

20th May 2018

Pentecost 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

FHC Mass Rehearsal date

St Mary Magdalene
Friday 25th May at 6pm
(for 27th May Mass)

Confirmation 2018

The next meeting is today:
Sunday 20th May
4pm at the presbytery
Followed by Mass at 6pm

There will be an extra session on
Sunday 3rd June -
for a film showing of 'The Shack'.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.



The season of Easter concludes with the celebration of the feast of Pentecost. On this day, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem as we recount in the first reading. Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning fiftieth) was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God made with Israel on Mt. Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, Luke's description in Acts of the giving of the spirit is different from John's, for both of them, the task of the Holy Spirit is to take the place of Jesus, to carry on his work, and to ensure his presence in the world. John 20:19-23 reminds us of the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God – inspired mission. "As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you". He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue the work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus' act of breathing upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. Both Greek and Hebrew words for '**Spirit**' can also be translated as '**breath**'. The Gospel reminds us that the church through the action of the Holy Spirit is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ in the world is celebrated in the sacramental life of the church. In Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the unfathomable mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. **This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. We are called by Jesus Christ to be active agents of peace and harmony striving ceaselessly as a global community to address the root causes of violence and abuse in order to promote sustainable peace in the world.**

God bless you, Fr Clement.

We pray for those who have died: Larrie Fisher and David McGurk RIP..

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Brendan Dillistone, Sean Gaughan, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Phyliss McGlade, Paddy Pearson, Rachael Smart, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen, Danny McNally and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

13th May
£728.03
Gift Aid: £567.60

2nd collection
£200.13
The Catholic Communications Network

20th May
Parish Nursery
(blue envelopes)

27th May
The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese
(blue envelopes)

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 Barnabas**, (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)
Next week: **Christchurch Methodist**, (Tricia Williams)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday
10:30am – 12.30pm

Family Mass

Families are welcome at ALL Masses; however we do have specific Liturgies for children on Sundays:

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

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests will be meeting:
6pm, Tuesday, 29th May
St Mary Magdalene's church.
All welcome.

**'Deep Within'
Music of Arundel & Brighton Diocese in Lourdes 2017**

Musicians from the Diocese (one or two you may recognise!)
Director - Anne Ward
Keyboard - Michael Carver

CDs are now available from the Parish Office (£10 per CD).
Please contact the Parish Office.

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage
27 July - 2 August (by Air)
26 July - 3 August (by Coach)

For more information go to:
<http://www.ablourdes.org/>

SVP Mass for the Sick
Saturday 26th May, 2:30pm,
St Martha's Church

Followed by refreshments in the hall.
All welcome.

Mass with New Catholics

Pentecost Mass with new Catholics which Bishop Richard will celebrate on **Saturday 19th May, at 3.00pm in Arundel Cathedral** with all those (adults) who have recently been baptised, completed their initiation or been received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Please let us know if you intend to come along by emailing ruth.gerun@dabnet.org.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

OLR Children's choir will be leading and singing the music at the Family Mass **on Sunday 27th May.**

2018 Corpus Christi Procession

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Sunday, 3rd June

We will have a Corpus Christi procession to honour the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. First Communion children - wear your special clothes and lead our procession! We will celebrate after in the hall with a Sausage Sizzle: Tickets £3, for sale from this weekend after all Masses and all proceeds to CARITAS.

Hospitality -
St Mary Magdalene's Church
Bishop Richard visits the parish
on Sunday 8th July
for the St Leonard's Deanery Confirmation Mass

We are looking for volunteers to help us with tea/coffee after the service. If you feel you can help, please contact the Parish Office for further information. Many thanks.

Parish Diary - May/June

Sunday 20th May
 Wednesday 23rd May
 Sunday 3rd June
 Thursday 7th June

Confirmation Session
 We Journey together Session
 Confirmation- Extra session for Film Showing
 SVP Meeting

4:00pm Presbytery
 6:30pm Presbytery
 2:00pm Presbytery
 6:00pm Presbytery

Summer Fayre
St Richard's
Catholic College
Saturday, 30th June
11 am - 2:00 pm

*Photo booth, Craft stalls, BBQ, Face Painting, Cakes, Tombolas, Inflatables, Pimms Bar, Fairtrade Stall, Grand Raffle, Disco Dome
 50p entry or £1 per family, including free entry into the lucky programme competition to win a Cash prize.*

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office.

