

# PARISH NEWS

23<sup>rd</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EDITION

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

## Christmas Mass Times

- 6pm St Mary Magdalene: Vigil of Christmas
- 8pm St Martha's: Vigil of Christmas
- Midnight St Mary Magdalene: Midnight Mass
- 8am St Mary Magdalene: Mass at Dawn
- 9am St Martha's: Mass at Dawn
- 10am Our Lady of the Rosary: Mass of the Day
- 11am St Mary Magdalene: Mass of the Day
- 2pm: Syro-Malabar Mass

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## Boxing Day: Feast of St Stephen

Fr Rajesh invites all Altar Servers to come and join him for Holy Mass at 10am on the Feast of St Stephen, Patron of Altar Servers.

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Holy Family

Normal Mass times

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## CAFOD

CAFOD allows us to be involved in the mission of the Catholic social teaching through prayer donations and fundraising, supporting the poor and oppressed of our world.

Contact Christina 845225.

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## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

*The Parish Office is closed until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.*

## Psalm Responses:

**Advent 4: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved**

**Vigil: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord**

**Midnight: Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord**

**Dawn: This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us**

**Day: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God**

**Holy Family: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord**



Fr Simon, Fr Rajesh, Deacon Simon and the Parish Team wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank everyone for their service to the parish.

## Christmas Collection “Clergy Gift”

Did you know that priests do not receive a salary? They rely on the generosity of parishioners who give offerings. Your Christmas offering makes up the largest part of their income. Please use the 'Green' Envelopes provided to make your offering. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**We pray for those who have died:** Rose Carter RIP.

**We pray for the sick especially:** Peter Andrews, Steve Allingham, Stephanie Bacon, Diane Batkin, Tony Batkin, Christopher Browne, Angela Burden, Winifrede Connellan, 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, 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, Mary Tenneffe, Martin Tippin, Anne Wilkinson and Hazel Wood.

## **CHARITY**

We financially support from the Poor Fund and the Charity Fund:

CAFOD  
The Pelham  
Sidley  
Snowflake  
Surviving  
Christmas  
Mary's Meals  
Friends of the  
Holy Land  
Life

## **Bexhill Food Bank**

Churches Together in Bexhill opened in December 2012. Food is collected in our churches and since April 2018 over 200 adults and children have benefitted. This is also an important Ecumenical endeavour and the love and kindness over a cup of tea is equally important.

More info at  
[www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk)

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## **Holy Communion for the Housebound**

Ron Brazier:  
844177

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion please review whether you can take on a visit or any more visits.

**This edition of the newsletter celebrates the work of the Parish Pastoral Care Group and other parish groups who work to the Bishop's 3 fold priorities of Prayer, Formation and Mission.**

## **PRAYER**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Friday after the 10am Parish Mass, with Benediction at 12noon. Re-starting on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan '19, The Adoration committee would love to hear from you to discern when extra periods of Adoration might take place in our parish Churches during 2019. Contact Ghislaine on 731300.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** On 29<sup>th</sup> June, the Parish is organising a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Walsingham. This is a full day pilgrimage by coach with Holy Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 12:00. The cost of the pilgrimage is approx. £30. Please bring a packed lunch, but we will be stopping off for a meal on the way home so bring some money for a pub meal.

**Support for Parish functions:** We are grateful to the Parish Pastoral Care Group: Sr Bernadette, Anne Barry, Ron & Clare Brazier, Mary Carol, Sally Moore and Mary Williams who represent the parish geographically and in expertise, work with Fr Simon, Fr Rajesh and Deacon Simon to provide ongoing pastoral care to many parishioners at various parish events and with members of the community who are housebound.

**Flower Team:** We are grateful to our flower teams that make our Churches so beautiful, especially at Christmas. New volunteers are always welcome!

**Altar Servers:** we are grateful to our Altar Servers and wish them a happy feast of St Stephen on Boxing Day. We've given out 3 Silver Medals to long term servers (10yrs service) this year. Please let the office know if you are due for a bronze medal (1 yr service). More servers always welcome; just come to the sacristy at the Mass you usually attend.

## **Going into Hospital? Conquest Chaplaincy Team**

Did you know that the Hospital does not let parishes know you are in hospital? However, there is Chaplaincy support! For a visit from one of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team for Anointing, Holy Communion or a General Visit for Contact the **Catholic Conquest Chaplain Cecilia Weathers of 01424 757088 or Irvine Unity Bexhill Mary Williams 01424 810077**

If you know you are going into hospital for an operation, ask one of the priests to give you the Sacrament of the Sick one Sunday before you go into hospital.

