

PARISH NEWS

24th February 2019

Seventh Sunday Yr C

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**

Mission Appeal

We welcome Fr Henry Somah from the Society of African Missions (SMA) who will be celebrating some of our parish Masses on 2/3 March as well as appealing for your prayers and financial support.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for:

Eleni Rose Hodge

and her family and friends as she becomes part of the family of the church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Fairtrade Fortnight

25th February to Sunday 10th March 2019

Parish Fairtrade Breakfast

St Martha's after Mass on Sunday 10th March.

Fairtrade Fashion Show

St Richard's Catholic College on Thursday 7th March at 6.45pm

Adults: £5 includes free glass of Fairtrade wine, Concessions / Schoolchildren: £2 incl free fruit juice.

The poorest farmers cannot increase their income, but you could help, please come along. *Jack Doherty*.

The Lord is compassion and love.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This weekend we welcome the **Lay-Apostolate for Adoration** who will encourage us to rediscover the joy, beauty and holiness of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is '*the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Saviour who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the 'King of Glory'; respectful silence in the presence of the 'ever greater' God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.*' (CCC 2628).

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives, and so worship of the Blessed Sacrament is necessary both in and outside of the Holy Mass. In our celebrations, Christ is present on the Altar and outside of the liturgy our focus is on the tabernacle where Christ remains truly present in our midst. We've seen in some Churches signs that exhort us to, '*talk to God before Mass, listen to God during the Mass, and talk to others after Mass*'.

At Holy Communion, we make a firm act of adoration, either by kneeling to receive Holy Communion or where that is not practical, as we come in procession, we genuflect or make a profound bow as we welcome the Lord, his body, blood, soul and divinity, under our roof. (*Don't forget we need to be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion and have fasted at least an hour beforehand*). If not, we make a silent spiritual communion, such as, '*I wish, Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which you most holy Mother received you; with the spirit and fervour of the saints.*'

As the memorial of the cross, we see in the Holy Mass the work of our redemption re-presented before our eyes as the priest elevates the Sacred Host and Precious Chalice. In this moment the priest shows us the depth of Christ's love and we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament expands this moment; the Master is here and waiting for us to come to him. We place ourselves in his loving presence; and as he makes himself present to us, he fortifies us on our pilgrimage home or at least for the week ahead!

With my prayers and best wishes,

Fr Simon.

Lent Reflection Groups

Monday Starts: 4 th March	2.30pm	Anne Wilkinson	215710
Tuesday Starts 12 th March	7.30pm-9pm	Ghislaine Cornfield	07491 477773

Tuesday group will be an Alpha course on prayer at the presbytery at 7.30 pm. More information at the back of the church and on page 2 of this newsletter. To take part in any of these meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader.

We pray for those who have died: Joan Keen RIP, Maureen Cunningham RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, 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, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, George Thomas Lowry, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, Ida Reynolds, Diana Richardson, Rachael Smart, Janet Smith, David Spooner, Carol Standen, Terry Standen, Mary Stewart, Connie Stoddart, Rosanna De Souza, David Standen, Eileen Sullivan, Mary Tenneffe, Martin Tippin, Kathleen Tunney and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections

17th February
£911.94
Gift Aid £718.05

2nd collection
£391.33
Gift Aid £ n.a

Catholic Association
for Racial Justice
(CARJ)

24th February
Parish Lourdes
Fund

3rd March
Maintenance to
include Memorial
Garden

10th March
Society for the
Unborn Child
(SPUC)

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: Our Lady of the Rosary
(Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz,
Deacon Simon Kirkdale)

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(Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz,
Deacon Simon Kirkdale).

Vianney Cenacle Prayer Group

The Cenacle of prayer for priests
will be meeting:
Thursday 28th February, 6pm
at St Mary Magdalene's church
All welcome.

Morning for Altar Servers

Saturday 23rd March 2019

**Holy Mass at 10am,
St Mary Magdalene's**

Followed by catechesis and
refreshments in the presbytery.

CCRS Course

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral
Plan, the Diocese are planning the
launch of a CCRS course,
starting in September 2019.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious
Studies (CCRS) has been established
since 1991 and has been successfully
run in the Diocese.

It aims to provide an introduction to
Catholic Theology and an understanding
of the central truths of our Faith. It will be
open to teachers working in Catholic
schools, Catechists, people involved in
pastoral and liturgical work and other
interested adults.

Full details can be found at
<http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php>

For more information, contact Jon
Harman, Adviser for Formation and
Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard
Centre: 01293 651157 or email
jon.harman@dabnet.org

The Prayer Course Lent 2019

During Lent there will be a prayer course which
is provided by the team that started the Alpha
course. The starting point of the course is that,
as the bible says, we do not know how to pray
Romans 8:26. The apostles asked Jesus to
teach them how to pray and he gave them the
Our Father as the model of prayer.

**The course will run every Tuesday during
Lent from 7.30pm until 9pm in the
presbytery from Tuesday 12th March until
Tuesday 16th April.**

There six sessions are based on the Lord's
prayer and each session there to encourage
discussion.

The course is open to all ages and to all people
as we will share our experiences in
communicating with God.

"Send out your light"
A Lent Service
of Music and Prayer
from Taizé and Iona
4pm, Sunday March 10th

**St Thomas of Canterbury and
English Martyrs Church**

Magdalen Rd
St Leonards TN37 6ET
All welcome!

Anyone who would like to help with the
music please come to a practice at 3pm.

