

Visit of Bishop & C.O.O.

Bishop Richard and Sarah Kilmartin, (*Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese*) will visit **Our Lady of the Rosary** at the **end of the 10am Mass on Sunday 7th April** to talk to the people of Sidley about the future of the buildings.

Stations of the Cross

- 3pm on Fridays at St Martha's
- 6pm on Friday's at St Mary Magdalene, led by the Kerala community in Malayalam
- 10.30am on Saturday's (after the 10am Mass) at St Mary Magdalene
- **NB: Stations on 6th April is the Parish Lenten Day of Reflection – see inside the newsletter for more info.**

Second Scrutiny

We continue to pray for the Elect of God preparing for Baptism and for all of us preparing to renew our baptismal promises. May we:

- Trust in the truth of Christ and find freedom of mind and heart
- Prefer the folly of the cross to the wisdom of the world, and so glory in God alone.
- Be freed by the power of the Spirit, and put all fear behind us and press forward with confidence
- Be transformed by the Spirit and seek those things that are holy and just
- Find strength in Christ to bear our persecutions for the sake of his name
- Be able to embrace our faith in freedom of worship
- Remain faithful to the Gospel when the 'values' of the world are contrary to it
- Bring the Church of God to the whole world

This Sunday we pray for our Mothers and assure them of our love and prayers.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bexhill Street Pastors

The Bexhill Street Pastors have operated for six years alongside the Prayer Pastors who pray in the St John's Centre while the Street Pastors are out and about in Bexhill and Sidley. In the spirit of the Good Samaritan they are present to those in need. You may have seen a recent feature on BBC Crimewatch Roadshow. The teams operate from 8pm to 2am, and as they meet people, they are often asked for physical and spiritual support. It is a rewarding experience as the team gets to know young people and see them grow into adults. The team is well known, being out on the street every Friday and every other Saturday. The team hands out lollies, biscuits, water, hot chocolate and coffee; and hands out sleeping bags to those in need. The team are famous for their flip-flops to ladies whose shoes have proved inadequate following a night's festivities and would otherwise go barefoot over dirty pavements littered with broken glass. The team offers first-aid, staying with vulnerable people until other help arrives, and can often free up police time when dealing with those who have become 'emotional'. We have 3 Catholics who are Prayer Pastors and 5 Street Pastors, but more volunteers are always welcome and required. More info: *John Knight 07985722407*.

Triduum Times Reminder: St Mary Magdalene

8pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thurs 18th April)

3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Fri 19th April)
(and also 3pm at St Martha's)

9pm: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Sat 20th April)

(inc. Easter Fire, Baptisms, Receptions and Confirmations)

RCIA

The Elect: Harvey Ren, Claire Winton and Amy Getty.

The Candidates: Helen Munden, Hayley Emmerson Wright and Rachel Clancey

Confirmandi: Lauren Fermour

We pray for those who have died: Fr Alan Wright RIP, Mario Petrocco RIP, Sean Gaughan RIP, Anne Maria Oliver RIP, Catherine Spratt RIP, Ida Reynolds RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, Diane Batkin, Tony Batkin, Angela Burden, Winifrede Connellan, Andrew Cruikshank, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Neil Jenkins, Margaret Keep, Joe Kingsman, George Thomas Lowry, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, 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, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunney and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections

24th March
£886.63
Gift Aid £590.27

2nd collection
£543.80
SVP

31st March
Street Pastors

7th April
Easter Flowers

14th April
Lenten Alms

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: Society of Friends (Daphne Hill)

Next week: St Mary Magdalene (Simon Dray, Rajesh Minz, Simon Kirkdale)

Easter Triduum Retreat for Young Adults (18-35s) at Worth Abbey Benedictine

Monastery, celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To book, The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net. If you have any questions, email youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk.

Funerals

Mario Petrocco RIP

4th April, 12 noon,
St Mary Magdalene

Ann-Marie Oliver RIP

8th April, 2.30pm,
Eastbourne Crematorium

Catherine Platt RIP

12th April, 1pm, Bexhill Cemetery

The prayer course – Lent 2019

If you want to know more about prayer or share your experience, come to the 5 sessions on **Tuesday evenings at the presbytery, 7.30pm-9pm.**

The sessions are: 2nd April: Listening; 9th April: Perseverance, 16th April: Warfare. We are sharing our experience of prayer with one another. All ages and all experience in prayer welcome. Ghislaine Cornfield & Cathy Bate.

Lent Reconciliations

Saturday: 9.30am & 5.30pm at St Mary Magdalene

**Reconciliation Service with Adoration:
St Mary Magdalene
Friday 5th April at 7pm**

Deanery Priests available.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Sunday, 31st March

On Laetare Sunday, we thank the children for leading our liturgy.

Safeguarding

All parishioners should be aware that I am the Parish Safeguarding Representative. I process all DBS checks for those in ministries which require them and, in conjunction with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, I ensure that relevant training is offered as appropriate and that specific issues are dealt with as they arise.

