

# PARISH NEWS

14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Second Sunday Yr B

St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary  
*The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common, Sidley and the surrounding areas*

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday 10:30am – 12:30pm

Please complete the "sign-up sheet" at the back of St Mary Magdalene's church to volunteer or contact the Parish Office.

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## Confirmation 2018

next meeting:

4pm,

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January  
at the Presbytery**

**Confirmation trip to  
St Vincent's, Whitstable:  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> - Sun 28<sup>th</sup> January  
4.30pm coach departs from  
St Mary Magdalene's**

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## PAX CHRISTI

The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith.

"Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice".

**Special envelopes for the special collection on 15<sup>th</sup> January are available at the back of the churches.**

[www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

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## Family Mass

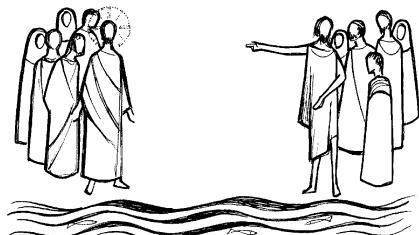
All families are welcome at ALL Masses; however we do have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays:

**9am at St Martha's  
and  
10am at Our Lady of the Rosary**

Please ask our parish Office for details. All Mass times can be found at the back of the newsletter.

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## Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.



A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who have contributed to Parish collections during 2017. Without your help the Parish could not function as it does. A special "Thank you" to those who use the Gift Aid envelopes as we can then claim back the tax. We make a special appeal at the beginning of this year to parishioners to become involved in the Gift Aid scheme which is: "TAX REFUND ON YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH". Please contact the parish office for more information.

We leave the familiar scenes of Bethlehem behind so quickly. We've skipped through the waters of the Jordan this last week and now we enter into Ordinary Time. But we don't leave the Jordan's banks just yet for John the Baptist is pointing Jesus out to his own disciples. John has to let his own companions go to follow Jesus. John is not the centre of the message... but he discerns that Jesus is. That pointing starts a wonderful journey of people encountering Jesus and bringing others to him. There's something about Jesus and those with him that truly attracts. We evangelise through attraction! The challenge is to allow ourselves to be 'attractive' so that people are drawn to the Lord because of what they see of him in us. May we have eyes to see where we are being led closer to the Lord, but may we also have courage to lead others to Jesus, because it is all about him.

May the Lord bless and protect us as we journey together into the New Year and may we continue to support one another by our sincere love and prayers.

God bless you, Fr Rajesh.

## New Parishioners Day

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 11am to 12:30pm at the presbytery**

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to one of the Welcomer's or Clergy of our parish. We look forward to having you with us in our parish family in loving service and praise of God and taking part in whatever ways you can in our parish life. We invite you all to talk to our parish clergy in the presbytery. **Please do inform the parish office if you would like to attend.** There will be tea/coffee and refreshments.

**We pray for those who have died:** John Connolly, Fr Peter Madden, Fr Roy Dunstan, Canon Anthony (Tony) Ford, Leo Turtle, Margaret Cass and Margaret McCusker RIP

**We pray for the sick especially:** Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Frances McNaughton, Paddy Pearson, Angela Simon, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, Amalia Young, Sally Moore, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, James Burden, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

## Plate Collections

7<sup>th</sup> January  
£761.02  
Gift Aid: £151.99

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection  
£546.45  
Gift Aid £117.20

## Parish Charity Fund

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14<sup>th</sup> January  
Pax Christi  
(not in our scheme)

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21<sup>st</sup> January  
Maintenance to  
include the  
Presbytery  
(not in our scheme)

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## Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy

For a visit from one of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team for Anointing, Holy Communion, or a general visit. Volunteers needed for visiting patients please contact:  
The Conquest Chaplain:

**Cecilia Weathers**  
01424 757088

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## Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
Sr Collette: 214818  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
Mary Carroll:  
220334

**St Martha's**  
Clare Brazier: 844177



## CTIB Prayer Cycle

This week: **Sidley Baptist**  
(vacancy)

Next week: **Bexhill United Reformed Church** (vacancy)

## Three Churches in Little Common

Rev Jonathan Frais of St Mark's will host the first meeting of 2018. All are welcome to **St Mark's at 11.30am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. The short informal service will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits.

