

PARISH NEWS

21st October 2018

Twenty-Ninth 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

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

Mon 22nd Oct 11am - 12 noon
Tues 23rd 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.

Fr Simon's Induction Mass
Friday 9th November,
7:30pm,
St Mary Magdalene's

There will be a Music Rehearsal on Sunday 28th October at 2:30pm.

Bishop Richard will come and celebrate Mass in which he will induct Fr Simon our Parish Priest. After Mass there will be a reception in the hall.

All Welcome.

We need volunteers to set up and to clear down afterwards. Anyone who is kindly available to help, please contact the parish office asap.

If anyone needs a lift to the mass (and home again) please call the parish office and we will arrange transport for you.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Baptism, Reception and other Sacraments

Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for 2019 are now underway. If you were baptised as a baby your sacramental journey may have been straightforward. Indeed, parents with children aged 6 and under are encouraged to request baptism without delay. Life sometimes gets in the way and our decision to ask for the sacraments gets a bit lost. In the sacraments we encounter Christ who journeys with us and transfigures us, so that we may live a holy life. It is never too late, in this life, to request the sacraments. Please pray for those discerning their journey in faith. These can be difficult decisions as we're all challenged to see where we need Reconciliation and conversion to the Gospel of Life.

The **RCIA programme** is suitable for un-baptised adults who hear Christ's call for baptism; for Christians who feel called into full communion with the Catholic Church; for Catholic Adults who were not Confirmed as teenagers; and for any Catholic who wishes to top up their formation in the faith.

The '**We Journey Together Programme**' is suitable for unbaptised children aged 7-13 years old (*those aged 14-17 will be directed to the Confirmation programme*); and is also suitable for children who were baptised as Anglicans but who now wish to become Catholic. It is also suitable for any Catholic child in School Years 6, 7 or 8 who find they need more stimulating content than what the age appropriate Year 3 First Holy Communion programme can provide. The WJT programme begins on 8th November so please apply now.

Those wishing to **get married** in 2019 should see one of the clergy team ASAP. Please also come and see one of the clergy team if *you got married outside of the Catholic Church*, and now with no impediment, wish to have that marriage con-validated by the Church. Additionally, the clergy are very happy to see anyone who has entered a second civil marriage and feels they have grounds for the annulment of their first marriage and wish, with Pope Francis' encouragement, to begin a process of '*discernment and accompaniment*' to explore any possible steps forward.

For all the sacraments please contact the Parish Office for more information and see the application forms in all our Churches.

God bless, Fr Simon.

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: **20/21, 27/28 October, 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 November**.

We pray for those who have died:

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

Plate Collections

14th October £892.82
Gift Aid: £486.80
2nd collection £164.12
Gift Aid: £121.96

Parish Charity Fund (blue envelopes) *****

21st October World Mission Sunday MISSIO (Not in our scheme) *****

28th October PACT Prison Advice & Care Trust (Not in our scheme) *****

4th November Retired Priest fund (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:
844177

**CTiB Prayer Cycle**

This week: Sackville Road Methodist (Tricia Williams)

Next week: St Augustine's Methodist (Robert Coates)

November Remembrance Liturgies at St Mary Magdalene Church

Bereavement Mass: 10:00 on Saturday 3rd November, followed by **Blessing of Memorial Garden** and Refreshments

Requiem Mass for those fallen in war on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice: 11:00 on Sunday 11th November

Requiem Mass for the Deceased Clergy and Religious of the Diocese: 10:00 on Tuesday 13th November

And at Turkey Road Cemetery:
Blessing of Graves: 14:30 on Sunday 4th November.

Supporting the Bereaved Course:

Could you support your Parish Priest by becoming a friend to those parishioners who are bereaved?

Could you walk beside them in their grief? Why not talk to your Parish Priest about the next course?

Introductory Day on Friday, 9th November from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at The Christian Education Centre, (DABCEC), Crawley RH10 6RP.

Course runs over seven Tuesdays from 15th January and 5th March inclusive, but not 19th February. Contact: katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for Zachary Allen and his family and friends as he becomes part of the family of the church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Pontifical Mass of St Philip Howard and Installation of New Chapter Canons
(Note: one is Fr. David Parmiter!)

Sunday 21st October at 3pm - Arundel Cathedral. Followed by tea in the Cathedral Centre.
All welcome!

We Journey Together Baptism of children 7yrs-12yrs

The first meeting will be: Thursday 8th November, 6:30pm at the presbytery

Application forms are available at the back of all churches or from our website: www.stmm.co.uk. Please complete and return to the parish office.

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Diocesan Pastoral Plan: "The Word who is Life"

Following last year's consultation the Bishop returns to the Deanery to share with us the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese towards 2030.

This is an open meeting on: 13th December at 7pm in St Martha's Hall, Little Common.

Please pray for our Diocese, our Bishop and the people of our Parish as we focus on the mission to which the Lord has called us.