The 2018/19 Tax Year envelopes are at the back of all three churches for collection.

If you pay by standing order please collect your set of **blue second collection envelopes**.

The Year End letters will be sent out shortly. Please note that not all Special Collections are eligible under the Diocesan Gift Aid scheme.

Please note:
Change of Website Address
 Our parish website address has changed and it is now:
www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

The Word who is life Vision for Mission - Feedback to Bishop Richard Moth

If you would like to see a copy of the Parish feedback please either view or download from our website:
www.stmmbexhill.co.uk
 or contact the parish office for a copy.

Irish Referendum on the Eighth Amendment, 25 May 2018

In their Spring Statement, the Irish Bishops wrote, "Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future.

We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country."

For more information visit:
<http://www.chooselife2018.ie>

Wednesday Club Trip to Blackbrookes Garden Centre, Sedlescombe.

Wednesday 6th June, Depart: After 10am Mass - Return: by 1pm.

St Richard's Catholic College

**Temporary PA to the Principal (Maternity Cover)
 Single Status 7 (hours to be negotiated)**

The Governors are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified, highly efficient, skilled professional with excellent interpersonal skills. Further details are available from our website:
www.strichardscc.com

St Richard's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

You are warmly invited to join the Parish

Pilgrimage to Aylesford Tuesday 26th June

Cost - £15* per person

*(this cost may be reduced if more than twenty people travel on the coach)

9:45am: Depart St Mary Magdalene's
 11.15am: Arrive at Aylesford for tea/coffee
 12 noon: Mass
 12.45pm: Lunch - bring your own or visit cafe - free time.
 2.00pm: Rosary walk
 3.15pm: Depart
 5:00pm: Arrival in Bexhill (approx)

Please complete and return form (available from the back of the churches) to the parish office **by 28th May**.

St Mary Magdalene's Church

Flower Beds

Bridget Kitts, who has tirelessly maintained these for many years is no longer able to continue. The Parish is very grateful to her for all her efforts and dedication over the years.

As a result a volunteer is needed for the maintenance of the flower beds as well as the memorial garden.

Should you feel like you can help please contact the parish office.

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:

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Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

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Charles Durrant

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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

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01424 731070

admin@strichardscc.com

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St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

Headteacher:

Miss V. Vanderschelden
01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk

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St Mary Magdalene Catholic Independent Nursery

Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Sat 19th May

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Joan Eileen Walsh RIP

Pentecost Sunday Yr B

(Apostles 2:1-11, Galatians 5:16-25, John 15:26-27; 16:12-15)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Josephine Brown RIP

Sun 20th May

St Martha's 9:00am Herbert Whitehead RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Priests Intentions
And FHC Mass
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Evangeline Cabasagan RIP
& Joel Cabasagan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm People of the Parish

The Parish Nursery

(Please use blue envelopes)

Mon 21st May

Blessed Virgin Mary

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Fred Herring RIP

Tues 22nd May

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Roger Hunt RIP

Wed 23rd May

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Lucretia Quintah RIP

Thurs 24th May

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Holy Souls

Fri 25th May

Memorial St Bede the Venerable

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Mary Barry GE
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 12.30pm

Sat 26th May

Memorial St Philip Neri

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Robert Stevens RIP
St Martha's 2:30pm SVP Mass

The Most Holy Trinity Yr B

(Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Jetwin Stephen GE

Sun 27th May

St Martha's 9:00am Sr Maximilianne (Diana Young) RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish
& May Procession

St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Edna Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions
& FHC Mass

The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

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Priesthood Vocation Reflection Day

A day of reflection for single men aged 35-55 who wish to explore if they have a calling to the priesthood. **Saturday 9th June 9.30am – 3.30pm**

St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, GU5 0QX. For more details contact:
Fr Con Foley - [01932 842643](tel:01932842643) or email: foleycon@gmail.com