

PARISH NEWS

4th November 2018

Thirtieth-First 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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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

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

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

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

Monday 12th November: 8pm to 9pm
Friday 16th November: 3.30pm to 5pm
Sat: 17th November: 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Monday 19th November: 7pm to 8pm
Friday 23rd November: 3.30pm to 5pm
Sat: 24th November: 11am to 12noon
Monday 26th November: 3.30pm to 5pm

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.

Please telephone the school office: 01424 735810 to book an appointment.

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School Open days

Tues 13th November: 6:00pm
Thurs 15th November: 9:30am

November: The Month of the Holy Souls

This weekend we have already celebrated our annual bereavement Mass. Throughout this month of November we pray for the Holy Souls: *'Remember, Lord, your servants, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen'*. There is the long standing custom of placing money in the Holy Souls box so that Masses may be celebrated for the repose of their souls, not just our family and friends but all those with no one to pray for them. The offering also has a secondary benefit as we can send these Masses to other priests who have very few Mass stipends. I'd like to thank Jean Dolan who has faithfully updated our parish memorial books with the names of our parishioners who have died this past year; once again I commend the faithful departed to your prayers throughout the month and especially at the following events:

Blessing of Graves at Turkey Road Cemetery:
This Sunday 4th November at 2.30pm

Requiem Mass for those fallen in War:

11am at St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 11th November. At all other Masses we keep the prayers of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, but there will be an opportunity to remember those who have died in war.

Requiem Mass for the Deceased Clergy & Religious of the Diocese: 10am at St Mary Magdalene on Tuesday 13th November. We welcome the Deanery clergy and other parishioners from across the St Leonards Deanery

Induction Mass:

The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

This Friday, 9th November at 7.30pm in St Mary Magdalene, Bishop Richard will celebrate Holy Mass during which he will formally Induct Fr Simon as our Parish Priest. This will be followed by a reception in the hall afterwards. All are welcome to attend. Many thanks to so many people from across our communities who have already done so much to make this a parish-wide celebration. If you can walk to the event please do so or be prepared to park in local roads. If you need a lift please let the office know ASAP and the Pastoral Care Group will try to arrange one for you.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for:

Kian Matthews, Riley Matthews, Felicity Davies and Henry James Hawley and their family and friends as they become a part of the family of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

We pray for those who have died: **Mary Sharp RIP, Fr Thomas Foley RIP, Francesca Margetts RIP, George T. Patrick Lowry RIP and Brian O'Reilly RIP.**

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, Anne McEwan, 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

28th October £1005.93
Gift Aid: £599.12

2nd collection £327.82
PACT

Prison Advice & Care Trust

4th November
Retired Priest fund (blue envelopes)

11th November
Holy Souls (blue envelopes)

18th November
Arundel Cathedral Maintenance (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: St Oswald's House (Paul Frostick)

Next week: St Barnabas (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)

Morning of Reflection to prepare for Advent

Open to all, but especially suitable for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Saturday 24th November
after 10am Mass and until

12:30pm

St Mary Magdalene's Hall

November - Month of the Holy Souls



We invite you to take a lilac prayer form to list the names of your loved ones who have died, so that we can as a community hold them in prayer during this month of November.

Please place the completed forms in the basket provided.

The book of Remembrance has been updated with the names of parishioners who have died this last year.

Money collected in the Holy Souls boxes will be allocated to special Masses throughout the year.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan: "The Word who is Life"

Bishop Richard comes to:

St Martha's hall on 13th December at 7pm

to present to us the pastoral vision for our Diocese as we move towards 2030.

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.

2018 Parish Annual Extended Mass Count: 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 November.

2018 Parish Annual Mass Count For those who like statistics!

Mass Count October 2018

Week 1	22/23 Sept	742
Week 2	29/30 Sept	778
Week 3	6/7 Oct	807
Week 4	13/14 Oct	737

Mass Averages 2015-2018

	2018	2017	2016	2015
6pm Sat	113	131	123	148
9am Sun	179	162	175	184
10am Sun	154	136	139	137
11am Sun	206	158	171	165
6pm Sun	115	101	108	103

Average Mass Attendance 2015-2018

2015	2016	2017	2018
737	716	688	767

Please note that each year there are some unusual factors which may affect the total.

Valentine Barlow RIP: On Thursday 8th November at 2.30pm in St Mary Magdalene, Fr Paul Gillham will sing a Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite for Mrs Valentine Barlow who died last year aged 93. She was a hero of World War II secretly risking her life for the Allies. As most of her friends had died very few people attended her funeral, and so in this month of the Holy Souls we have another opportunity to pray for the repose of her soul.

