

PARISH NEWS

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.

Racial Justice Sunday CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

This is our second collection for
Sunday 28th January.

On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity.

The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

All the money raised will go towards supporting the Church's work on racial justice issues.

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.

A & B News

This month's free copy is available from the back of churches.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.



Jesus makes the wonderful impression upon people in this weekend's gospel. He speaks with authority. One may link this word with the word authenticity. Jesus is authentic in everything he says and everything he does. That authenticity, that authority flows from his nearness to the Father. Jesus is 'plugged in' to the Father and his love so that it really is the Father's love that Jesus proclaims in all he says and does. It's an authority, and authenticity, a closeness that our world longs for and can find in us.

On Thursday **2nd of February** we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; a feast rooted in everyday life. This Feast is also called Candlemass, for it is an illumination, a revelation of Christ as the fulfilment of God's promise. On Thursday, as we gather before Mass we will bless these candles which symbolise Christ as the light of the world and will walk in procession with our candles lit. The **3rd February** is the feast day of St Blaise, the patron saint of throat illnesses. On this day in many places people gather in churches for the blessing of throats.

This week we will continue to celebrate the true light that came into the world. Christ is the light against darkness, the light which no darkness in our lives can overcome. Christ is present in our everyday lives sharing his victory with us.

God bless you all, Fr Rajesh.

Lent Reflections 2018

in partnership with House on Rock publications

Living Jesus contains six group sessions on discipleship and the call to holiness for small group faith-sharing. The booklet also contains prayers and artwork as well as pages dedicated to helping parents share the themes with their children.

Please note if you would like to form a new group, please contact the parish office for information and resources.

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| Friday | 10.45 am | Anne Barry/Lisa Young | 846031 |
| Monday | 2.30 pm | Anne Wilkinson | 215710 |
| Tuesday ?? | 8.00 pm | Cathy Bate | 224031 |

To take part in any of these meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader. Or to purchase a book for personal reflection (£2.00) contact the Parish Office.

We pray for those who have died: Margaret McCusker and Francis Hamill RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Larry Fisher, 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

21st January £797.33
Gift Aid: £523.05
2nd Collection £116.69
Gift Aid: £113.80

Maintenance to include the Presbytery

28th January CARJ

Catholic Association for Racial Justice (not in our scheme)

4th Feb
Maintenance to include church halls (not in our scheme)

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

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 **St Peter's** (David Reynish, Olivia Werrett)
Next week: **St Mary's, Ninfield** (Paul Frostick)

St John Vianney Cenacle

The next meeting will be:
St Mary Magdalene's church.
Tuesday, 30th January
at 6pm. All welcome.

World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage

21st August-26th 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/

Please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152
or katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Called by Name Retreat

Called by Name is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held **9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey,**

Crawley. It offers an opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel.

The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ.

The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on TOC@worth.org.uk / 01342 710318.

Day of Reflection for Readers

With Bishop Richard

Saturday 3rd 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.gerun@dabnet.org
or phone: 01293 651164

Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard

In 2016 and 2017, Bishop Richard invited Confirmation candidates to join him at Evenings of Reflection held around the Diocese.

More than 350 people attended in 2017, and had the chance to meet with Bishop Richard and to be led in the practice of Lectio Divina. Bishop Richard will be doing the same thing in 2018.

Saturday 10th March
St Mary Magdalene's hall,
7pm to 9pm.

Booking is essential.
Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

Women's World Day of Prayer

St Martha's Church

Friday, 2nd March, 10.30 am

Service prepared by the Christian women of

Suriname

"All God's creation is very good!"

All welcome.

Refreshments in the hall after the service.

Parish Diary - January / February

Monday 29th Jan
 Wednesday 31st Jan
 Sunday 4th Feb
 Thursday 8th Feb
 Saturday 10th Feb
 Wednesday 14th Feb

FHC Mon group session
 RCIA session
 Confirmation session
 SVP meeting
 FHC Sat group meeting
 RCIA session

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



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

St Richard's Catholic College Vacancy

Short term English placement required for term 4. See website for details. www.strichardscc.com

Catholic Women's League

Monday 5th February
 7:30pm, St Martha's Hall
 Annual Review and Liturgy
 Contact: Jac Young 220685

First Steps Parish Parent & Toddler Group St Mary Magdalene's hall, 9:30am-11am

Every Friday during term time. All welcome!

Parish Children's Party Sunday 28th 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

Film presentation by Cornelia Vischer

Date for your diary

St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall Wednesday, 11th 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!

Jolly Parish Lunch 12 noon, Tuesday 13th February, West Station, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 22075 (Parking behind police station)

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight



26th Feb - 11th March

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

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.

Cake Sale - in aid of caritas (CWL national charity) 11th February after 9am Mass St Martha's hall

Donations of cakes can be left in the hall before mass. If you do have any donations that need to be collected please contact: Jacqueline Young: 220685

Diocesan Directories 2018

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

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

Website:

www.stmmrbexhill.org.uk

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

Email:

stmm.finance@btconnect.com

Hospitals

Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams

marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams

marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

Parish Schools

St Richard's
Catholic College

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
01424 731070

admin@strichardscc.com
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School

Headteacher:

Miss V. Vanderschelden
01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery

Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
01424 224499

info@stmmnursery.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Sat 27th January

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Robert Stevens RIP

Fourth Sunday Yr B

(Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Denis and Mary & O'Sullivan RIP

Sun 28th January

St Martha's 9:00am Elsie Salt RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Anastazia and Zbigniew Zglobis GE

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm People of the Parish

CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

(blue envelopes)

Mon 29th January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Holy Souls

Tues 30th January

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Catherine Cronin RIP

Wed 31st January

St Mary Magdalene's Memorial St John Bosco

10:00am Margaret Haraké GE

Thurs 1st February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Holy Souls

Fri 2nd February

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Irene Herring RIP (death anniversary)
St Mary Magdalene's 10:30am to 12:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Eastbourne Crematorium 1:00pm Funeral of Francis Hamill RIP

Sat 3rd February

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Pearl Lucy RIP

Fifth Sunday Yr B

(Job 7:1-4. 6-7, Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23, Mark 1:29-39)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Denis, Mary & John O'Sullivan RIP

Sun 4th February

St Martha's 9:00am Priests Intentions

Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Mrs A Bloomfield RIP

St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Mary & Laurie Boakes RIP

Inc. We Journey Together Enrolment

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm People of the Parish

Survive - MIVA

(not in our scheme)

We have been asked to repeat the correct wording for a bequest for a parish/special purpose:

I give to the Trustees of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust of Bishop's House The Upper Drive Hove East Sussex BN3 6NB being registered charity Number 252878 [the sum of £..... free of tax] [..... of my residuary estate] on trust for such charitable purposes in connection with St Mary Magdalene's Parish, Bexhill on Sea, in the said Diocese as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit and the receipt of the Financial Secretary or other officer of the Trust shall be a full discharge to my executors in respect of the same.