

12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

# PARISH NEWS

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter 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

## Adoration at St Mary Magdalene's Church

Friday 10:30am-12:30pm  
and on Friday evening 5pm-8pm.

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## Sacrament of Baptism

Please pray for  
**Vivan Allan & Xavius Copley**,  
and their family and friends as they  
become part of the family of the  
Church through the sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend.

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## First Holy Communion

We pray for:

**Eden Ardley**  
**Jessica Paine**  
**Grace Hewett**  
**James Dyer**

**Molly Leila Magnoni-Page**

As they receive the Sacrament of  
First Holy Communion this Sunday at  
Our Lady of the Rosary

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## Confirmation

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Session 9:

Will now be at **4pm** -

'Preparing for the Confirmation Mass'  
at the presbytery  
followed by Mass at 6pm.

Also

There will be a Confirmation Mass  
rehearsal on:

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 6.30pm**  
**at St Thomas of Canterbury,**  
**St Leonard's.**

All candidates are expected to attend  
along with their sponsor's if possible.

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## We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me".**

This weekend we begin our 'season' of First Holy Communions, starting with the children from the community at Our Lady of the Rosary. The inside of the newsletter gives the dates of all the First Holy Communion Masses for each community. Numbers for the usual parish Masses have been restricted to ensure that there is minimal disruption for the worshipping communities. As I have said to the children, there are four words that they should know – that in Holy Communion Jesus gives himself to us **body, blood, soul and divinity**. In other words, He gives Himself to us totally, holding nothing back. Our response should also be complete, offering ourselves totally to the service of God, His Church and His Holy People.

It is, therefore, wonderful that this Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, is also known as 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, as Jesus is the Good Shepherd who *'leads us to eternal life'*. It is also designated as 'Vocations Sunday' when we pray especially for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and the Religious Life. In his message for this Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis asks us *'to take a risk with him and for him'*. He continues, *'each of us tries to realise his or her deepest desire; we engage in activities that we hope will prove enriching, and we put out on a "sea" of possibilities in the hope of steering the right course, one that will satisfy our thirst for happiness. Sometimes we enjoy a good catch, while at others, we need courage to keep our boat from being tossed by the waves, or we are frustrated at seeing our nets come up empty...'*

*'The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch. God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nests of an ennui [an feeling of listlessness] that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us...'*

God bless, Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Eileen Royston RIP, Margaret Skinner RIP, John Griffith 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, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunny and Anne Wilkinson.

**Plate Collections**

5<sup>th</sup> May £888.88  
Gift Aid: £444.70

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection £104.42  
Gift aid: £116.72

Maintenance (to include Memorial Garden)

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12<sup>th</sup> May  
The Education of Future Priests

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19<sup>th</sup> May  
Maintenance (to include St Martha's heating)

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26<sup>th</sup> May  
The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

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**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

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**Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners**

**Ron Brazier:**  
844177



**CTiB Prayer Cycle:**

**This week:** St Oswald's, Hooe (Paul Frostick)

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

**Three Churches in Little Common**

Meeting next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am in St Martha's Church Hall.  
All are welcome.

**Arundel Cathedral Festival of flowers**

The Annual **Festival of Flowers** will be open to public view on:  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am - 8pm and on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am until celebration of Mass at 5.30pm and the Blessed Sacrament procession to the Castle.

Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission and refreshments are available throughout both days in the Cathedral Centre, a short distance onwards from the Mary's Gate pub. They will also have Eucharistic Miracles exhibition at the Cathedral for Corpus Christi which was on show at Adoremus in Liverpool last year.

**Celebrate Brighton**

Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School,

The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND. For more information and to book see their website - [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

**40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration:**

**From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at The Parish of the Good Shepherd, St Leonard's**

We will undertake 40 continuous hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**It will commence with Mass of Exposition at 7.30pm on Tuesday at St Thomas'.**

Fr Tristan Cranfield will be the Homilist and will conclude on Thursday morning followed by

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10am.

There are sign up sheets available at the back of St Thomas'.

I am sure we will achieve this wonderful devotion again this year with some prayer and planning. The graces that will flow as a result for our families and parish are immeasurable.

Together we can make this happen.  
All are welcome. Fr Mícheál

**Deanery Confirmation Mass**  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**St Thomas of Canterbury**

Anyone who wishes to join our Deanery Music Group for this important event is invited to let us know of their interest by emailing:

[ourladyimmac@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ourladyimmac@tiscali.co.uk),

with details of their instrument or of their wish to sing.

Details of the liturgy and practices will be sent in due course.

