

PARISH NEWS

24th June 2018

The Birth of John the Baptist

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

**Friday 29th June
Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of St Peter
and St Paul.**

Confirmation 2018

**Confirmation Mass
Rehearsal:**

**Sunday 1st July at 3pm,
St Mary Magdalene's Church**

Please note:

Change of Website Address

Our parish website address has changed and it is now:

www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for

Luna McEniry

and Henrico Villahermosa

and their family and friends as they become part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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.

**I thank you for the wonder
of my being.**



We usually associate John the Baptist with the Advent season. But here in early summer we encounter John once more, in order to celebrate his birth on June 24. So important is this solemnity that today it replaces the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The natural cycle of life involves both birth and death. Moments of joy, love, hope and sheer happiness accompany the birth of a child. We wonder what they will do, what choices they will make, what their personality will be, etc. This entire future life is pure potential and opportunity in a newborn. And at the conclusion of someone's life, we reflect back on what this person has become, the relationships and choices that made them who they were. We often look to the children and grandchildren, if the person was so blessed; and are in some ways comforted to know that something of the deceased lives on in their posterity.

Churches are often the points at which these significant life moments are ritualised, like Baptism, marriage, or a funeral. Our faith can be nourished by such events, but also by the daily activities of life.

For Elizabeth and Mary, too, their faith was nourished by the joys of a newborn with all the hope and promise that brought. On this day we recognise how fundamentally human our relationship with God is. Through the sacred event of a birth, which we know ultimately leads to a death, hope springs eternal and we live again the Paschal Mystery.

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 13th 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, Christopher Browne, 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

17th June
£758.97
Gift Aid: £412.50

2nd collection
£215.23

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

24th June
Peter's Pence
(Not in our scheme)

1st July
Apostleship of the Sea
(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: Crowhurst Healing Centre (Steve Gendall)

Next week: St Michael's (Robert Featherstone)

**Annual General Meeting
Churches Together in Bexhill
(CTiB) Tuesday 3rd 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****Vianney Cenacle
Prayer Group**

The Cenacle of prayer for priests
will be meeting:

**6pm, Tuesday, 25th June
St Mary Magdalene's church.
All welcome.**

**Brighton Celebrate Weekend
2018**

A non-residential weekend for all ages
**Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th 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.**

Share the Journey - CAFOD

**Please join us for our parish event, taking place on: Saturday 21st July at 3pm
Meeting point : De la Warr Pavilion
Colonnade**

Distance : You decide how far

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*.

You can *Share the Journey* by joining us on a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world.

Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales, including our own, will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world.

CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration.

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

Our Deanery Confirmation Mass:

**3pm on Sunday 8th 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.

**Further practices will be held on
Tuesday 26th June and
Tuesday 3rd 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*.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
2018**

If you are going to Lourdes with the Diocese and are travelling on 27th July from Heathrow, please get in touch so that we can organise a taxi from our parish. Please contact Ghislaine : 01424 731300 and leave a message. Thank you.

Parish Diary - June/July

Tuesday 26th June
 Tuesday 3rd July
 Thursday 5th July

Music rehearsal for Deanery Confirmation Mass
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 SVP Meeting

7pm-8pm St MM church
 7pm-8pm St MM church
 6pm 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.*

**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.

**Eastbourne & Bexhill
 Newman Association**

Mon 25th June,

7:30pm

St Martha's 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).

**Gift Aid Envelopes
 2018/19**

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

**Many thanks from the
 Catholic Women's League**
 to all parishioners who helped us raise a total of £328.00 for our charity CARITAS as a result of the two "Sausage Sizzles" held.

**Our next meeting:
 Monday 2nd July 7:30pm at
 St Martha's Hall**

A Talk from Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice. Contact: Jac Young 220685

**'Do you use a car
 wash? Perhaps you
 can help?'**

Safe Car Wash App:

The campaign 'Safe Car Wash App' was launched by the Church of England and the Catholic Church in England and Wales amid growing concerns that some of the estimated 18,000 hand car washes operating around the country are exploiting workers. The app lets drivers punch in their location when arriving at a car wash then flick through a series of slavery indicators such as whether the car wash only accepts cash, evidence of workers living on site or whether the workers seem fearful. If the answers indicate a high likelihood of slavery, users will be directed to a modern slavery helpline. You can download the app for Android and Apple phones.

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

Available from the Parish Office
 - £10

**St Mary Magdalene's
 Catholic Independent
 Nursery**



Ofsted carried out an inspection of our Nursery on 15th 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.

For more information:
www.ec.europa.eu-honeybees

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.

**Aylesford Priory Pilgrimage
 26th June**

When I arranged for this date there was nothing in the Aylesford diary apart from 12.00 Mass. I have now found that there is a Young Adults Pilgrimage on that day which will mean our day will perhaps be a little livelier than normal. I propose that we do the Rosary Walk soon after arriving and join the Pilgrimage Mass (outdoors) at 1.00pm led by Bishop Paul. I am sure this will add something to our day.
 Ron Brazier.

A & B News

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

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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Lisa Young

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Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

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**

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Miss V. Vanderschelden

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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery**

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 23rd 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 24th June

St Martha's

9:00am Hester & Ellis Eyre RIP

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

(Not in our scheme)

Monday 25th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am David & Lisa Young - 30th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday 26th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Arthur and Freda Valenzuela

& Lois & Walt Conklin GE

Wednesday 27th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Gloria Coward RIP

Thursday 28th June

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am **St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr**

Mariakutty Stephen RIP

Friday 29th June

St Martha's

9:00am People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Maura O'Keefe RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 12:30pm

7:00pm Maureen Grace RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 30th June

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Katrina Parthé GE

Thirteenth Sunday Year B

(Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15, Mark 5:21-43)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Joan O'Carroll RIP

Sunday 1st July

St Martha's

9:00am Mick Hanson RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am We Journey together candidates

Baptism Mass

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm People of the Parish

Apostleship of the Sea

(not in our scheme)

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