Should anyone wish to raise or discuss any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Simon, or myself via the parish office.

Sylvia Cousins.

CCRS Course

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

Full details can be found at

<http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php>

For more information, contact Jon Harman, 01293 651157 or email jon.harman@dabnet.org

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. See above. To take part in any of these meetings, please contact the appropriate group leader.

Parish Diary - March / April

Sunday 31 st March	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 3 rd April	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 3 rd April	Mothers Prayer Group	7:00pm St MM church
Thursday 4 th April	We Journey Together Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Tuesday 16 th April	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 17 th April	RCIA Session	7:00pm Presbytery

Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders

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

The Easter Vigil

Much of the way we celebrate Holy Week comes from the observations of the 4th Century Sister Egeria who travelled to the Holy Land and described the events of Holy Week in Jerusalem, which was yet to be adopted in Rome: *'they light a torch in the holy Anastasis... the bishop lights three candles, and after him the deacons, and then the whole congregation. And then, after that, they go up into the Church and begin the paschal vigils and read twelve lections and with each of them they sing psalms.'* We'll do a few less! Egeria speaks of the baptisms that take place: *'the children when they have been baptised and clothed are led with the Bishop first to the Anastasis... and he says a prayer for them and goes with them to the greater Church'*. After the conclusion of the vigils, *'the passage from the Gospel about the Resurrection is read... and the bishop makes the oblation (Mass)'*.

All Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please reserve this date in your diaries: Sat 6th April

As part of our ministries we are encouraged to undertake a day of Reflection each year.

Passiontide: Day of Reflection

Starting with Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene Saturday 6th April, 10.30am:

Fr Simon will reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Suitable as a retreat activity for those who minister, but suitable for all.

This takes the place of the morning stations of the cross on this Saturday.

DEC Emergency Appeal:

CAFOD has joined forces with Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to reach hundreds of thousands of people affected by Cyclone Idai, across Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Please donate direct via the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Cyclone-Idai> or use the CAFOD envelopes (available at the back of the church)

Catholic Women's League Monday 8th April, 7:30pm

St Martha's Hall

Talk by the SVP

(Please note change of date)

Jolly Parish Lunch

Tuesday, 9th April

12 noon, The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.

Contact Angela: 220752

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies Calling all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are available for any of the Liturgies on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday the Easter Vigil (the Triduum), please take a look at the lists at the back of the Churches and sign up as applicable.

You can also sign up for Holy Week and Easter Services held at St Martha's and Our Lady of the Rosary. Please speak to the relevant Mass co-ordinator's in the communities.

We aim to involve as many people as possible so if you can sign for more than one service that will give us flexibility when assigning the duties.

The lists will be available at the back of all three churches until **Monday 8th April**. Ministries will be confirmed as soon as possible thereafter. If you have any queries, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Pastoral Care Group Planned Events:

Afternoon Tea and Benediction at Holy Cross Priory Thursday 2nd May, 2pm-5pm
£12 (inc. lift) £8 (not inc. lift)

Application forms are in all church porches or the Parish Office completed forms to be returned by the end of March please.

Drivers: More volunteers for driving parishioners are required for this trip. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Please pray for **Sonny Scory** as he receives his First Holy Communion this weekend.

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

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Safeguarding Rep

Sylvia Cousin

Hospitals

Conquest Hastings

01424 757088

Bexhill - Irvine Unit

Contact: Mary Williams
via 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

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01424 731070
admin@strichardscc.com
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St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School
Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 30th March

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Ellen Reeves RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	Stations of the Cross

Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent Year C

(*Joshua 5:9-12, Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Dominic & Italia Capaldi RIP

Sunday 31st March

St Martha's	9:00am	Florence Raey RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	James Burden RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish Inc. FHC for Sonny Scorey
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Street Pastors (not in our scheme / special envelopes)

Monday 1st April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Patrick Atwell RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	11:00am	Burial of Ashes of Antony Snell RIP

Tuesday 2nd April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	The Foskett Family
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Wednesday 3rd April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Rosaleen Coen RIP
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Thursday 4th April

St Mary Magdalene's	12 noon	No 10am Mass today Requiem Mass of Mario Petrocco RIP and after at Bexhill Cemetery
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Friday 5th April

St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	No 10am Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Mary Magdalene's	- 12.30pm	No Benediction Stations of the Cross
St Martha's	3:00pm	Parish Reconciliation Service with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Mary Magdalene's	7:00pm	

Saturday 6th April

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Joan Keen RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:30am	Stations of the Cross as part of the Passiontide Morning of Reflection (Hall)

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

(*Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11*)

St Mary Magdalene's	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Kieran Murphy GE

Sunday 7th April

St Martha's	9:00am	John Winsey RIP & Ellen Ripley RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Mary Bushaway RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

Easter Flowers (blue envelopes)

*NB: Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Friday 5th April cancelled;
as no priest is available.*

*Thank you for all your prayers for **Joe Kingsman**.
He is now out of hospital at home and slowly recovering.*