

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: the children should be on the final chapter of the '*I Belong*' book. Each family has been emailed a letter from the parish office advising about the First Holy Communion Mass. We ask you to acknowledge receipt (*check your spam folders*). For Children in non-Catholic schools, Mrs. Surman is offering one further formation session at 9am in St Mary Magdalene Church on Sat 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

Other Notices

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

Worth Abbey Mother's Prayers Day: Unity Room, Saturday 11th June 1.45pm – 5pm. Info: Janet Desmond 07985 989533.

Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Talks: Fr Pat Kilgarriff, "*Five Hopkins Sonnets*". Fri 17 June. 7.30pm. St Martha's Church Hall. Information: 01424 219788

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning, Sat. 25 June at 11.30am: +Richard will host a morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst. All welcome. Sign up for your free place: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

Bexhill Foodbank: Shopping List Poster at the back of both Churches; to help you with your donations.

CAFOD: The paradox of abundance: 800 million people go hungry each day, but the world produces 4 billion tons of food, and we need 3.7 billion tons to feed everyone. A third of all produced food is wasted, which St John Paul II calls '*the paradox of abundance*.' The current global food system is not working, but Pope Francis says, "*each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet.*" CAFOD's new campaign '*Fix the Food System*', allows us to respond to his call. Let us respond to his call! See www.cafod.org.uk/food for an invitation for parishes to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

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.

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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 28th May	Ferial	Saturday in 6th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No 10am Mass or AM Confessions
St Martha's	1.00pm	Nuptial Mass: Sol Buckner & Gabriela Jireada-Badara
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	6.00pm	Edna Herring RIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60, Rev. (Apoc.) 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 & Jn 17:20-26

Sunday 29th May	Sunday	
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	Holy Souls
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Margaret McNamara GE
<i>With Fr Simon saying all three Masses, STMM Church will not open before 10.30am</i>		
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptisms of Freddie & Rylie Proctor
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass with FHC]

Second Collection: World Communications Sunday

Monday 30th May	Ferial	Monday in 7th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No 10am Mass today
St Martha's Hall	3.00pm	SVP Tea at 3pm
Tuesday 31st May	Feast	The Visitation of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Mary Lucas RIP
Wed. 1st June	Memorial	St Justin Martyr
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Frank & Mary Horner RIP
Thursday 2nd June	Ferial	Thursday in 7th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Walter Lada RIP
Friday 3rd June	Memorial	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Fred Herring RIP
Prayer for HM Queen at end of Mass		
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4th June	Ferial	Saturday in 7th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Jim Gordon RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions and Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Nell Grace Donoghue

EXTENDED VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST

St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	6.00pm	Thanksgiving Gladly Paul

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11, Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 (Sequence), Jn 14:15-16,23-26

Sunday 5th June	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Chris Jones GE
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Stuart Gerard & Susan McNamara RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Prayer for HM Queen at end of all Sunday Masses		
[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)