

Children's Liturgy of the Word

St Martha's.

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes at St Martha's during 9am Mass from 4th September 2022 and will be held every 2 weeks. ***This is aimed at children from Reception to year 3 prior to taking their First Holy Communion.*** The sessions will be held in St Martha's Hall, during the first half of mass. Children are expected to attend without parental support unless there is an additional need. Liturgy Leaders will be supervising the sessions, ensuring correct ratio of adults to children. Therefore, numbers will initially be limited to 20 children. ***Any parent of children wishing to take part will need to have completed a parental consent form.***

The consent forms and covering letter can be found at the back of both Churches, or available from the Parish Office. Completed forms need to be returned to one of the Children's Liturgy Leaders: Liz Fox, Sarah Surman, Jewel Cole or Ian Smith, prior to attending any sessions. (Or alternatively returned to the Parish Office at St Mary Madeleine's Church by Thursday 1st September 2022). If you require any further information, please contact Liz Fox on 07790 894718.

Dates of Sessions for Terms 1 and 2

4/9, 18/9, 2/10, 16/10, 30/10,
13/11, 27/11, 11/12 and 18/12

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Call to Service – outside of the Sanctuary (part one)

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out in pairs". Since the announcement that Fr Rajesh will be leaving us in September people have generally fallen into two camps, one that says, 'you must look after yourself Father' and the other, 'the community must step up'. The two sentiments go hand in hand. One mandatory area of parish life that needs new membership is that of the **Finance Committee**, without which the financial and structural health of the parish is put at risk. Over the past few years, the finance committee has advised and steered us through some challenging times culminating in the closure of Our Lady of the Rosary and the Nursery. They have also brought expenditure under much tighter control so that we may live within our means. Now that these tasks have been completed some of the committee members have stepped down after completing extended terms on the committee, and we thank them for their loyal service. As has been our custom, we will publish the parish accounts later this month, and everyone will be able to see the financial challenges in this post-COVID environment. ***Membership of the committee, therefore, needs to be refreshed and updated,*** and two types of committee members are needed. **1)** any parishioner who cares for the parish and has the best interests of the whole community at heart, and **2)** those who might have specific expertise from their work backgrounds in *buildings, fundraising, health & safety etc.* The committee works with the Parish Priest giving him prudent advice on the financial and structural priorities for the parish but always with an understanding of the pastoral mission and vision of the Church. At times this can be tricky, as there is often a delicate balancing act between Civil Law and Canon Law. If you feel able to serve on the finance committee, please speak with me or Deacon Simon. Above all, *'the Lord loves a cheerful giver!'* God Bless. 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, Winifrede Yeo.

Liturgy & Prayer

9th Anniversary of Ordination (10th July): Fr Simon will his celebrate his Anniversary of Ordination at 9am & 11am Masses, with readings of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

St Mary Magdalene Primary School (Parish Mass) Sunday 17th July 2022: We welcome staff and pupils from St Mary Magdalene Primary School, who will lead the liturgy at 11am Mass on 17th July 2022.

Sunday Evening Mass: With Fr Rajesh having a new appointment this September, Fr Simon will be the only priest in the parish. As such, the 6pm Sunday Evening Mass will end, the last Mass: 21st August.

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

Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB): Prayers for Ukraine at St Mark's Church, Little Common, led by the Revd Jonathan Frais (Chair of Churches Together in Bexhill) are held at 8 pm Wednesdays 6, 13, 21 and 27 during July. All are welcome. Poster at back of church.

Social & Pastoral

SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": Next Tea, Monday 25th July 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://stmmbehill.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://stmmbehill.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://stmmbehill.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.

Polite Notice: Hard copies of the Newsletter: The hard copies of the newsletter are intended for parishioners who do not have access to the online newsletter.

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.

Second Collection: There is no 2nd Collection this week. On 10th July, we welcome Deacon Allan Veness from Shoreham Parish and also as a representative of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) who will preach at the 9am and 11am Mass. The second collection will be for Stella Maris.

Canonical Retreats. Our priests will be taking their Retreats: Fr Simon: 4th to 8th July & Fr Rajesh: 18th to 22nd July. **Lourdes Pilgrimage (29th - 4th July 2022):** Fr Simon is a Diocesan Chaplain this year.

St Richard's Catholic College – in memory of Sophie Maria Taylor RIP: #sophiespostcard secret art auction is live for ten days starting Thursday, 30th June 2022 with the final day on Saturday, 9th July 2022 with all proceeds from the auction going to The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. More information: www.sophiespostcard.com for full details and all artwork from this summer and previous auctions.

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.

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.

Saturday 2nd July	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Benedict Varghese GE
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30am	Baptism: Coby Weller & Roman Attwater
<i>Arundel Cathedral</i>	<i>2.00pm</i>	<i>Ordination of Nick Harden</i>
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 (& Facebook)	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Theresa Pinsent RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Patrick Curtain RIP
<i>[St Martha's]</i>	<i>[11.00am]</i>	<i>[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>

Second Collection: No Collection

Monday 4th July	Ferial	Monday in 14th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite with Fr Paul.

Tuesday 5th July	Ferial	Tuesday in 14th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Lizzy Mathew RIP

Wed. 6th July	Ferial	Wednesday in 14th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	In thanksgiving to OL of Lourdes

Thursday 7th July	Ferial	Thursday in 14th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Chris Varghese GE

Friday 8th July	Ferial	Friday in 14th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Jane Chapman RIP
Memorial Garden	10.45am	Burial of Ashes of Vera Stevens RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration

Saturday 9th July	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Walter Lada RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Barbara Elms GE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C (SEA SUNDAY) & ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Deut. 30:10-14, Col. 1:15-20 & Lk. 10:25-37

Sunday 10th July	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Fr Simon's 9 th Anniversary
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Amelia Getty
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<i>[St Martha's]</i>	<i>[11.00am]</i>	<i>[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>

Second Collection: Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

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