## World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage

**21<sup>st</sup> August-26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Bishop Richard is leading a pilgrimage to Dublin to participate in the World meeting of families.**

For more information about the event:

Please see flyers or go to:  
[www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/)

Please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152  
or [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org)

## St John Vianney Cenacle

The next meeting will be:

**St Mary Magdalene's church.**  
**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
**at 6pm**  
All welcome.

## Points to Ponder

'You cannot do great things for God: You can only do small things with great love.'

**Mother Teresa of Kolkatta.**

Have a Blessed and Peaceful week!

## Day of Reflection for Readers With Bishop Richard

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 11am-4pm**  
**St Bernadette's Church,**  
**Tilgate Way, Crawley. RH10 5BS**

The day will be led by Bishop Richard and will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read and the use of microphones.

There will also be Lectio Divina and Mass. Arrivals, tea/coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Booking is essential** as places are limited!

To book: [ruth.berun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.berun@dabnet.org)  
or phone: 01293 651164

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for Aoife Apperley and Spencer Gooch and their family and friends as they become part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

## Sacraments

### Marriage

If you are intending to get married in this Parish or Diocese of A & B, the Bishop requires that a **notice of 1 year be given** under normal circumstances. Please contact the parish office in the first instance.

### Baptism

If you are seeking Baptism for your son or daughter under normal circumstances, you will need to attend 1 x 1.5 hours session preparation course, which is held 3 or 4 times per year.

If you are thinking about having your child(ren) baptised please complete the Baptism application form available at the back of the church or from our website and post or hand into the Parish Office.

The next Baptism preparation class for parents will be held on:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm**  
**at the presbytery.**

## Parish Diary - January

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Confirmation Session  
 FHC Mon group session  
 Baptism Preparation session  
 CCRS Day of Reflection  
 We Journey Together (7-14 Baptism course)  
 FHC Sat group session  
 FHC Mon group session

4pm St MM hall  
 6:30pm St Martha's hall  
 7:00pm to 8:30pm - Presbytery  
 10:30am Presbytery  
 6:30pm - Presbytery  
 11:00am St MM hall  
 6:30pm St Martha's hall



### St Mary Magdalene's Catholic Independent Nursery

There are currently places available for 2-5 yr olds at our Parish Nursery. For more information please contact the Nursery Supervisor - Gemma: 01424 224499 or 07821 530044 or [infor@stmmnursery.co.uk](mailto:infor@stmmnursery.co.uk)

### Repository Volunteers Urgently needed

If you can help out before and after any of the Masses including week days please contact: Christine: 848690 Thank you.

### Diocesan Directories 2018

These are now available for purchase from the parish office or the Repository. They cost £5.00

### Pyx Appeal

If anyone has a pyx which they no longer require please could you bring it into the Parish Office as we are equipping Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to the housebound. Thank you.

### St Martha's Church Open Forum Parish Meeting

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, St Martha's Church

Everyone is welcome.

Your views, ideas and suggestions are needed to take the Parish forward.

### Film presentation by Cornelia Vischer

Date for your diary

### St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

The restoration of the painting displayed at St Mary Magdalene's Church by the German painter August Neven du Mont  
 All welcome!

### Parish Children's Party Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm Our Lady of the Rosary Hall

All children of Primary school age welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Dotty the crazy balloon maker will entertain. *Face-painting volunteers are needed for the day please!*

If your child will be attending or you can help please call Ghislaine: 731300 or 07449 275007

### Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Liverpool 2018

The bishops of England and Wales have announced that they plan to hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year (**7-9 September 2018**).