Worth Abbey Open Cloister Retreats 2019

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

Funeral Planning for parishioners:

Help parishioners to ensure that their wishes
for their funeral are known by friends, family
and the parish using the form provided by the
Pastoral Care Project.

See their [website](#) for more information. Or
copies are available from the parish office
£1.00 per copy.

Parish Diary - February/March

Monday 25 th Feb	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Saturday 2 nd March	FHC Session	11am St MM hall
Tuesday 5 th March	FHC - Parents meeting	7:00pm St MM church and hall
Wednesday 6 th March	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 7 th March	Mothers prayer group	7:30pm St MM church
Monday 11 th March	FHC Session	6:30pm St Martha's hall
Wednesday 13 th March	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Thursday 14 th March	WJT Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Saturday 16 th March	FHC Session	11am St MM hall

Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders 2018/19

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

Word Day of Prayer

(formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer)
Friday, 1st March 10.30 am
Little Common Methodist Church
"Come-Everything is ready!"
All Welcome!

Catholic Women's League will be holding their National Coffee Morning

3rd March after the 9am Mass at St Martha's
Come and see what we are about and enjoy a coffee and cake and a raffle.
And friendship!
And

Catholic Women's League

Monday 4th March 7:30pm, St Martha's Hall
Annual Review and Liturgy
Theme: Lent/Ash Wednesday
Contact: Jac Young 220685

Church Flowers

Due to unforeseen circumstances the present St Mary Magdalene's church flower team has been sadly depleted to two members.

In order to continue having sufficient fresh floral arrangements in the church on a weekly basis the team needs at least two more helpers.

If you are willing and able help for a couple of hours each week, please contact Helga on 01424 848504.

Thank you....

The following charities would like to thank St Mary Magdalene's Parish for their recent generous donations:

**The Royal British Legion
Bexhill foodbank
Surviving Christmas
The Pelham
Missio
Demelza**

St Richard's Catholic College

The Governing Body of St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors represent the diocese and are appointed by the Bishop at the recommendation of the parish priest. If you have skills and time to offer the college please contact the Principal, Miss Cronin misscronind@strichardscc.com or the Chair of Governors, Alison Horan ahoran@strichardscc.com

Pastoral Care Group Planned Events: Film Showing

The acclaimed BBC drama series "Broken" in the presbytery on:

**Mon 25th February 2pm – 4.15pm
Mon 11th March 2pm – 4.15pm**

Afternoon Tea and Benediction at Holy Cross Priory

**Thursday 2nd May
from 2pm to 5.30pm
£12 (inc door to door lift)
£8 (not inc. door to door lift)**

Full details and application forms are in all church porches or ask at the Parish Office completed forms to be returned by 15th April.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**Saturday 29th June
Depart 6.30am
and return by 10.30pm
Cost of the coach is £30.**

Full details and application forms are available in the church porches; completed forms must be returned by 8th March. For more information contact Ron Brazier, Pastoral care group: 844177.

Pre - Walking Pilgrimage Event: 3-day Bank Holiday Mini Pilgrimage 4th-6th May

In preparation for the Annual Walking Pilgrimage there will be a 3-day pilgrimage at the beginning of May. More information to follow. The Summer Walking Pilgrimage this year is from Lincoln to Whitby. For more information: <http://thepilgrims.org.uk/wp/>

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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Lisa Young

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Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Finance:

Charles Durrant

Email:
stmm.finance@btconnect.com

Hospitals
Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams
Please 'phone the Parish Office -
01424 210263

St Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP)

Mary Williams

Care of the Parish Office
01424 210263

Parish Schools

St Richard's
Catholic College

Principal: Miss Doreen Cronin
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admin@strichardscc.com
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St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School
Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews
01424 735810

office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

St Mary Magdalene Catholic
Independent Nursery
Supervisor: Gemma Oliver-Taylor
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 23rd February

St Mary Magdalene's
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Memorial **St Polycarp**

9:30am Confessions
10:00am Margaret Mulligan RIP
12:30pm Baptism of Eleni Rose Hodge

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(*Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23, Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38*)

St Mary Magdalene's
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5:30pm Confessions
6:00pm Frances Gorry RIP

Sunday 24th February

St Martha's
Our Lady of the Rosary
St Mary Magdalene's
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9:00am Priests Intentions
10:00am William & Winifride Storrow RIP
11:00am Francesco Russo RIP
6:00pm People of the Parish

Parish Lourdes Fund (blue envelopes)

Monday 25th February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am John de Freitas RIP

Tuesday 26th February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Holy Souls

Wednesday 27th February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Frances Gorry RIP

Thursday 28th February

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Jean Durrant RIP

Friday 1st March

St Mary Magdalene's

Women's World Day of Prayer

Feast **St David**

10:00am Henry & Mary O'Hara RIP
Inauguration Mass of Lay-Apostolate
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 2nd March

St Mary Magdalene's

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Patrick Lanney RIP

Eighth Sunday Year C

(*Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45*)

St Mary Magdalene's
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Spittal & Brennan Family GE & Deceased

Sunday 3rd March

St Martha's
Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00am Mary & Joseph Callaghan RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Peggy Barrett RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Priests Intentions

6:00pm People of the Parish

*Maintenance to include Memorial Garden
(blue envelopes)*

Fr Gerard Hatton, Parish Priest of Knaphill

Statement from the Diocese: 'following an admission into A&E last week, Fr Gerard Hatton has undergone emergency surgery to remove an empyema on the brain and remains in Intensive Care in a stable, but serious condition. He is responding well to the medication administered to control the infection and is making slow progress'.