

11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Sixth Sunday Yr B

# 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*

**Every Friday  
throughout Lent .....**

**Lectio Divina  
6.30pm -  
The Prayer Room  
in the Presbytery**

(please go to the parish office -  
Anne will meet you)



**7pm  
Stations of the Cross  
St Mary Magdalene's Church**

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**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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**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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**Confirmation 2018**

The next meeting is:  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
4:00pm at the Presbytery**

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**You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

God in his providence offers us each year the season of lent as a sacramental sign of conversion. Lent summons us, and enable us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly in every aspect of our life.

To experience this time of grace anew, with joy and truth, it is expedient that we reflect deeply on the gospel narrative of today in Mark 1:40-45 which portrayed the compassion of Jesus as friend of outcasts. Following the Jewish law as stated in the first reading in Leviticus 13:1-12.45-46, a man infected with leprosy must be regarded as unclean and must be separated from the people as long as the disease lasts.

However, Jesus out of compassion and feeling sorry for him stretched out his hand and cured him. In this way, restored him back to the community. This shows how God loves us completely, and desires that we be healed, freed from the burden of suffering and are reunited with the community. Sin in our lives as Christians is like leprosy which is contagious in its own way and can make us unclean, isolated and lonely.

**During lent, the Church, Our Mother and Teacher offers us the soothing remedy of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting.** By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies, comfort zones which lead us to self-deception, and then find consolation which only God offers. With almsgiving, we are set free from greed and avarice and this helps us to regard our neighbour as sisters and brothers. This is the example set before us by the early Apostles that in the sharing of our possessions we bear tangible witness of the communion which is ours in the Church. Fasting weakens our tendency to sin and gives us important opportunity for growth. It allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. Yet, it further expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for God. **Fasting wakes us up to be more attentive to God and our neighbour and in this way revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.** May we find a hiding place in the Lord during this Lenten season so that we may be surrounded by cries of deliverance. Amen.

*God Bless, Fr Clement.*

## 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.**

<b>Friday</b>	10.45 am	Anne Barry/Lisa Young	846031
<b>Monday</b>	2.30 pm	Anne Wilkinson	215710
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30 pm to 9 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 (£22.00) contact the Parish Office.*

**We pray for those who have died:** Canon Frank Harrington 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, Hazel Oakley, Paddy Pearson, Angela Simon, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, Amalia Young, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, James Burden, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

**Plate Collections**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb  
£809.51  
Gift Aid: £514.30

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection  
£136.34  
Survive MIVA  
(not in our scheme)

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11<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Lourdes Pilgrimage fund  
(special envelopes or blue envelopes)

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18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Parish Pastoral Fund  
(blue envelopes)

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25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

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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 **Churches Together in Bexhill Foodbank**

Next week: **Beaulah Baptist**  
(Graham Hoiliday, David Lockwood)

**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)

**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).

**Women's World Day of Prayer St Martha's Church**

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10:30am**

Service prepared by the Christian women of Suriname.

"All God's creation is very good!" Refreshments in the hall after the service. All welcome.

**Diocesan Directories 2018**

Available for purchase from the parish office or the Repository. Cost £5.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**St Mary Magdalene's hall,**

**7pm to 9pm.** Booking is essential.  
Contact [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

**Understanding CAFOD**

You are invited to join us on Saturday

**17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10:30am-2pm**

(10am for the Parish Mass)

**St Mary Magdalene Church Hall**

We will finish with a soup lunch.

Where does CAFOD work? What do they do? How can we help? These and other questions will be answered. All are welcome.

Do join us and let the local CAFOD office know you're coming to ensure we've enough soup.

01483 898866

[arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day:**

**This year Fast Day is on Friday 23 February.**

**Day of fasting and prayer for peace in the democratic republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the world**

The Holy Father announced last Sunday that

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**the Friday of the First Week of Lent**  
has been given this special designation.

The Apostolic Nuncio has asked that the Bishops should take whatever initiative they think opportune to favour the participation of the local churches in this Papal initiative.

*This is also the CaFOD Family Lent Fast day and so could dovetail into this annual work too, especially as CaFOD has projects in both DRC and South Sudan.*

## Parish Diary - February

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb  
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RCIA session  
 FHC Mon group meeting  
 FHC Sat session  
 Confirmation session  
 FHC Mon group session  
 WJT Session  
 RCIA Session

7:30pm Presbytery  
 6:30pm St Martha's hall  
 11am St MM hall  
 4pm Presbytery  
 6:30pm St Martha's hall  
 6:30pm Presbytery  
 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  
[info@stmmnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@stmmnursery.co.uk)

### First Steps Parent and Toddler group

They marked their 3 year anniversary by holding a cake sale in aid of St Michael's Hospice and St Wilfred's Hospice.

