

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, and 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 to the Parish Office at St Mary Magdalene church by Thurs 1st Sept 2022). 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.

Parish Office: Open by appointment only.

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Tel: 01424 210263

Mon - Fri 9.15am – 4.45pm

Closed Wed 20th July

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

"Let your light shine"

This Sunday, at 11am Mass in St Mary Magdalene, our parish primary school will lead the liturgy. It has been a fantastic year for St Mary Magdalene Primary School, having received an "Outstanding" assessment from the Catholic Schools Inspection. The Inspectors were impressed that the children had taken to heart the simple vision that pervades all aspects of school life. In everything the children say or do, they '*let their light shine*' (c.f. Matt 5:15), using their God given gifts and talents to enhance the life of the community. In the parish, we can learn from the children, ensuring we too '*let our light shine*' for the greater glory of God. The Gospel for today is that of '*Martha and Mary*', showing us, we must serve and listen to the Lord. This means we can be involved in the liturgy, especially as: *welcomers, sacristans, servers, musicians, and readers*; and outside the liturgy as *catechists, cleaners, altar linen washers, coffee baristas, SVP, Communion visitors, and members of the Finance Committee* – to name but a few options. It was the Apostles mission to make disciples of all the nations, and in accepting baptism, we like St Paul (2nd reading) '*became the servant of the Church*' as '*God made us responsible for delivering God's message*' to others. As the alternative gospel acclamation sings, '*Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance*'. God bless. Fr Simon

2021 Parish Accounts

Last week, we placed the 2021 Parish Accounts Statement in the Newsletter Section of the Parish Website. If you have not found them, you can link to them here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/07/2021-bexhill-parish-accounts-statement.pdf>

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. **Perhaps, you might wish Holy Communion at home? Please see below.**

Liturgy & Prayer

Parish Feast Days: On Friday 22nd July, and then again on Sunday 24th July, the whole parish will celebrate the Feast of St Mary Magdalene. On Friday 29th July (at 10am in St Martha's), and then again on Sunday 31st July, the whole parish will celebrate the Feast of St Martha, Mary, and Lazarus of Bethany.

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 Fraiss (Chair of Churches Together in Bexhill) are held at 8 pm Wednesdays 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

(Updated) Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners: We now have 18 parishioners regularly receiving Holy Communion at home. If you are housebound (even for a short period) and would like an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to visit you with Holy Communion, please let the parish office know. The coordinator of the sick and housebound list can then allocate you with a regular visitor.

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

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.

The Abbot and Monks invite you to the Worth Abbey Festival - 'A Place of Beauty and Joy'. Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2022 from 1pm – 4.30pm. Admission Free: There will be a guided walk through the Worth estate with pauses for prayers and reflection, tours throughout the day, activities for children and afternoon refreshments. Families welcome – plenty of car parking. For more information:

W: worthabbey.net or email E: pilgrims@worth.org.uk or call T: 01342 710370.

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 newsletter online.

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.

Canonical Retreats: Fr Rajesh: 18th to 22nd July.

Lourdes Pilgrimage (29th July - 4th August 2022): Fr Simon is a Diocesan Chaplain this year

Fr Rajesh: from September has been appointed to the Parish of Haslemere, having pastoral care of the parish of Haslemere, Hindhead and Chidingfold alongside Fr Jonathan How, parish priest of Godalming, with joint responsibility ('in solidum') for this parish. Please pray for him and for his new parish.

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**: ask the ward to contact the Parish Office 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 16th July	Opt. Mem	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Charlene Cassandra RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Margaret Hargan GE, Michael & Bernadette Price GE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C

Gen. 18:1-10, Col. 1:24-28 & Lk. 10:38-42

Sunday 17th July	Sunday	
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	Ann Ford RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stevens RIP (St Mary Magdalene Primary School are leading the Liturgy)
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

Monday 18th July	Ferial	Monday in 16th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Florence Raey RIP
Tuesday 19th July	Ferial	Tuesday in 16th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	John De Freitas RIP
Wed. 20th July	Ferial	Wednesday in 16th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday 21st July	Solemnity	Vigil of St Mary Magdalene
Primary School (by invitation)	2.00pm	Years 6 Leaver & Parents / Carers
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Priests Intentions
Friday 22nd July	Solemnity	ST MARY MAGDALENE
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Win Connellan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration
Saturday 23rd July	Feast	St Bridget of Sweden
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Thomas Callaghan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Bertie Hill & Teddy Hill
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Baby Angelo Di Mascio RIP

ST MARY MAGDALENE SUNDAY

SoS 3:1-4, 2 Cor 5:14-17 & Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday 24th July	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Mick O'Conner RIP
St Mary Mags & Facebook	11.00am	Ann & Charles Wright RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Retired Priests Fund

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)