

Polite Notice

Hard copies of the Newsletter

The hard copies of the newsletter are intended for parishioners who do not have access to the newsletter. We encourage all parishioners, where possible, to access the newsletter online both as a kindness to the environment and to save the parish money in printing costs. Many thanks.

Peter's Pence

The second collection today is the annual 'Peter's Pence' Collection to show our solidarity with the Holy Father's missionary activity, especially in regard to humanitarian activities and social cohesion.

Fr Rajesh Minz

Bishop Richard has asked Fr Rajesh to take up a new appointment from September. If you missed the announcement, you can read it here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/06/announcement-corpus-christi-2022.pdf>

Consequently, please note, that the last 6pm Sunday evening Mass will be celebrated on 21st August 2022.

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

Parish office will be closed: Wed 29th June.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Follow me!

On 2nd July 2022, the bishop ordains Deacon Nick Harden to the Sacred Priesthood at Arundel Cathedral. This ends a seven-year process of discerning his response to the call of the Lord to 'follow me'. As he is handed the Chalice and Paten, the bishop will say to him, 'accept from the holy people of God, the gifts to be offered to Him. Know what you are doing and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the cross'. The commission the priest receives, presupposes the people of God are hungry for the Eucharist, wishing to have Holy Mass celebrated in their communities. After the COVID restrictions, we have seen and are experiencing changes to the pastoral provision right across the diocese, and for many, access to the Mass is now a little more difficult but we should put this into perspective when we consider that in more remote areas of the world, they wait weeks or even months for the visit of the priest; and so, perhaps we can tolerate (*occasionally*) a small drive, offering assistance to our neighbours in need. The diocese is averaging one ordination a year, but six priests are retiring this year. It is not that the Lord is calling fewer young men to the priesthood but that our culture has become saturated with 'white noise' that drowns out the Lord: 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening, you have the message of eternal life!' We must, then, find ways to help our young people discover their vocation. Priests, especially, come from our families. Therefore, it is not really a case of the bishop sending us priests, but the parishes sending him men for ordination! The last ordination from our parish was Fr Paul Gilliam on 10th July 2015. Vocations to the Priesthood are linked to families that pray, parishes that celebrate the Eucharist with joy and reverence, and schools that teach the full richness of the Catholic faith. Please continue to pray for Vocations, especially to the Priesthood. Every Blessing. Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Kathy Easom 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, Winifred Broughton, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent, David Meyer and Stephen Doyle.

Liturgy & Prayer

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

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

Young Adults (18-35) North Downs Walk – Saturday 2 July 11.30-3pm: Mass 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.

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

Marriage: 12 months' notice is required for weddings, so anyone thinking of getting married in the summer of 2023 is advised to book an appointment to see Fr Simon soon to begin the paperwork and preparation.

Other Notices

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

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.

Healthcare professionals against assisted suicide: Last year the British Medical Association voted to become neutral on assisted suicide, in June there is an opportunity to revert this stance back to opposition. Please show your support for better palliative care and life until its natural end by signing the Our Duty of Care Declaration. More information can be found at: www.ourdutyofcare.org.uk

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 25th June	Memorial	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Reg & Mary Chapman RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	No Confessions or Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	11.30am	Wedding Service of Amy Hemsley and Thomas Ramsay
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Beltane Alton RIP

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C

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

Sunday 26th June	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	The Di Mascio Family
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Ronan Parry
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Di Mascio Brothers RIP
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Monday 27th June	Ferial	Monday in 13th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	John De Freitas RIP
St Martha's	3.00pm	SVP Tea at 3
Tuesday 28th June	Memorial	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	MariaKutty Stephen RIP

Holy Day of Obligation

Wed. 29th June	Solemnity	SS Peter and Paul, Apostles
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Peter Boyles RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Michael Cornfield GE

There will be Masses at St Richard's Catholic College and St Mary Magdalene Primary School for the pupils.

Thursday 30th June	Opt. Mem	The First Martyrs of Rome
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Thomas Lake GE
Friday 1st July	Feast	Dedication of Arundel Cathedral
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Mick Hanson RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration
Saturday 2nd July	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Thanksgiving Benedict Varghese
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30am	Baptism Coby Weller & Roman Attwater
Arundel Cathedral	2.00pm	Ordination of Nick Harden
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Walter Lada RIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C

Is. 66:10-14, Gal. 6:14-18 & Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Sunday 3rd July	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Theresa Pinsent RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Patrick Curtain RIP
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

No Second Collection this week.

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:

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

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out of hours

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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.