

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. Please read online if you have a computer / tablet.

Reminder:

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9am Mass at St Martha's

Resumes: from 4th September 2022.

Frequency: every 2 weeks.

Who: for children in Reception to year 3 prior to First Holy Communion, who are able to attend without parental support.

Leaders: Liz Fox, Sarah Surman, Jewel Cole or Ian Smith

Safeguarding Requirements: A Parental Consent Form will need to be completed in advance. Our liturgy leaders are DBS checked and will ensure the correct ratios of adults to children, and so numbers are initially capped at 20 children. Consent forms are available at the back of both Churches, and the Parish Office and should be returned to one of the leaders named above or to the parish office by Thursday 1st September.

More info: 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.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

The concept of "God's elect or God's people" is one which is very strong among the Jews. Biblically speaking, this is right. However, the coming of Christ broadened the scope of this concept to embrace all who are baptised in Christ. This is because: "Baptism makes one a new creature, an adopted son of God, and a partaker in the divine nature..." (CCC 1265). According to Pope Francis: "God does not belong to any particular people, because His mercy wills everyone to be saved..."

Therefore, on this 19th Sunday, the Church reminds us of our heritage as the people of God. She also reminds us of our strong root in Christ. As God's people, we worship an awesome and caring God. Therefore, we have the courage to look forward into a glorious future of our Father's kingdom. In the gospel, Jesus assures us that as God's people we have a share in his heritage. This heritage is His kingdom.

However, as the people of God, Christ warns us to be watchful. This is a necessary condition for us to obtain this kingdom which is our heritage. Therefore, as God's people, we must live lives that bear good testimony both to our Father and heritage.

This life is a life of watchfulness! Watchfulness here simply means being conscious of who we are. It means cherishing and safeguarding our heritage. The mark of this life is our faith! It is only through it that we can be that: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own."

God bless you, *Fr Rajesh.*

Reminder - 6pm 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.

We pray for those who have died:

We pray for the sick: 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

Lourdes 2022: Please pray for pilgrims from our parish who are in Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Annual SVP Mass for the Sick and Housebound: The Mass with Anointing takes place in St Martha's on Saturday 27th August at 3pm, followed by a light tea in the hall. If you would like to come or know someone who would like to attend and may need a lift, please contact Chris Jones on 07783 598238 or popsy57@outlook.com. It is a great experience sharing these Mass with our Sick and Housebound parishioners, and we extend an invitation to the rest of the parish to come and support those in need.

“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”.

Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh will also be available for Confession from 2.15pm, and after Mass to pray with those for whom the Sacrament of the Sick is not appropriate but who may require some form of healing.

Readers: We are currently working on re-establishing reader's rota for the Vigil and 11am Mass on Sunday. If you previously read and would like to be part of the rota, please contact Barrie Wright on BFRP@live.co.uk New readers who feel able to confidently proclaim the Word are also welcomed to be part of the rota. And all readers are invited to look at the “**Wednesday Word**” each week to help their understanding of the Word being proclaimed: <http://wednesdayword.org/>

Social & Pastoral

SVP Monthly “Tea at 3”: Next Tea, Monday 22nd August from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

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.

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: Those who have seen Fr Simon will receive a welcome letter shortly before the course begins in the Autumn. Check here nearer the time.

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 open on 1st September when the application form will be available at the website. Therefore, please 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

Parish Accounts 2021: The financial accounts for 2021 are available to read at the parish website: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/07/2021-bexhill-parish-accounts-statement.pdf>

Worth Retreat: 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.

Young Adults Day at the Seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger – Saturday 20 August 11am - 3pm Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, followed by a walk on the beach and a shared lunch at a beachside café. Contact 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: World Food Crisis: Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Fix-the-food-system> to take part in the campaign to 'fix the food system'. East Africa is facing its worst drought in 40 years and urgent support is needed. At the site, you can urge the Foreign Secretary to implement the UK's COP26 commitments. To donate: https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?_Appeal=125900&defaultuniversaltype=single

And watch the latest webinar: <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Food-Crisis?bmid=bcac0fa4f2f4>

CAFOD School Volunteers – to lead assemblies and workshops in Catholic schools to inspire children to live out global justice (Full training and resources are provided for the volunteer). Contact CAFOD A&B for more information: Tel: 01483 573273, 07710 094448 Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 6th August

St Mary Magdalene	Feast 10.00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Thomas & Norah Eileen Moran RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Baptism of Emily Haddad
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Confessions & Adoration
		Deceased of the Buckle Family

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

Wis. 18:6-9, Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19 & Lk 12:32-48

Sunday 7th August

St Martha's	Sunday 9.00am	Pamela Bourne GE (Birthday)
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Terence & Josephine Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Clara Baichoo
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: Overseas Missions

Monday 8th August

St Mary Magdalene	Memorial 10.00am	St Dominic, Priest
		Noreen Corness RIP

Tuesday 9th August

St Mary Magdalene	Feast 9.30am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
		Margaret Keep, Carly, Lawrence, Jackie

Wed. 10th August

St Mary Magdalene	Feast 10.00am	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
		All lost souls

Thursday 11th August

St Mary Magdalene	Memorial 6.30pm	St Clare, Virgin
		Joe (Jack) Horner RIP
		Inc. Baptism of Orion Hunter Detsicas & Baptism & FHC of Iroh Bonifacio Mead

Friday 12th August

St Mary Magdalene	Opt. Mem 10.00am	St Jane de Chantal, Religious
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Thresiamma Joseph RIP
		No Adoration in August

Saturday 13th August

St Mary Magdalene	Feast 10.00am	Vigil Mass of the Assumption of BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	James McGrath RIP
St Mary Magdalene	1.00pm	Confessions & Adoration
		Wedding Service of Robin Mitchell & Nicole Beadle
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6. 10, Corinthians 15:20-26, Luke 1:39-56

Sunday 14th August

St Martha's	Sunday 9.00am	Bill Marsh RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Margaret Rose McNamara GE
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Charlie Swatton
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Priests Intentions
<i>[St Martha's]</i>	<i>[11.00am]</i>	<i>[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]</i>

Second Collection: Parish Charity 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)

(updated) SEEKING A PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT: The Parish of Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory and St Agnes (Eastbourne) is seeking to employ a Pastoral Assistant to start early September - 8 hours per week (£11ph). The role will be to support the parish in the development of pastoral and sacramental programmes, to oversee the coordination and resourcing of catechists and all those in the many lay ministries in the parish. Further details or to apply: Fr Kevin Dring (Parish Priest) - Parish Office: eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk Closing date 9am on Friday 5th August.

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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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 0300 131 5307/08 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.