

9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Pentecost 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*

# PARISH NEWS

## Our Lady of the Rosary

After the 10am Mass this Pentecost Sunday, there will be a brief meeting at Our Lady of the Rosary to discuss possible ideas for the future. Caroline Walsh, who is the Chairperson of the Finance Committee at St Pancras church in Lewes, has been appointed by Bishop Richard to facilitate discussions about the future of Our Lady of the Rosary in Sidley. Caroline will be present at this meeting to help the community devise and submit their proposals to Bishop Richard about the future of the site and community.

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## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

### Please pray for:

Xavius Copley  
Noah Cassidy  
Chase Dorling-Parkes  
Tilly Jones  
Kai Wordsworth  
Joseph Gomes  
Dominyka Pacyno  
Kenneth Sena  
Abinel Aju  
Ann Sajju  
Nia Maria Vinu  
Carlos Miguel Pagunsan  
Janella Mathew  
Alysher Sarmiento Luciano  
Akkish Uthayarjan  
Hareshmayaathra Uthayarjan  
Oliver Kwaterniak  
Hallie Funnell  
Henry Fermor  
Benjamin Morrison  
James Sanderson  
Cerise Cole  
Antalia Cole

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***Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.***

***"Veni, Sancte Spiritus!"***

Pentecost is often called '*the birthday of the Church*', and the preface today sings: '*This same Spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of the one faith*'. Perhaps, then, we might say that today is the birthday of the Apostolic Church, as the Church found in the gathered disciples, timid and afraid, is strengthened and commissioned to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom.

Pentecost marks the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to the faithful in two ways; at Holy Baptism for our sanctification and at Confirmation for our vocation. In the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Bishop Richard speaks of '**Mission**'. This is very poignant as parishes and deaneries wrestle with questions regarding resourcing Mass times and maintaining expensive buildings necessary for our Sacred Worship. Occasionally, we may forget about the need to look outward and our duty to spread the good news of salvation to the wider community. At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon, says, '*go and announce the gospel of the Lord*'. This isn't simply fancy liturgical theatre, but a command and a statement of respect for the baptismal dignity that the laity have to their apostolate.

*'Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love'.* The Holy Spirit, as a wind, blows us where we are most needed and so our Christian duty is not fulfilled at the dismissal from Mass. In fact, it is the beginning our apostolate, to go from here, to family and friends, who have not gathered here and tell them of our joy in encountering Christ Jesus, found at the heart of this community and especially in Word and Sacrament. In announcing the Good News, people experience the Holy Spirit as '*fire*', in hearts ablaze with the love of God, His Church and Holy People. As, we '*Go, in peace, alleluia, alleluia*', people experience the joy of redemption, experiencing the Holy Spirit as the means of our reconciliation with God and neighbour, giving us our hope in salvation. The Church, gathered with Our Lady, implores once again:

***"Veni, Sancte Spiritus!" ("Come, Holy Spirit!")***

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

***The parish office will be closed on the following dates  
due to staff holiday: Wed 12<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>, Fri 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>, Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June.***

**We pray for those who have died:** Joseph Thomas RIP, Alfred Mikurenda RIP, Rebecca Parker RIP, Fr Gary Gill RIP.

**We pray for the sick especially:** Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, Diane Batkin, Tony Batkin, Angela Burden, Winifrede Connellan, Andrew Cruikshank, Maria Cronin, Brendan Dillistone, Christopher Gardiner, Yvonne Gibbs, Michael Halse, Jackie Hearn, Leanne Hearn, Carly Hearn, Lawrence Hearn, Margaret Keep, Joe Kingsman, George Thomas Lowry, Roy Mitchell, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> June £801.93  
Gift Aid: £585.50

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Gift Aid: n/a  
The Catholic Communications Network

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9<sup>th</sup> June  
The Parish Lourdes Fund

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16<sup>th</sup> June  
Day for Life

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23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Parish Poor Fund

### 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

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### CTiB Prayer Cycle:

**This week:** Living Word church (Dale Barrett)

**Next week:** St Mark's (Jonathan Frais)

### Corpus Christi 22/23 June

We welcome staff and pupils from St Mary Magdalene Primary School who will lead the Mass and Corpus Christi Procession at 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Before the two evening Masses (Vigil & Sunday) at St Mary Magdalene Church, there will be an extra opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15pm, with Benediction at 5.50pm.

### School Chaplains Taste and See Sessions

The need for every Secondary School to have a full-time Chaplain and for chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School was identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen Bishop Richard and Father Stephen Ortiger will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more. Next sessions:

**7 pm to 8.30 pm,  
12<sup>th</sup> June at the Holy Cross Priory,  
Heathfield and 13<sup>th</sup> June at St John  
The Evangelist, Horsham.**

Please book at  
[claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk)  
Or call 01293 511130.