Parish Diary Oct / Nov

Sun 28th October	Music Rehearsal for Fr Simon's Induction Mass	2:30pm St MM Church
Wed 31st October	RCIA Session 2	7:00pm Presbytery
Thurs 8th November	We Journey Together (WJT) Session 1	6:30pm Presbytery
Fri 9th November	Fr Simon's Induction Mass	7:30pm St MM Church
Sun 11th November	Confirmation Session 2	4:00pm Presbytery
Mon 12th Nov	First Holy Communion (2)	6:30pm St Martha's
Sat 17th Nov	First Holy Communion (2)	11:00am St MM Church Hall

**Gift Aid
Envelopes
2018/19**

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

**Parish Marriage
Catechists' Study
Day with Bishop
Richard on Saturday
24th November at
DABCEC, RH10 6RP
from 9.45 am to 4pm.**

**Annual Justice &
Peace Assembly:
Advance "Human
Trafficking" –
Slavery On Our
Doorstep**
Saturday 26th January
DABCEC, RH10 6RP
9.30am to 3.30 pm.
Guest Speakers tba.

**Day of Reflection for
Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy
Communion**

Bishop Richard invites Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for a Day of Reflection **10:30 to 16:00 on Saturday, 17th November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, KT13 8JD**
Please bring a packed lunch
Booking Essential: 01293 651164

**Disturbances at any of
our church grounds!**

If you see anything suspicious please do **not** put yourself in a vulnerable position, please ring the parish office or telephone the Police. Thank you.

**How can we help to save
creation!!?**

The United Nations Climate Change Report just agreed by 195 countries talks of disastrous future for our planetary home if we continue.....and don't do something ! Pope Francis is providing leadership, especially Laudato Si, and says we have responsibility in justice to take measures seriously to avert disaster,famine and awful poverty from Climate Change.

What can we do in Bexhill community?

Come along to a meeting on Wednesday 24th October at either 11am to 12 noon or 7pm to 8pm with your suggestions and hear others as well.

Venue: Quaker Friends Meeting Centre, Albert Road

**Our Lady of the Rosary
Family Mass
28th October**

The children will be helping to sing and lead the music at this mass

**Jolly Parish Lunch
Tuesday 12th November**

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. All welcome!
Contact Angela: 220752

Catholic Women's League

Monday 5th November
7:30 pm St. Martha's Hall
"Preparing for Christmas" Craft Evening
All ladies of the parish welcome
Contact: Jac Young 220685

**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 23rd October at 6 pm).**

**Morning of Reflection for
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion**

Saturday 24th November after 10am Mass and until 12 - 1230pm in St Mary Magdalene's Hall

THE BIG ENCOUNTER 2018**FESTIVAL FOR 16-35s****Saturday 10th November****6.30pm at Worth Abbey**

Our annual festival for 16-35 year olds is happening at Worth Abbey (Performing Arts Centre). It is open to anybody in that age group, and we've got an amazing line-up.

The Youth 2000 Worship Band will be leading the music, and Bryony Wells will be our keynote speaker.

Bishop Richard will also be with us. This is the second annual BIG ENCOUNTER, and we're expecting a few hundred people, so spread the word.

Entry is free, and you don't need to book. For more info: Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

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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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

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
01424 731070

admin@strichardscsc.com
www.strichardscsc.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 20th October

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Jack Jeffreys RIP

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(Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	P.M. George RIP

Sunday 21st October

St Martha's	9:00am	Elsie Salt
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Christine Whitehead GE
St Martha's	12:30pm	Baptism - Zachery Allen
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priest's intentions

World Mission Sunday MISSIO (not in our scheme)

Monday 22nd October

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Roger Hunt RIP
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Tuesday 23rd October

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Omana & Vdayan RIP
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Wednesday 24th October

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Tom Hanks RIP
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Thursday 25th October

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Yvonne Stevens RIP
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Friday 26th October

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mrs K. Shread RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	- 12:30pm	

Saturday 27th October

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Kathleen Skinner RIP

Thirtieth Sunday Year B

(Jeremiah 31: 7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Carol Pattison RIP
		And Reception into Full Communion of Jennifer Howells

Sunday 28th October

St Martha's	9:00am	Nicola Gough RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priest's intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Frankie (Mary) Dale RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust)
(not in our scheme)

Advent Small Group Material:

The Diocese itself is not producing an Advent booklet this year. We can recommend "Global Healing" which is a film-based resource for parishes, groups and individuals, responding to Laudato Si and Pope Francis' vital call to care for our common home. Further details from

www.ourcommonhome.co.uk Alternatively, from House On Rock we can suggest their 'Lift up your Hearts' programme, which has the themes of mercy and forgiveness, in preparation for the Christmas period. Go to www.houseonrock.co.uk/faith-sharing Jon Harman Adviser for Formation and Spirituality jon.harman@dabnet.org (01293) 651157