

PARISH NEWS

9th September 2018
Twenty-Third 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

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
Every Friday
10:30am- 12.30pm
St Mary Magdalene's Church

St Richard's Catholic College

If your child is approaching the period of transfer from primary to secondary schooling, very serious consideration must be given to decisions involved in the process of transition.

With kind permission of the Headteacher, I cordially extend an invitation to you and your child to attend an evening at:

**St Mary Magdalene's Catholic
Primary School
on Thursday 27th September
at 6.30pm**

I, together with members of the Leadership and Management Team, Pastoral Leader of Year Seven and SENCo shall be delighted to talk to you about St Richard's Catholic College.

Miss D Cronin, Principal.

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Richards on the following dates:

Mon 24 th Sept	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 28 th Sept	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 29 th Sept	11am - 1pm
Thurs 4 th Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 5 th Oct	7pm - 8pm
Sat 6 th Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 15 th Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 20 th Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 22 nd Oct	11am - 12 noon
Tues 23 rd Oct	11am - 12 noon

Please call the parish office to book an appointment.

Please note there will be a charge of £10 for the re-issue of any sacramental certificates.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.



ADOREUMS: Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool

As the Church in England & Wales gathers for the Eucharistic Congress, we too, in our celebration of Holy Mass, consider more deeply our 'Eucharist' or 'thanksgiving' for Christ's sacrifice. Our Lord says: 'Do this in memory of me'. The word "remember" is crucial to our understanding. When we remember we pause, reflect and learn lessons, but when we "remember" in the Eucharist we go deeper. When the Jewish People remembered the Passover, they believed they were being drawn once again into God's saving action. A member is "one who participates" and so to "re-member" means to "participate again".

Our Lord says, 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them' (Mt18:20). And so when we 'remember' what Christ has done, we are drawn into God's saving action as the cross of Christ is "re-presented" before our very eyes where He pours out his blood for the forgiveness of our sins, opening up for us the way from death into life. Our Lord, the Good Shepherd, comes to seek out the lost sheep, but at his passion and death, the people, including those closest, abandoned him.

In the Holy Mass we're given another chance to take station with him at the foot of the cross. This drives our Eucharistic attitude as we 'give thanks' for all our blessings while uniting our sufferings to Christ's sacrifice. To assist us in our pilgrimage he gives us our viaticum (*our food for our journey*) to help us get home to heaven. As we've been considering this summer in our reading of John Chapter 6 we understand Holy Communion to be the '*bread of angels*', being nothing less than the **body, blood, soul and divinity** of Christ Jesus our Lord and God. Strengthened by the Eucharist we're able to carry our own cross to Calvary and '*pass-over*' with him from death into life.

Fr. Simon Dray

2018 Parish Annual Mass Count

For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our money collectors to count all parishioners including babies and those who go out for the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The counts take place over the following weekends:

**22/23, 29/30 Sept, 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28 October
3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 November**

We pray for those who have died: June Cruikshank RIP, Norah Low RIP, Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP, Carmela Perna RIP, Hildegard Evans RIP, Barry Mockford RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Diane Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Andrew Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Sean Gaughan, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Abraham Jacob, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, Rachael Smart, Janet Smith, Terry Standen, Rosanna De Souza, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Sarah Surman, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

Plate Collections

2nd September £927.79
Gift Aid: £794.90

2nd collection £141.42
Gift Aid: £84.70

Maintenance to include St Martha's heating

9th September The Catholic Education Service (blue envelopes)

16th September Home Mission Sunday (not in our scheme)

23rd September Home Mission Sunday (not in our scheme)

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:
844177



CTiB Prayer Cycle

This week: Servants with Jesus (Menaka Simpkins)
Next week: All Saints' Sidley (Michael Bailey, Richard Tuset)

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. (Do bring a packed supper if you wish).

Baptism Preparation for parents of children aged 0-6 years

The next Baptism preparation class for parents will be held on:

Wednesday, 12th September, 7pm-8.30pm, at the presbytery

If you are thinking about having your child(ren) baptised please complete the Baptism application form available at the back of the church or from our website and post or drop into the parish office.

Please note that one parent should be a practising Catholic and a member of our parish.

Parishioners from outside the parish would need a letter with permission and a reason for Baptism here from their Priest of their Church of worship.

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 First Holy Communion sacramental course, application forms are now available at the back of all churches and from our website.

