

Who was Melchizedek?

Melchizedek was King of Salem, (*later Jerusalem*). His names translate as '*King of Righteousness*'. We meet Melchizedek after Abraham's victory over Chedorlaomer. Melchizedek presents bread and wine to Abraham and his weary men, demonstrating friendship and bestowing a blessing on Abraham in the name of God the Most High. In return Abraham offers a tithe of all the items he has gathered, recognizing that Melchizedek is a priest who ranks higher than he does. [*Even today, we make our offertory to God, firstly by lifting up our hearts, but also by offering the first fruits of our labour and joy on Sunday, the first day of the week. We also make our offertory for the needs of the Church*]. In Psalm 110, Melchizedek appears to be a type of Christ because he is a king of righteousness and peace, and that his priesthood is older than the Levites, including Aaron. Is Melchizedek, then, a pre-incarnation appearance of the Son of God, the Eternal High Priest? Possibly.

Day for Life

'Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.

Psalm 71:9'

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl22/>

Bishop Sherrington's Message for Day for

Life can be read here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl22-bishops-message/>

**You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

The Institution Narratives

The institution narratives of the '*Synoptic Gospels*' have been used to form the '*Words of Consecration*' at Mass, and as the Eucharist is celebrated in '*persona Christi*', it is Jesus Christ who is declaring, '*This is my body which is given up for you*'. St Paul also has an '*Institution Narrative*' found in his letter to the Corinthians (today's 2nd Reading) which explains that the Church's celebration of the Eucharist has been received directly from Jesus himself: '*this is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body which is for you: do this as a memorial of me.'*' This is not symbolic language but the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, as we receive Him '*body, blood, soul and divinity*.' Like the Corinthians, as time passes, we can forget the significance of the Eucharist as the perpetual memorial of Christ's Death and Resurrection, to be proclaimed '*until he comes again*.'

To a soul in a '*state of grace*', the Eucharist nourishes the divine life given in Baptism. It is also a medicine for a soul in a state of '*venial*' (minor sin), so a regular reception of Holy Communion is encouraged. However, the Church has long understood that Holy Communion is of no help to a soul in a state of '*mortal sin*', needing first the divine medicine found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation which restores a soul to life. Those persisting in manifest grave sin need to remove whatever it is that is preventing them from fulfilling their '*purpose of amendment*' to living a life of grace. '*But Father! Jesus ate with sinners*' Yes, he did, but also called them to conversion and repentance. Now after his Resurrection, he shares the Eucharist not with sinners, but with the redeemed. He gives us an abundance of grace to reach our perfection, the fulness of life in his presence. Happy Feast. 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, Winifred Broughton, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent, David Meyer and Stephen Doyle, Winifrede Yeo.

Liturgy & Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus: For Catholics, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (24th June), Masses at 10am and 7pm in St Mary Magdalene.

St Peter and St Paul (Wednesday 29th June): With the obligation restored, this will be a 'Holy Day of Obligation'. Fr Simon will alter his day off to celebrate 3 schools Masses and Fr Rajesh will celebrate two parish Masses at 10am and 7pm in St Mary Magdalene Church. The Syro-Malabar Catholics usually celebrate a 5pm Mass (in their own rite) on Wednesdays in St Martha's.

Cleaning v. Sanitisation: The strict sanitization of benches with the virus wipes has now stopped. However, each Mass community needs to establish a Rota for a general clean of the Church after each Sunday Mass to ensure a satisfactory level of cleanliness, without which Mass cannot be celebrated.

Readers: If you are a reader, take a look at the 'Wednesday Word' each week: <http://wednesdayword.org/>

Social & Pastoral

Reminder SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": Next Tea, 27th June from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners: With thanks to the SVP, Holy Communion visits are resuming. If you are housebound and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. If you know of someone who might benefit, please make them aware of this ministry, which is also available on a temporary basis due to accident or long illness. Parishioners who have been Extraordinary Ministers who are willing to resume visits may contact the parish office with their contact details. The SVP coordinator will then contact you to discuss and allocate you to a home communicant. Many thanks. SVP.

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.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): Highly recommended for catechists and inspiring catechists, as the course, explores our faith. This begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Jon Harman E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

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: Applications for 2023 will not open before the autumn. Do not apply yet.

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.

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>

Young Adults (18-35) North Downs Walk – Saturday 2 July 11.30-3pm: Mass at at St Joseph's in Dorking, then a walk exploring the local area, joined by members of the Diocesan Vocations Team. Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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

CAFOD: Reminder: Visit www.cafod.org.uk/food to learn about the *Fix the Food System* campaign.

FAIR TRADE: Volunteer needed to take over fortnightly stall in St Martha's Hall after Mass on Sundays. Bridget Grant 07749 482033 for more details.

St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill:

Vacancy for Clerk to the Governors. More Info: Alison Horan ahoran@strichardscc.com

Teaching Assistant Year Coordinator, Single Status 3 / 4: A TA Coordinator is required to promote the learning and personal development of SEN Pupils in a particular group. Further details are available from our website: <https://www.strichardscc.com/about-st-richards-catholic-college/vacancies/> St Richard's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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

bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours

simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk &

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.

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 18th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am
12noon
5.15pm
6.00pm

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

No 10am Mass or Confessions
First Holy Communion Mass
Confessions & Adoration
Deceased members of Capaldi Family

CORPUS CHRISTI

Gen 14:18-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, (Sequence) & Lk 9:11-17

Sunday 19th June

St Martha's

Sunday

9.00am

Joe (Jack) & Joan Horner RIP (*With Corpus Christ Procession, weather permitting*)

St Mary Mags (& Facebook)
St Mary Magdalene
[St Martha's]

11.00am
6.00pm
[11.00am]

Priest's Intentions
People of the Parish
[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Day for Life

Monday 20th June

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am

St Alban, first martyr of England

Mary Driscoll RIP

Tuesday 21st June

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

9.30am
10.00am

St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
Holy Souls

Wed. 22nd June

St Mary Magdalene

Feast

10.00am

SS John Fisher & Thomas More

All Lost Souls

Thursday 23rd June

St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

6.30pm

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Alvyn Luck RIP

Friday 24th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)

Solemnity

10.00am
7.00pm

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mae Pinsent RIP
Priest's Intentions (no Adoration)

Saturday 25th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am
10.30am
11.30am

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Reg & Mary Chapman RIP
No Confessions or Adoration
Wedding Service of Amy Hemsley and Thomas Ramsay
Confessions & Adoration
Beltane Alton RIP

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21, Gal. 5:1, 13-18 & Lk 9:51-62

Sunday 26th June

St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
[St Martha's]

Sunday

9.00am
11.00am
12.30pm
6.00pm
[11.00am]

People of the Parish
The Di Mascio Family
Baptism of Ronan Parry
Di Mascio Brothers RIP
[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

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)

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

E: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk or 01424 210263 opt. 4

M-F 09.15-4.45pm