You can find more information on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website. The Diocesan Contact for the Congress is Canon Tom Traherne via Liz Fitch who you can contact on 01424 420815 or by email [office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk](mailto:office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk).

### Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association

Monday 22nd January  
 7.15pm for 7.30pm  
 St Martha's Church Hall

"A retired Kenyan farmer revisits food growing today".

Talk by John Fowler who worked with the Church Missionary Society on Rural Development work in his native Kenya and Tanzania.

All welcome.

Contact either Alex Mthobi 07957632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788) for more information.

### Volunteers Needed For Missio- APF Red Box

Missio is the Catholic church's official charity for overseas mission.

After many years of dedication the current volunteers have resigned due to busy work schedules.

A new representative is needed to coordinate the promotion and collection of the Red boxes and to liaise with the charity. Please call the parish office in the first instance if you can help. Thank you!



**26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Fairtrade Breakfast dates and other various events to be confirmed shortly.**

## Parish Information

The Presbytery

**St Mary Magdalene's**

Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,  
TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

**St Martha's**

Cooden Sea Road, TN39 4SL

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

Southlands Road, TN39 5HG

**Clergy:**

**Fr Rajesh Minz**

**Fr Clement Anaedevha**

**Deacon Simon Kirkdale**

**Sisters of Providence**

(Rosminian)

01424 214818

**Parish Office**

**Administrators:**

Bonita Osmond-Maher

Lisa Young

**Telephone:** 01424 210263

**Email:**

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

**Website:**

[www.stmmrbexhill.org.uk](http://www.stmmrbexhill.org.uk)

**Office Hours:**

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

**Finance:**

Charles Durrant

**Email:**

[stmm.finance@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm.finance@btconnect.com)

**Hospitals**

**Conquest Hastings**

01424 757088

**Bexhill - Irvine Unit**

Contact: Mary Williams

[marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk](mailto:marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk)

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
(SVP) Mary Williams

[marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk](mailto:marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk)

## Parish Schools

**St Richard's**  
**Catholic College**

**Principal:** Miss Doreen Cronin  
01424 731070

[admin@strichardscc.com](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)

[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**Primary School**

**Headteacher:**

Miss V. Vanderschelden

01424 735810

[office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk)

[www.stmarymags.co.uk](http://www.stmarymags.co.uk)

**St Mary Magdalene Catholic**  
**Independent Nursery**

**Supervisor:** Gemma Oliver-Taylor  
01424 224499

[info@stmmnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@stmmnursery.co.uk)

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Sat 13<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Hanson & Driscoll Families living and deceased
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Aoife Amelia Brigid Apperly

### Second Sunday Yr B

(Samuel 3:3-10. 19, Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20, John 1:35-42)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Kathleen & Camillus Ewins RIP

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> January

St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Christina Gramme RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Merlyn Coward RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Spencer Frankie Winchester Gooch
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

### Pax Christi - Peace Day

(not in our scheme)

### Mon 15<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Maria Hanks GE
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### Tues 16<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	John de Freitas RIP
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### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Maxine Smith GE
Hastings Crematorium	3:30pm	Funeral of Leo Turtle RIP

### Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Anthony Varghese RIP
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### Fri 19<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Marion Cox RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am to 12:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Sat 20<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
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St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Cesidio Capaldi RIP
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### Third Sunday Yr B

(Jonah 3:1-5. 10, Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Cesidio Capaldi RIP

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> January

St Martha's	9:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Angela Murphy RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Edna Agnes Coward RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Maintenance to include Presbytery  
(blue envelopes)

**Gift Aid:** We just need to know that you do pay tax. You don't have to give a fixed amount each week. At the end of each tax year we add up what you have given in the previous twelve months, and claim back the tax on that amount. It's very simple and straightforward. If you are a UK taxpayer please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration form available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office. For more information call the Parish office on Mondays or Tuesdays.