

# PARISH NEWS

17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Eleventh 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

## Confirmation 2018

**Confirmation Mass  
Rehearsal:  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm,  
St Mary Magdalene's Church**

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**Please note:  
Change of Website Address**  
Our parish website address has  
changed and it is now:  
[www.stmmbexhill.co.uk](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk)

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## Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for  
**George Wenham**

and his family and friends as he  
becomes part of the family of the  
Church through the sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend.

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## GDPR

The Diocese have prepared a  
GDPR Newsletter to Parishes.

You can find this on the  
Diocesan website

<https://www.dabnet.org/>

Please also look at the Diocesan  
Data Protection Policy  
& Privacy Statement

<https://www.dabnet.org/ContentDocuments/842.pdf>

<https://www.dabnet.org/ContentDocuments/843.pdf>

We will keep you updated as  
information from the Diocese is  
received. Please note that in the  
coming weeks we will have to  
carry out a fresh Parish Census.

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## It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.



In today's Gospel account Jesus speaks of mustard seeds and grains of wheat. Very often it is little things that grow into big things. Even though we may think we have little faith, God can take what little we have and make something wonderful out of it. God is always taking small and seemingly insignificant things and turning them into things of infinite worth.

We are all very important, so important in fact that God's only begotten Son died for us. Take to heart Jesus' word for you today. Live by it. God is always making big things (a whole universe in fact!) from small beginnings.

### Prayer of St Thomas More:

O Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words and deeds. O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervour and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us. Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for. Amen.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

### The Word who is Life – Pastoral Plan

The Bishop has written to our Dean advising that the next stage of the Pastoral Plan is an open meeting for each deanery where the Team will make a presentation of the Pastoral Plan.

The date of our **Deanery meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** and the Bishop has asked the Dean to identify a suitable location which will be published in due course.

The Bishop asked that the date of the meeting be published as soon as possible.

**We pray for those who have died:**

**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, Phyllis 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**

10<sup>th</sup> June  
£817.78  
Gift Aid: £482.60

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£195.34

Day for Life

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17<sup>th</sup> June  
Society for the Protection of the Unborn child (SPUC)  
(not in our scheme)

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24<sup>th</sup> June  
Peter's Pence  
(blue envelopes)

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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:** St Mark's (Jonathan Frais)

**Next week:** Crowhurst Healing Centre (Steve Gendall)

**Annual General Meeting  
Churches Together in Bexhill  
(CTiB)**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30pm**

Bexhill United Reformed Church,  
Cantelupe Road. All Welcome!

Refreshments 7pm!

Nomination Forms are available to download from the Parish website or from the Parish Office.

**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Every Friday  
10:30am – 12.30pm****Brighton Celebrate  
Weekend 2018**

A non-residential weekend for all ages

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at  
cardinal Newman School, Hove. BN3**

**6ND.** Our theme is:

'See, I am doing a new thing'  
Is. 43:19 (NIV)

Main speakers: David Wells, Rev. John Ryeland and Michelle Moran with worship led by John Wright and drama from RISE Theatre. Daily Mass, workshops, streams for children, teenagers and young adults, Sacrament of Reconciliation. See poster for more information. Book online:  
<http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/brighton>

**Please consider joining a group from the Parish, who are attending.**  
**Car sharing or travel by Mini Bus:**  
£10 each day. A few places still available. For more information or to book contact Bridget : 218487.

**Please pray for:**

**Fr Boniface Moran, OSB,**  
he suffered a mild stroke over the last weekend, which doctors believe to be a TIA. Doctors think that he shall be fully well within approximately four weeks.  
Please keep him in your prayers.

**David McGurk RIP**

David was a dedicated altar server at St Mary Magdalene's 11am Mass for more than 30years.

He passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> April and his funeral was held at St Mary Magdalene's on 7<sup>th</sup> June. We remember him today and always in our prayers. The Parish will offer a Mass for the happy repose of his soul.

**Deanery Confirmation -  
Invitation to Join the  
Music Group**

Our Deanery Confirmation Mass:

**3pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
at St Mary Magdalene Church**

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the music group from the parish of Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle to form a Deanery Group for this important event.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm,  
St Mary Magdalene's**

**Further practices will be held on Tuesday**

**26<sup>th</sup> June and**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, both 7pm to 8pm  
at St Mary Magdalene's.**

We hope as many as possible will feel able to come and support our young Confirmands in this way. *The Battle Music Group.*

**Bishop Richard is currently holding a consultation on how we prepare people for confirmation.**

If you've recently been confirmed then we'd like to hear from you. The diocese has created a short survey which you can access on line - <http://bit.ly/surveyconf>.