Parish Diary - November

Wed 7 th November	RCIA Session 2	7:00pm Presbytery
Thurs 8 th November	WJT Session 1	6:30pm Presbytery
Fri 9 th November	Fr Simon's Induction Mass	7:30pm St MM Church
Sun 11 th November	Confirmation Session 2	4:00pm Presbytery
Mon 12 th November	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Sat 17 th November	FHC Session	11am St MM hall

OLR Race Night



**St Mary Magdalene's
Church Hall**
**Sat, 24th 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. All Welcome!

Gift Aid Envelopes 2018/19

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

Jolly Parish Lunch
Tuesday 13th November
The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 220752

Service of Music and Prayer from Taize for Remembrance Sunday
St Thomas of Canterbury Church on Sunday 11th November, at 4pm.

Anyone who would like to help lead the music is asked to come to rehearsal at 3pm.

Lifts for Parishioners

The Parish Pastoral Care Group offer to give lifts to parishioners for special events including:

Fr Simon's Induction Mass

Mary Magdalene's, 7.30pm, 9th November,

Diocesan Pastoral Plan meeting with Bishop Richard

St Martha's, 13th December, 7.00pm,

Parish Advent Service

St Martha's, 2.30pm, 16th December.

Please contact the parish office at least two weeks before the event –If any parishioners are willing to join the team of parish registered drivers, please contact the office to complete a form.

Parish Christmas Day Lunch

**St Martha's Hall,
12:30pm for 1pm**

All parishioners and their friends welcome (*singles, pairs and families*) for a traditional turkey and pudding feast (with a vegetarian option).

Wine and other drinks will accompany the meal.

Although there is no charge, donations will be gratefully received on the day.

**If you would like to join us,
contact the Parish Office: 210263
or Julia Dance: 213078.**

Catholic Women's League

Monday 5th November

7:30pm, St Martha's Hall

"Preparing for Christmas"

Craft Evening -All ladies of the parish welcome -Contact: Jac Young 220685.

**HDIFF - "Towards a Global Ethic" Tuesday 6th November,
6pm at RVS Centre, St Leonards.
TN37 6AP.** Welcome Buffet at 6pm , then the **Rev Dr Marcus Braybrooke** will speak. AGM will be at 8pm.

Day of Reflection

17th November, for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, at Weybridge. **Please note that this event is now fully booked.**

Worth Abbey Open Cloister Retreats 2019

Flyer with details in the church porch or visit www.worth.co.uk

Justice & Peace Assembly 2019:

'Slavery On Our Doorstep',
DABCEC, Saturday 26th

January, 10am (coffee from 9.30). Learn about the slave trade hidden under your nose and how you can help those affected.

Speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Sussex Police.

To book contact Rosie Read, rosie.read@dabnet.org Or 01293 65116

The Big Encounter Festival for 16-35's Next Saturday 10th November, 6.30pm at Worth Abbey

It's totally free, and there's no need to book. We're expecting a few hundred people and we've got an amazing line-up for the event.

Bryony Wells is our keynote speaker, and the Youth 2000 worship band are leading the music.

Bishop Richard will also be with us, for an event with live music, powerful talks, adoration, and more. It's open to anyone aged 16-35.

For more information, search for 'Catholic ENOUNTER' on Facebook.

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

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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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01424 731070

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**St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School**
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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery**
Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 3rd November

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Luck, McEniry & Yeo Families Deceased
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	And Parish Bereavement Mass Baptism of Kian Matthews & Riley Matthews
St Mary Magdalene's	4:15pm	Baptism of Henry James Hawley

Thirty-First Sunday Year B

(Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Maxie Hunnisett RIP
Sunday 4th November		
St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Stephen & Carmel Dermody-Lawrence & Family GE
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Anastazia & Zbigniew Zglobis RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Felicity Davies
Bexhill Cemetery	2:30pm	Blessing of the Graves - Bexhill Cemetery

Retired Priest Fund (blue envelopes)

Monday 5th November

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Alan Hall RIP
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Tuesday 6th November

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	George Lopes RIP
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Wednesday 7th November

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Angelo 'George' Lopes RIP
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Thursday 8th November

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Anne Ford RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	2:30pm	Requiem Mass (EF) Valentine Barlow RIP

Friday 9th November

Feast *Consecration of the Lateran Basilica*

Day of Abstinence

St Richard's College	8:10am	School Invention
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Tom Hanks RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:45am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 12:30pm	7:30pm	Fr Simon's Induction Mass with Bishop Richard
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Saturday 10th November

St Mary Magdalene's	Memorial	St Leo the Great
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions

Ann Walsh GE (Birthday)

Thirty-Second Sunday Year B

(Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44)

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

Sunday 11th November

St Martha's	9:00am	Priest's Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	George T. Patrick Lowry RIP <i>Laying of Wreath in Peace Memorial before 11am Mass</i>
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	For Those Fallen in War
Memorial Garden	12:15pm	Blessing of the Memorial Garden
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Holy Souls (blue envelopes)