

29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Seventeenth 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

## St Martha's Feast day Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

A very happy feast day  
to all parishioners.

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## Welcome!

We welcome Fr Kevin Alban from Aylesford Priory, who will kindly be helping us with all Masses in the parish this weekend.

## Fr Boniface

A warm welcome to Fr Boniface who arrives on Tuesday and will be staying with us until Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August. We hope you have a peaceful and restful time.

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## Happy Holidays



Welcome to all visitors and holiday makers, we hope you have a pleasant stay! Do introduce yourselves to others and we hope that you find a warm welcome in our parish community.

We pray too for those who are away from our community at this time and pray that you will return refreshed and relaxed.

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## First Holy Communion Children aged 7-12

If your child is between the ages of 7-12 and you would like to apply for the next sacramental course, application forms are now available at the back of all churches and from our website. Please complete and return to the parish office.

**The first meeting for parents and children will be on:  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September  
at 7pm,  
St Mary Magdalene's church.**

## You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.



Our new parish priest, Fr Simon Dray will arrive in the Parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. He will celebrate Mass across the parish over the weekends of 26<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September, as well as celebrating the beginning of year Mass for Years 7 & 11 at St Richard's on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

When Bishop Richard asked him to move back to Bexhill he had already arranged a holiday with his Dad between 6<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September. As you may know Fr Simon's mother died last year so time away with Dad is very precious indeed.

This Sunday Fr Simon is in Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage and will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the People of the Parish.

This Sunday's Gospel (John 6: 1-15) of the feeding of the crowd begins a sequence of readings that could allow us to reflect upon the Eucharist and that's not a bad thing as we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress this coming September. There's much that we could focus on in this familiar narrative from St Mark. But look at what Jesus uses: he takes what is offered to him and he transforms the little that is given into something that is enough for the crowd to have plenty. The Lord takes the little we give him, the simple things we offer him the – sometimes – meagre things we let him have and he uses them. Look at what we offer the Lord at Mass: simple bread and simple wine – symbols of sustenance and joy – and he gives them back to us changed and transformed into his very self. That's all we need! We are given him as our food and our sustenance so that we are strengthened to become more like him in the lives we lead. May we come to know Christ truly present among us. May our eyes recognise him in his greatest Gift so that we might come to recognise him in others.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

**We pray for those who have died:** Daniel (Danny) McNally RIP, Mary Coe RIP and Norah Low RIP  
**We pray for the sick especially:** Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Andrew Cruikshank, June Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Sean Gaughan, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Phyliess McGlade, Paddy Pearson, Rachael Smart, Janet Smith, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen, and Tony Batkin.

**Plate Collections**

22<sup>nd</sup> July

£794.53

Gift Aid: £543.20

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£163.46

The Little Way Association

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29<sup>th</sup> July  
Church Flowers  
(blue envelopes)

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5<sup>th</sup> August  
Maintenance to  
Memorial Garden  
(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 Mary's, Ninfield  
(Paul Frostick)

**Next week:** Bexhill Foodbank

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Every Friday**  
10:30am- 12.30pm

**St Mary Magdalene's Church**

**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**

**RCIA Programme**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to enrol on our next programme which will be starting in the Autumn.

**A & B Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Please keep in your prayers our parishioners who are currently on the A&B Pilgrimage to Lourdes. They will of course pray for us at the grotto.

**Inclusion Festival (IFAB)**

A day to celebrate diversity in our Diocese, the value of each person, and where all people's needs are met.

**St Wilfrid's School on Sunday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, from 11 am.**  
**Mass with Bishop Richard at 2.30 pm.**

Picnic lunch needed.

Registration is required. Go to -  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ifab2018>

Enquiries to Margaret Fraher –  
01293 651196.

All are Welcome!

**Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers**

**Bishop Richard will preside at a Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm, in Arundel Cathedral.**

All who have served, are serving, or would like to serve are welcome to attend.

Please bring cassock/cotta or an alb if possible. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral hall. (You may bring a packed supper if you wish).

**St Leonard's on Sea Deanery Initial Safeguarding Awareness Training**

**St Mary Magdalene's Hall**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 7pm-9pm.**

An evening of initial safeguarding training for all parish volunteers, safeguarding reps and clergy. All welcome.

This course is for new volunteers and to be undertaken and refreshed every three years. A refresher course will follow early next year.