Many thanks Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle.

**A & B News**

This month's free copy is now available from the back of all three churches **featuring our very own parish priest Fr Simon on p9!**

## Parish Diary - May

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	OLR Committee meeting - All Welcome	7:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers Prayer group	7:30pm Prayer room
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	WJT Session	6:30pm Presbytery
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Session	4:00pm Presbytery
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Baptism Preparation Session	7:00pm-9:00pm Presbytery

### FHC Mass Rehearsal Dates

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm, St Martha's**  
(for FHC Mass, 9am: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June & 16<sup>th</sup> June)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm St Mary Magdalene's**  
(for FHC Mass, 2.30pm: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm St Mary Magdalene's**  
(for FHC Mass, 2.30pm: Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June)

**Fairtrade Stall**  
**St Martha's, 12<sup>th</sup> May, after 9am Mass.**  
Inc. Malawi rice, £3 per kg bag. Remember that each 90 bags we sell will be enough to pay for a year in secondary school in Malawi; where there is no free secondary education. Please phone Jack 214605 for more information.

### **St Martha's Church Keys**

We are currently updating our key holder list. We have very few set's of St Martha church keys at present, and they are hugely costly to replace. If you are in possession of keys, and no longer require them, please return to the parish office asap. Thank you.

**Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders**  
For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office.

**Our Lady of the Rosary May Procession**  
takes place on:  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May After the 10am Mass**

### **Catholic Women's League**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**7:30pm St Martha's Hall**

"Justice from the Judge"  
And

**CWL have organised a Coach trip to Arundel Cathedral for Corpus Christi on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Contact Margaret von Speyr: margaret-vs@hotmail.co.uk or 215787 for full details or see the notice at the back of Churches.

*All are welcome on this trip!*

**Catsfield Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May Catsfield Village Hall, 10am - 12noon**

### **St Mary Magdalene's Church Loop System:**



This has now been checked throughout and is fully working.

### **Christian Voices**

**the Musical Drama Group,** will be performing their play, "Justice from the Judge" on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8 pm in St Martha's Hall.**

Admission is free but any donations made will be given to Epilepsy Sussex, who are a group run totally by volunteers. They offer support for people suffering from Epilepsy and for their families and friends. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### **Hastings and District Interfaith Forum (HDIFF)**

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm, at the Magnet Centre, 1 Christ Church Courtyard, London Road, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 5GL.** Three speakers on the subject of Science and Religion – followed by open discussion. Details on poster at back of church. HDIFF meetings are open to all – no admission fee.

### **'Can Faith and Science be Reconciled'?**

**St Martha's Church Hall, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm until 9.00pm**

A presentation by Fr Andrew Pinsent, formerly a physicist on the DELPHI experiment at the CERN Laboratory. He is now Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford.

Q&A and refreshments to follow.  
All welcome.

For further information please contact:  
Alex 07957 622208;  
Dr Edward and Barbara Echlin 01424 219788; Kim 07786 926287 or Julia 01424 842314.

## Parish Information

The Presbytery

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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:**

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**Fr Rajesh Minz**

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**St Richard's**

**Catholic College**

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Mick Hanson RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptisms of Viva Allen and Xavius Copley

### Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter Yr C

(Apostles 13:14. 43-52, Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17, John 10:27-30)

### St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

### St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Deceased members of the Antonelli Family

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

St Martha's	9:00am	Rowe & Callaghan Families
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish & FHC Mass

### St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am Robert Stevens RIP

### St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Priests Intentions

### The Education of Future Priests

(blue envelopes)

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Mary Williams GE

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Feast St Matthias

### St Mary Magdalene's

10:00am Abraham Jacob (Abe) RIP

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Ruth Hastings RIP

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Kathleen McGrath GE

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am The Grzywacz Family

### St Mary Magdalene's

10:45am - 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### St Mary Magdalene's

5pm to 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am Confessions

### St Mary Magdalene's

11:00am We Journey Together Children

### St Mary Magdalene's

Inc. Baptisms of WJT children

### St Martha's

12:30pm Baptisms of Lucas & Joshua King

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr C

(Apostles 14:21-27, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-35)

### St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

### St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Mary O'Connor

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

9:00am Hester & Ellis Eyre RIP

### St Martha's

10:00am Priests Intention

### Our Lady of the Rosary

11:00am Inc FHC Mass

### St Mary Magdalene's

12:30pm People of the Parish

### St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Baptism of Jake Ren

### St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Divina Stephen GE

### Maintenance (to include St Martha's heating)

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