## Formation

**Catholic Women's League:** The Parish CWL raise money through events such as a sausage sizzle and a cycle ride and many local charities are supported including Contact the Elderly, special Kid's Bexhill and the women's Refuge. The Parish Lunch also has social benefits. They meet on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in SM hall when food is brought along for the Foodbank. **Contact the chairperson Jac Young on 220685.**

**Sacramental Preparation:** We have 69 children enrolled for First Holy Communion, 21 young people enrolled for Confirmation and 12 adults exploring their Journey in Faith. Thanks to the catechists for their dedication in handing on the one, holy, catholic and apostolic faith.

## Mission & Community

**Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):** The aim of the SVP is to befriend and offer practical support, within our means, to anyone in need, regardless of their faith, beliefs, lifestyle, gender, age, physical or mental ability. Currently we have 13 members in the Bexhill Conference. Contact: Mary Williams at [marycharletonwilliams@live.com](mailto:marycharletonwilliams@live.com) for more information.

**Three Churches in Little Common:** An ecumenical group comprising, St Mark's, Little Common Methodist Church and St Martha's meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 11.30am for an informal service, a chat and refreshments. More info: Bela 844639.

**Churches Together in Bexhill:** our parish is part of Church's Together and two members are on the executive committee (Bridget 218487 and Bela 844639). Bridget covers rest homes and Bela is the Interfaith member. CTiB is committed to the Foodbank & Street Pastors of which we have eight members who pray in St John's centre alongside the Prayer Pastors who are Jesus' presence for those in need in our town in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. Contact 843556.

**Jolly Parish Lunch:** In operation for 10+ years at a local restaurant - All welcome, and transport can be arranged if necessary. Around 25 lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Contact Angela 220752 or Mary 220334.

**Wednesday Club:** After the 10am Mass on Wednesday parishioners and friends gather in STMM Hall and enjoy refreshments followed by activities run by members and guest contributors. Contact Julia 213078.

All at St Mary Magdalene:		
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass Durrant Family
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	10:00 am	Francesca Margetts RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	10:00 am	Rosa Nardone RIP
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	10:00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10:00 am	Tom Hanks RIP
		No Exposition Today
		Friday Abstinence
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30 am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00 am	Joan Benzie RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Caleb King Harakis
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	5:30 pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00 pm	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00 pm	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
St Martha's	9:00 am	Danny McNally RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00 am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00 am	Fr Rajesh Minz Anniversary of Ordination
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00 pm	Priest Intentions
<b>Parish Charity Fund</b> (blue envelopes)		

## 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

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#### Office Hours:

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#### Finance:

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#### 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  
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[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
**Primary School**

#### Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews  
01424 735810

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[www.stmarymags.co.uk](http://www.stmarymags.co.uk)

**St Mary Magdalene Catholic**  
**Independent Nursery**

**Supervisor:** Gemma Oliver-Taylor  
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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

(Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Hanson/Driscoll Families living & deceased
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		
St Martha's	9:00am	Pamela & Keith Bourne GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Nancy & Don Simmons & Lionel & Lawrence Keep RIP

*Parish Charity Fund (blue envelopes)*

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

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00 am NO MASS

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Christmas Carols
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Vigil Mass: Priests Intention
St Martha's	7:30pm	Christmas Carols
St Martha's	8:00pm	Vigil Mass: Priests Intention

### Clergy Gift

#### Green Christmas Envelopes

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

St Mary Magdalene's	11:30pm	Christmas Carols
St Mary Magdalene's	00:00am	Midnight Mass: People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	8:00 am	Dawn Mass: For the sick & housebound
St Martha's	9:00 am	Dawn Mass: For the sick & housebound
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00 am	Day Mass: For the sick & housebound
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00 am	Day Mass: For the sick & housebound
St Mary Magdalene's	2:00 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

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

St Mary Magdalene's

### Feast

10:00am St Stephen

Teresa & Bert Cecil RIP

### Feast

10:00 am St John the Evangelist

Jane Goldrich GE

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

St Mary Magdalene's

### Feast

10:00 am Holy Innocents

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

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Aleena Aju (Birthday)

No Exposition Today

No Abstinence Required in the Octave

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

St Mary Magdalene's

### Feast

9:30am St Thomas a Beckett

Confessions

10:00am George Thomas Lowry GE &

Thanksgiving for the Lowry Family

After 10am Burial of Ashes of Teresa Barton RIP

Memorial Garden

## Holy Family Year C

(Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28, St John 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52)

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

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Peter Robinson RIP

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

St Martha's

9:00am Mick Hanson RIP

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Edna & Fred Herring RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Priests Intentions

*Parish Poor Fund (blue envelopes)*