They raised £50 and Top Gear Car Sales matched this by donating £50 for the two Hospice charities. Thank you to everyone for their help and support.

The group will be closed for half term Friday 16th and open again on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

### "Hastings and District Interfaith Forum (HDIFF) "Working to Support Refugees"

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at St Martha's Church Hall  
 7pm to 9pm

A meeting to explain what "The Links Project" and "Voices in Exile" are doing in East Sussex to help refugees. See poster for more details.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage Parish Collection

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*The Diocese cannot financially assist sick & disabled people with their carers without your help.*

If you are part of the parish Gift Aid scheme please use your usual parish (blue) second collection envelopes.

If you are a UK taxpayer but not part of the parish scheme please complete the Diocesan Gift Aid envelopes - to be found at the entrance of the churches.

### Fairtrade Fortnight



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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March,  
 2pm to 3:15pm  
 St Mary Magdalene's Hall

Fairtrade Presentation by Sumatran /Indonesian coffee producer, Mayhana.

Fairtrade Breakfasts on Sunday, 4th March:

St Martha's hall  
 after 9am Mass  
 &

Our Lady of the Rosary hall after 10am Mass

### Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March,  
 St Mary Magdalene's hall  
 from 10am to 12noon  
 to include stalls ,  
 bric a brac and children's games.

One of the 6 founders of the Fairtrade movement of justice and fairness Gospel values was our own CAFOD about 25 years ago.

For more information:  
 Websites: [fairtrade.org](http://fairtrade.org) and [bexhillfairtrade.org.uk](http://bexhillfairtrade.org.uk)

### Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes pilgrimage

27 July - 2 August (by Air)

26 July - 3 August (by Coach)

Please note that some pilgrims may be asked to travel one day earlier and/or one day later.

2018 Online Application Form for Helpers, Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and Pilgrims.

Assisted Pilgrims, please contact the Pilgrimage Office (01403 740110) for a printed Application Form - please do not complete this online application.

For more information go to:

<http://www.ablourdes.org>

The Arundel & Brighton pilgrimage vision:  
 "love in action"

### Day of Recollection

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February

The theme for the day is "I am the Bread of Life" and will be led by Fr Simon Hall.

The day will begin with **Holy Mass at 10am**

**at Holy Redeemer**, followed by coffee in the Hall; First Talk in the Church then

prayer time followed by lunch. The afternoon will start with a Second Talk, Exposition and Benediction and will close by 3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

Fr Mícheál

Parish Priest - Parish of the Good Shepherd

### Jolly Parish Lunch

12 noon, Tuesday  
 13<sup>th</sup> February,  
 West Station, Bexhill.  
 Contact Angela: 22075

## 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

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

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**Office Hours:**

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

**Finance:**

Charles Durrant

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[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  
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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary Magdalene's

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**Memorial**

9:30am **St Scholastica**

Confessions

10:00am Richard Naef GE

12 noon Wedding of James Mountford

and Melanie Wood

### Sixth Sunday Yr B

(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Kathleen Gallagher RIP

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> February**

St Martha's

9:00am Patricia Andrews RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Bonnie Naef GE

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm People of the Parish

### Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

(blue envelopes or special envelopes)

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Emma Naef GE

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary Magdalene's

**9:30am** Robert Stevens RIP

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February**

St Martha's

9:00am Hennie De La Roux RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Holy Souls

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00pm James Burden RIP

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Edith Haywood RIP

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Dorothy Haywood RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:30am to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> February**

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Irene Herring RIP (Birthday)

### First Sunday of Lent Yr B

(Genesis 9:8-15, St Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Ted Witham RIP

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> February**

St Martha's

9:00am Priests Intentions

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Peter Michael Haragan RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am David Spooner GE

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm People of the Parish

### Parish Pastoral Fund

(blue envelopes)

**Please note Mass at St Mary Magdalene church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February is 9:30am.**

**Walk This Way:** A Lent Service of Music and Prayer from Taizé and Iona on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 4 pm in St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs, Magdalen Rd, St Leonards TN37 6ET. All welcome. Anyone who would like to help in leading the music is asked to come to a practice at 3.00pm.