

# PARISH NEWS

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Twenty-Fifth 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

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## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11am - 1pm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm - 8pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11am - 1pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	11am - 12 noon
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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.**

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## The Lord upholds my life.



**Pastoral Plan:** Bishop Richard Moth has outlined the Diocesan Pastoral Plan at a meeting with Clergy and Diocesan Staff in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. He will be visiting St Leonard's Deanery on 13<sup>th</sup> December, details will be publicised soon. For more information in the meantime visit the Diocesan website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) or from Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/289844072>

On this 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ordinary time, we exalt Jesus Christ the son of God. The Church invites us to listen to him, and to follow his example. Here is a real image of discipleship in today's gospel: to serve and to become small. Discipleship is not about position or importance or recognition or prestige; it's about imitating Christ in the way we give our lives to others and in the way we reach out with love for others. But it's also about 'recognising' God in those so easily overlooked – the child, the vulnerable, the weak, the seemingly insignificant, or unimportant, those ignored or forgotten. The disciple should have eyes to see the face of God revealed in those who can be so readily ignored.

As communities we can be too quick to worry about who's first or who is best or who's the most important. As disciples we should be ready to see the face of God in those around us and serve them, reach out to them... but our lives should also reveal something of the face of God because of who we are and because of the loving, compassionate service we give.

*The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love. Pope Francis.*

God bless, Fr. Rajesh.

## 2018 Parish Annual Mass Count

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3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 November.**

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr John Mulligan, Fr Peter Lessiter RIP, Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP, Mrs K. Shread RIP, Louis Rosenau 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, Martin Tippin, Anne Wilkinson, Mary Stewart, David Spooner, Carol Standen and Tony Batkin.

**Plate Collections**

16<sup>th</sup> September

£875.59

Gift Aid: £593.23

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£214.48  
Home Mission Sunday

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23<sup>rd</sup> September  
SVP  
(not in our scheme)

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30<sup>th</sup> September  
Overseas Mission  
(not in our scheme)

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7<sup>th</sup> October  
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection  
(Cafod 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

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**Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners**

Ron Brazier:  
844177



**CTiB Prayer Cycle**

**This week:** Society of Friends (Daphne Hill).

**Next week:** St Mary Magdalene's (Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale).

**Annual Dialogue and Unity Day 2018:  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
at DABCEC,**

Southgate Drive, Crawley.

Come along, bring your friends from other Churches, share your experiences of working, praying and growing together.

Our theme is The Role of Christian Unity in the Renewal of the Church.

We will hear from Fr Sebastian Ostryński, Head of the Chemin Neuf Community in the UK, a Catholic community with a charism for ecumenism.

Times of prayer, sharing and information. Bring a packed lunch – tea, coffee and cake provided.

To book: [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org)

**'The Challenge of Listening to the Other - the Importance and Pitfalls of Interfaith Dialogue'**

**Hastings and District Interfaith**

**Forum** jointly with the Council of Christians and Jews invite you to this meeting:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm,  
hosted by the Bexhill Islamic Centre,  
Clifford Road, Bexhill on sea.**

**TN40 1QA .**

**Guest Speaker: Rabbi Danny Rich**, Senior Rabbi and Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism since the middle of 2005 – see posters at the back of churches.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

The children's choir will be leading and singing music at the family Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please pray for: **George Mosca** and his family and friends as he becomes part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk)

Please complete the application form and return to the parish office.

**Parish Diary Oct / Nov**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> October	FHC Monday Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> October	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> October	FHC Saturday Session	11:00am St Mary Magdalene's hall
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Confirmation Parents/Candidates Meeting	4:00pm Presbytery
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> October	SVP meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**Catholic Women's League**

**Monday 1st October, 7:30pm**

St Martha's Hall  
Theme: The Holy Rosary  
Contact: Jac Young  
220685

**Christian Film**

An inspiring Christian film: "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) will be showing at Eastbourne' Curzon cinema for one day only on: **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm**  
See posters at the back of all churches.

**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.

**Annual Parish Lunch  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
St Martha's Hall, 12.45pm  
for 1pm**

Tickets will be on sale from 16<sup>th</sup> September, after Mass.

Adults: £8.00, Child: £5.00

Donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

For more information contact: Judith: 212990.

**Organised by  
The Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

For more info contact either: Alex Mthobi (07957 632208) or Edward Echlin (01424 219788).

**St John Vianney Cenacle: Group of Prayer for Priests**

As Saint John Paul II wrote in a letter in 2004 - "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist".

The 1 hour prayer session will be one before the last Tuesday of each month at St Mary Magdalene (next session 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6 pm).

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**British Sign Language (BSL)  
Courses in Crawley**

Interested in learning British Sign Language and Liturgical Signs with a view to being able to communicate more effectively with people who are deaf or hard of hearing ? Here is your opportunity! Eventually you may be able to help by using BSL in liturgies, at parish even, and even supporting someone who is deaf, with preparation for a sacrament.

The Diocese are offering **FREE Taster Sessions on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:**

Level 1 (Beginners) at St Mary's Hall, Guildford GU2 8BP : 11.00 – 13.00

Level 1 (Beginners) at St Edward's Church Hall, Pound Hill, Crawley RH10 7EQ : 18.30 – 20.30

Level 2 at St Edward's Church Hall, Pound Hill, Crawley RH10 7EQ : 15.30 – 18.00

*For further details contact Rosie Read, Inclusion Secretary on 01293 651161 or rosie.read@dabnet.org*

**Race Night  
Our Lady of the Rosary Hall  
Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November,  
from 7pm**

Children and (children at heart) come and be a jockey for the evening! This is a family event so do come along with the children and enjoy a night of fun. Just bring a plate of food and drinks of your choice and plenty of change. Lots of fun to be had by all.

## 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:**

Bonita Osmond-Maher  
Lisa Young

**Telephone: 01424 210263**

### Email:

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

### Website:

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

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[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  
[info@stmmnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@stmmnursery.co.uk)

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Rubén Varela Torres RIP

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday Year B

(Wisdom 2:12. 17-20, St James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37)

### St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm John McGinley RIP  
*SVP appeal after Mass*

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

St Martha's 9:00am Eilish Whitaker RIP  
*SVP appeal after Mass*

Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish  
*SVP appeal after Mass*

St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am The Good Estate of Stan & Winn Yeo  
*SVP appeal after Mass*

St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions  
*SVP appeal after Mass*

**SVP**

(not in our scheme)

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am John de Freitas RIP

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Sr Mary Frances Kobets, MM RIP  
Memorial Garden After Mass Burial of Ashes of Norah Low RIP

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Virginia Edozie RIP & Sara and John  
Birthday GE

St Mary Magdalene's 1:00pm Funeral Mass of James Monaghan RIP  
and after at Hastings Crematorium

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **St Vincent de Paul**

In Thanksgiving to Sr Anthony

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am **Day of Abstinence**  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am Bartolomeo Visconti RIP  
- 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September

St Mary Magdalene's 9:30am **Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's 12:30pm Irene Herring RIP, David Herring's  
children & Mary Herring RIP (Birthday)  
Baptism of Seth Baitmansour

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday Year B

(Numbers 11:25-29, St James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48)

St Mary Magdalene's 5:30pm Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Cesidio Capaldi RIP

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

St Martha's 9:00am *Cafod talk after all Masses*  
Mary & George Caton RIP  
& Harvest Festival

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 Agnes Varghese - 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday -  
Thanksgiving

**Overseas Missions**

(not in our scheme)