We would also ask parents to pass this on to their children who have recently been confirmed.

## Parish Diary - June/July

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Music rehearsal for Deanery Confirmation Mass  
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 SVP Meeting

7pm-8pm St MM church  
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 6pm presbytery

### Summer Fayre St Richard's Catholic College Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 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. More information: [www.strichardsccl.com](http://www.strichardsccl.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.

### Fairtrade Stall St Martha's hall

The next sale of Fairtrade goods will be after Mass in the Hall  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
 Please come along and support.

### Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

### DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS?

If you do, you probably enjoy seeing the flowers in St Mary Magdalene's church each week. Our flower team meets every Thursday morning after the 10am Mass, and they are currently seeking volunteers to share the work, which usually takes about 1½ hours. No experience necessary – training will be given. If you are interested please phone Helga on 848504 or Eileen on 215063.

### St Richard's Catholic College

You may have heard and seen in the local papers and media that we are holding a fundraiser in memory of our dear former pupil, Sophie Taylor, who sadly passed away last year. Mini-postcard art created by famous artists, staff and pupils are being sold on eBay with starting bids of just £1. All funds from the postcard auction will go directly to the Royal Marsden in Sophie's memory. She was a parishioner of St Mary's Star of the Sea, Hastings and a pupil of St Richard's Catholic College.  
<http://www.sophiespostcard.com/sophiespostcards>

### Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm St Martha's Church Hall

'Respecting and Safeguarding Human Life.....at both ends'. Talk by John Du Waal who is chairman of East Sussex Life. Entrance free. More info: Alex Mthobi (07957 632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788).

### St Mary Magdalene's Catholic Independent Nursery



Ofsted carried out an inspection of our Nursery on 15<sup>th</sup> May; having provided 24hrs notice!

We are delighted to announce that the inspection report graded the Nursery as **GOOD** in all sections.

A huge thank you to the staff and all those involved in helping to achieve this great result.

### St Martha's Wild Life Garden

We are lucky enough to have attracted a hive of tree honey bees to the bird box in the garden. We have put up warning notices. Karl our wonderful grounds-man is keeping an eye on them and informs us we have no problem; if they are not disturbed. This is great news in view of the declining population of bees. [www.ec.europa.eu-honeybees](http://www.ec.europa.eu-honeybees) For more information.

### APF Red Boxes

Please bring your red boxes in to the parish office for counting; remembering to clearly label them with your name and church you attend. Thank you.

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

Available from the Parish Office - £10

### Three Churches in Little Common

We welcome Fr David Reynish, Rector of St Peter's, **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30am St Martha's hall** **Followed by refreshments.** Fr David Renish will repeat the talk he gave to the Hastings and District Interfaith Forum on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May about his sabbatical studying Islam. A very interesting talk!

## 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

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's  
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**Memorial**

9:30am Confessions  
10:00am Maureen Grace RIP  
12:30pm Baptism of George Wenham

**St Richard Wych of Chichester**

**St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's**

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Deceased Members of the Capaldi Family

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

St Martha's  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am Norah Eileen Moran RIP  
10:00am Kate Ashbey RIP  
11:00am Priest's Intentions  
6:00pm People of the Parish

*Society for the Protection of the Unborn child (SPUC)*  
(not in our scheme)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Holy Souls

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Mary Driscoll RIP

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am PJC Durrant RIP

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am **Feast St Aloysius Gonzaga**

Mae Pinsent RIP

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am **Feast Saints John Fisher & Thomas More**

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am Holy Souls

12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Alvyn Luck RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

12:30pm Baptism of Luna McEniry

## The Birth of St John the Baptist

*(Isaiah 49:1-6, Apostles 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66. 80)*

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Mary Thomas RIP

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

St Martha's

9:00am Hester & Ellis Eyre RIP

St MM school led Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Robert Stevens RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

12:30pm Baptism of Henrico John Villahermosa

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm People of the Parish

*Peter's Pence)*

(blue envelopes)

## Attention: Parish Parking

Whilst attending Mass at all the three churches, please be thoughtful regarding the parking of your cars.

Please do not block driveways, bus-stops or public transport routes, and please be respectful of surrounding neighbours.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.