Please call the parish office if you wish to enrol by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

For more information on Training contact: Rosemary Terry, Assistant Safeguarding Coordinator: Tel. 01273 859715 Email: rosemary.terry@dabnet.org

It is also possible for individuals to book online for this session via the Diocesan website in the safeguarding Section under Course and events:

[www.dabnet.org/Courses/](http://www.dabnet.org/Courses/)

**Catholic Women's League**

**Monday 6th August 2018**

**7:30pm**

**St Martha's Hall**

A Talk On The Music Of Anne Shelton

## Parish Diary

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August    SVP Meeting

6:00pm

### St Martha's Feast Day

Fr Boniface would like to wish all parishioners a very happy feast day.

### 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:

<http://bit.ly/surveyconf>.

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

### Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

### Cafod's Share the Journey Update

Representatives of our three churches took part in the Share the journey walk along the promenade. The total accumulated distance walked came to 46 miles. This included additional miles previously walked by the participants.

If you were not free to join the walk there is still time for you to take part - until the end of August. Go to: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for information on how to join.

The following information is also taken from the cafod website:

How far have we walked together?

By June 2018 we reached our initial goal of 24,900 miles - the distance around the world.

By July 2018 we managed to walk around the world a second and third times!

Now we want to walk a fourth time around the world.

The totaliser shows how far individuals and groups have walked so far to support the campaign.

It takes us on a virtual journey from Rome - where Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign - to visit the places and meet the people most affected by migration. Read their stories and watch their videos.

**Divine Mercy Pilgrimage Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 10:00 am - 5:00 pm The Friars, Aylesford Priory at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX**

Led by Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC and Marian Father.

More info: Divine Mercy Apostolate -

Marian Fathers. Tel: 0208 998 0925; email: [info@divinemercy.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercy.org.uk)

More info: [www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk)

### Parish Newsletter

Please note that the parish newsletter is also available online from our website:

**[www.stmmbexhill.co.uk](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk)**

If you are able to access it in this way, please do so. This will help us to reduce our paper usage whilst caring for the environment.

### CAFOD

"Share the Journey" action cards

Please support Cafod's campaign urging the UK government to ensure global agreements on migration and refugees:

- Respect human dignity
- Protect the vulnerable
- Support lost countries
- Keep families together
- Track the reasons why people migrate

Cards now available in all churches.

### Youth 2000: Walsingham 5-Day Camping Festival:

23rd – 27th August.

For 16 – 35 year olds.

Families also welcome.

Please see poster or visit [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

### Jolly Parish Lunch

There will **not** be lunch arranged throughout August, the next date is:

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 12 noon,**

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 220752

### Holiday Time ☺

The summer holidays are in full swing and many are away or going away. Others are also home for the holidays and we are glad to see many of our young people back from university. If you are travelling, be sure to find Mass at your destination. With the internet and various forms of media, you can plan ahead. Please travel safely and return refreshed.

### 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**

**Deacon Simon Kirkdale**

**Sisters of Providence**

(Rosminian)

01424 214818

**Parish Office  
Administrators:**

Bonita Osmond-Maher  
Lisa Young

**Telephone:** 01424 210263

**Email:**

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**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

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[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**Primary School**

**Headteacher:**

Miss V. Vanderschelden

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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic  
Independent Nursery**

**Supervisor:** Gemma Oliver-Taylor

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Shane O'Neill RIP

### Seventeenth Sunday Year B

(Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Dominic Capaldi RIP

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

St Martha's 9:00am Dorothy Bird RIP  
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish  
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Priests Intentions  
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Lily Evans

*Church Flowers*

(blue envelopes)

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Intentions of the Goodridge Family

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July** Memorial **St Ignatius Loyola**  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Merlyn Coward RIP

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **St Alphonsus Ligouri**  
Irena Hulewicz RIP

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Beryl Tappin RIP  
St Mary Magdalene's 4:00pm Reception of the body of Mary Coe RIP

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Funeral Mass of Mary Coe RIP and after at  
Bexhill Cemetery

St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
- 12.30pm

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am **St John Mary Vianney**  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Confessions

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### Eighteenth Sunday Year B

(Exodus 16:2-4, Ephesians 4:17. 20-24, John 6:24-35)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Brian Thomas Keaveny RIP

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

St Martha's 9:00am Peter Bird RIP  
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Maura & Michael McElligott RIP  
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am People of the Parish  
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

*Maintenance for the Memorial Garden*

(blue envelopes)

### East Sussex Joint Community Rehabilitation

Aftercare from a stay in hospital is available; for anyone in need please call  
the Bexhill Hospital branch contact:  
Joanna Hart - 01424 726750 for further details.