The deadline for returning completed application forms is Friday 14th September.

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

Confirmation 2018/19

For those in Years 10 and 11 at School who have been Baptised and made their First Holy Communion and wish to be Confirmed:

Please register by completing the application form to be found at the back of the churches or on the parish website.

The Parents and Candidates Introduction and First Session will take place on:

**Sunday 14th October at 4:00pm
St Mary Magdalene's Parish Hall,
followed by Mass at 6pm.**

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 the application form and return to the parish office.

Parish Diary

Wed 12 th September	Baptism Preparation Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Tues 18 th September	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery (small meeting room)
Tues 18 th September	FHC Parents Meeting	7:00pm St MM Church
Fri 9 th November	Fr Simon's Induction Mass	7:30pm St MM Church

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

Apostleship of the Sea

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

**Wed, 12th Sept,
11am,
Arundel Cathedral,**

Monsignor B Richard Madders will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email:

to: salvinia@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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.

Wednesday Club

This popular gathering in **St Mary Magdalene's Hall** opens again after the **10am Mass on 12th September.**

There will be freshly brewed teas, coffee and other light refreshments. (Fairtrade where possible)!

11am - 12 noon
Activities run by members and guest contributors.

For more information call Julia: 213078.

Organised by The Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle

**Monday 24th September,
7pm for 7.30 -9pm.
St Martha's Church Hall,**

'A Hospital Chaplain's Ministry'.

Talk by Revd. Frances Baldwin who has been a hospital chaplain at the Conquest Hospital since 2011.

Entrance is free. All welcome. Contact either: Alex Mthobi (07957 632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788) for more information.

Christian Film

An inspiring Christian film: "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) will be showing at Eastbourne' Curzon cinema for one day only on:

**Wednesday 26th September
at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm**

For details see: www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk
See posters at the back of all churches.

'Deep Within' Lourdes CD available for sale from the parish office. £10 per CD

Music of Arundel and Brighton in Lourdes. In aid of the Diocesan Lourdes fund. Perfect gift for the music lover!

Jolly Parish Lunch Tuesday, 11th September, 12 noon,

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 220752

Inclusion Festival Arundel & Brighton Everyone is welcome!

If you have not yet registered for ifab there is still time to do so! Come and join us at:

St Wilfrid's School, Crawley RH11 8PG, on Sunday 16th September from 11am

onwards to celebrate the value of each person and the diversity in our diocese.

There are workshops in the morning and the day will conclude with Bishop Richard celebrating Mass with everyone at 14.30.

Don't forget to bring your picnic. Just go to: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ifa_b2018 to register or use your phone.

Further Information: contact Rosie Read on rosie.read@dabnet.org or 01293 651161.

Please make a note in your diary

Annual Parish Lunch Sunday 7th October 2018 in St Martha's Hall

Please make a note in your diaries to save the date. Tickets will be on sale from 16th September.

Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.
For more information contact: Judith: 212990

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 Simon Dray

Fr Rajesh Minz

Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Sisters of Providence
(Rosminian)
01424 214818

Parish Office Administrators:
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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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www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School
01424 735810
office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Independent Nursery
Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
01424 224499
info@stmmnursery.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 8th September

Feast **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am John de Freitas RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

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(Isaiah 35:4-7, St James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Brian Durrant RIP

Sunday 9th September

St Martha's 9:00am Roger Hunt RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Peter Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

The Catholic Education Service

(not in our scheme)

Monday 10th September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Patrick Keegan RIP

Tuesday 11th September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am David & Moira Kelly
40th Wedding Anniversary

Bexhill Cemetery 11:30am Funeral Service of Hildergard Evans
RIP

Wednesday 12th September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Denis, Mary, Joan O'Sullivan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Funeral Service of Carmela Perna RIP
And after at Bexhill Cemetery

Thursday 13th September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Memorial** St John Chrysostom
Lenny Coward RIP

Friday 14th September **Feast** **Exultation of the Holy Cross**

Day of Abstinence
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Ann Ford RIP
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12.30pm

Saturday 15th September

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am **Memorial** **Our Lady of Sorrows**
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 12 noon Marie McNaboe RIP
Baptism of Cadi Simmons

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Year B

(Isaiah 50:5-9, St James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 16th September

St Martha's 9:00am William (Bill) Austin RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am Priests Intentions

St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vanhoutteghem
Family & Friends

Home Mission Sunday
(not in our scheme)