

PARISH NEWS

12th August 2018

Nineteenth 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

Rosminian Sisters Sister Colette

Sr Colette will be sadly leaving St Mary Magdalene's parish on Sunday 12th August and moving to Loughborough Convent.

Sr Colette arrived at the parish in 2004, she has tirelessly dedicated herself to the Lord's work and the parish community for the last fourteen years.

On behalf of the parish we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of her loving and caring work, and we wish her well in the next stage of her journey.

May God's blessings and grace be with you, Sr Colette, as you start new ventures of your life in Loughborough. We shall miss you, please stay in touch.

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.

'The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by praying before our Lord we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.'

Pope John Paul II

'Let us take time, in the course of the week, in passing, to go in and spend time with the Lord who is so near.'

Pope Benedict XVI

Taste and see that the Lord is good.



The beautiful narrative from today's first reading (1 Kings 19:4-8) presents us with a man on the run – Elijah. He's fed up and he's had enough! The food that he is offered – a simple scone and some water – nourishes and strengthens him to continue his journey a little further. Without that food the Lord offers him, he will wither and fade; with it he is encouraged and enlivened.

What is offered to us in the gift of the Eucharist is life. We come to encounter the Lord who feeds us with his very self in our own weariness, sadness, loneliness, fear and desperation. We come to Mass sometimes fed up and with that feeling of wanting to give up. Christ reaches out to us in that weariness only to encourage us in the Eucharist, enliven us in the Eucharist and love us in the Eucharist.

May the gift we receive this Sunday enable us to be something of the Lord's encouragement to others... may they find strength from the Lord they encounter in us.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

Next Wednesday, 15th August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation:

Masses are as follows:

**9am, St Martha's
10am, St Mary Magdalene's
7pm, Our Lady of the Rosary**

We pray for those who have died: Patricia Welling RIP, June Cruikshank RIP, Norah Low RIP, Phyllis McGlade RIP, Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP, Mary Burke RIP and Angelo (George) Lopes RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Mary Burke, Andrew Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Sean Gaughan, Yvonne Gibbs, Anne Griffiths, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Abraham Jacob, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, 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

5th August
£898.15
Gift Aid: £734.37

2nd collection
£117.29
Gift Aid: £107.40

Maintenance for the Memorial Garden

12th August
Parish Charity Fund (blue envelopes)

19th August
Parish Nursery (blue envelopes)

26th August
Holy Ghost Fathers (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

Ron Brazier:
214818



CTiB Prayer Cycle

This week Beulah Baptist
(Vacancy, David Lockwood)

Next week: Our Lady of the Rosary
(Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale, Fr Boniface Moran)

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

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers Bishop Richard will preside at a Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 15th 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).

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Bank Holiday Monday

27th 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

More info:
www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

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.

Application forms are available at the back of all churches and from our website: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Please complete and return to the parish office.

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, 18th September
at 7pm,
St Mary Magdalene's church.**

**St Leonard's on Sea Deanery
Initial Safeguarding Awareness
Training, St Mary Magdalene's Hall,**

Tuesday 21st 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 15th 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

Parish Diary / August

Thursday 30 th August	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
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Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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



We pray for all those receiving their examination results at this time, and in the coming weeks.

St Cuthman's Library

Open Days
Tuesday 14 August 10am - 4pm and
Tuesday 21 August 3pm - 7pm

Dear Friends, You are welcome to come along to St Cuthman's, Cowfold Road, Coolesham, Horsham, RH13 8QL to browse the library and take away books that you find of interest (donations can be made to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust).

Particular sections of interest include biographies, church history, art, lives of the saints, philosophy and many more. email director@stcuthmans.org or 01403 741220

(Please note that this is for the Library only, the rest of the site is not open for visitors).

CAFOD Share the Journey Update

Thank you to all who have supported this important campaign.

For up to date information on CAFOD's work please see the latest Cafod diocesan bulletin, which can be downloaded from:

<https://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/2018/08/01/our-brief-monthly-update>

The story about the walks can be found:

<https://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/2018/07/31/share-the-journey-so-many-walks/>

Please remember to pop your signed card in the CAFOD box (there is one in each of our churches) by Sunday 26 August for bulk mailing.

If you prefer you can post it direct to CAFOD:

CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

Volunteers Needed

Pope Francis said 'It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.' There are many ways to put our faith into action and offering your time to CAFOD is one of them.

CAFOD is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales, and part of Caritas International. They are currently looking for people across the area who volunteer their time to support their work. They would like to hear from you if you are interested in raising awareness of their work and the needs of the world in our parish, in local schools or with our local MP. If you can make a difference or if you know of anybody who might be interested, please contact the local CAFOD office as soon as possible.

Tel: 01483 898866 or email: arundelbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Our Lady of the Rosary Committee Meeting

OLR hall
6pm, Tuesday 4th September
All Welcome.

Fairtrade Rice

Poor farmers, among 70% of the Malawi population, have to pay for secondary education!

The income from 90 bags (kg) pays for a YEAR in secondary school for a daughter or son. Thank you for your continued support in putting, literally, your money where your mouth is and your Gospel values of justice and respect for the vulnerable. We have a supply of brown and white rice. The price has just (!) gone up due to the international financial situation which hits the poor countries very hard: £3.00kg and £2.20 500g. Available after many Masses and St Martha's during September. Names to: 214605. Spread the message to your friends as well.

Many thanks. Jack Doherty.

A Garden Full of Cultural Delights

Sunday 12th August, 1pm – 5 pm.

Hastings and District Interfaith Forum is one of the sponsors of this open air family event held annually at:

St Leonard's Gardens – just behind the Royal Victoria Hotel
 Children's activities, performances, food and stalls.

Parish Newsletter

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

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.

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

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marycharltonwilliams@live.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP) Mary Williams
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Independent Nursery

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 11th August

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

Memorial

St Clare

Confessions

Miss Elizabeth Francis RIP
& Sr Colette in thanksgiving

Nineteenth Sunday Year B

(Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2, John 6:41-51)

St Mary Magdalene's

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Deceased members of the Buckle Family

Sunday 12th August

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

9:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Philomena Lowry GE (Birthday)

11:00am Priests Intentions

6:00pm Threslamma Joseph RIP

Maintenance for the Parish Charity Fund

(blue envelopes)

Monday 13th August

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Noeleen O'Sullivan GE

Tuesday 14th August

St Mary Magdalene's
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Memorial

St Maximilian Kolbe

Holy Souls

Funeral Mass of Patricia Welling RIP
and after at Hastings Crematorium

Wednesday 15th August

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

Solemnity

The Assumption of the B.V. Mary

Holyday of Obligation

Loretta Cammarano RIP

Marina Brown RIP

Funeral of Phyllis McGlade RIP

Angelo (George) Lopes RIP

Thursday 16th August

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Christopher Gardiner GE

Friday 17th August

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Robert Stevens RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 12.30pm

1:00pm Wedding of Alex Salisbury & Maria Walker

Saturday 18th August

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's
Memorial Garden
St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

10:00am Holy Souls

10:45am Burial of Ashes of Bernard Sullivan RIP

2:30pm Baptism of Imogen May Olivia Smith

Twentieth Sunday Year B

(Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58)

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm The Hagan Family living and deceased

Sunday 19th August

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

9:00am Patricia Andrews RIP

10:00am Maureen Grace RIP

11:00am Priests Intentions

6:00pm People of the Parish

Parish Nursery

(blue envelopes)