### Adoration at St Mary Magdalene's Church

**Friday 10:30am-12:30pm**  
**This week only: 5pm to 6pm**

### Re-commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**At all Sunday Masses on Corpus  
Christi (22/23 June)**

our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned for another year of service in the Church's Liturgy and their essential ministry to the Sick & Housebound.

If any minister wishes a **re-fresher training** or needs training, there will be a session in **St Mary Magdalene Church at 10.45am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Novena for Holy Spirit

The Novena which began on 31<sup>st</sup> May continues until Pentecost in

St Mary Magdalene:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm  
Culminating with the  
Pentecost Service at 7.15pm after  
Sunday evening Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### Homelessness in Bexhill

At the next Parish Pastoral Care Group meeting we have invited the manager of The Pelham and the chairperson of HUG (Homeless Unity Group) to address us on the issue of supporting homeless people in Bexhill.

We would like to give all parishioners the opportunity to hear what they have to say and you are most warmly invited to come along on Tuesday 18th June at 10.45am in the presbytery.

For more information: Ron 844177.

## Parish Diary - June/July

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Pastoral Care Group Meeting	11:00am Presbytery
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	FHC Final Session	10:00 Mass St MM and after in the hall
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Confirmanti Celebration BBQ	6:30pm Presbytery Garden
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery

### FHC Mass Rehearsal Date

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

**Celebrate Brighton**  
**Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend**  
**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 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)

### **Faiths and the Global Environment**

**Speaker - Terry Fuller**  
 (Chief Executive of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
 7 to 9pm at  
**The Unitarian Church, South Terrace, Hastings TN34 1SA**

The impacts of our changing climate and the pressure of global development, such as population growth, lead to a worrying prognosis for human and natural life on our planet.

This presentation will describe some of the risks that we face and the crucial and powerful role that leaders and people of faith have in helping to resolve the challenges that we face.

### **Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders**

For more information about Gift Aiding your donations please contact the parish office.

### **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.**  
 Free admission and refreshments available at Cathedral Centre.

### **St Martha's Open Forum**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm**  
 St Martha's hall.  
 All welcome!

### **Open Gardens in Bexhill**

On Sunday 23rd June the NGS have organised for four gardens in Bexhill to open and these include two owned by parishioners. This is from 11.00am to 5.00pm and costs £5 and tea will be available in the BLODS hall at Manor Barn. All profits go to national charities such as Marie Curie. Start the trail at 24 or 26 Winston Drive.

### **A & B News**

Your free copy is available from the back of all churches.

### **Temporary Changes to Saturday Morning Mass Times in June**

Please note there will be **no** Saturday morning

- 15<sup>th</sup> June (due to First Holy Communion Mass)

The anticipated Mass of Sunday (Vigil Mass) is unaffected.

Please look at the back of the newsletter for all other changes to Mass times due to special events and funerals.

### **Were you a First Communion Parent in the last year or so? Or are you someone who enjoys working with primary aged children?**

The Parish is looking to expand the Parish First Holy Communion team.

We were blessed to have 70 children making and receiving their First Holy Communion and if this is true for 2019/20 we feel an extra session (on a Tuesday evening) would be beneficial so as to keep the groups manageable.

Therefore, we are looking for additional facilitators to accompany the group and help parents fulfil their role as primary catechists of their children in the ways of faith. You don't need to be an expert theologian, just a regular committed Mass goer who has the ability to guide the group through the resource book; the parents do the bulk of the teaching as they work with their child covering all the material found in the course-book.

For more information please speak with Julia Dance, Sarah Surman, the Parish Office or Fr Simon.

## 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**

**Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB**  
(Priest in Residence)

**Sisters of Providence**  
(Rosminian) 01424 214818

### Parish Office

### Administrators:

Bonita Osmond-Maher  
Lisa Young

**Telephone:** 01424 210263

### Email:

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

### Website:

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

### Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

**Finance:** Charles Durrant

### Email:

[stmm.finance@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm.finance@btconnect.com)

### Safeguarding Rep

Sylvia Cousins

### 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

**Principal:** Miss Doreen Cronin  
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[admin@strichardsccc.com](mailto:admin@strichardsccc.com)

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Primary School**  
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**St Mary Magdalene Catholic  
Independent Nursery**

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

St Mary Magdalene's  
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**No Confessions**

**No 10am Mass**

2:30pm **FHC Mass**

### Pentecost Sunday Yr C

(Apostles 2:1-11, Romans 8:8-17, John 14:15-16. 23-26)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

**Vigil Mass of Pentecost**

Lawrence & Teresa Fisher RIP

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

St Martha's  
  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am Stuart Gerard McNamara RIP &  
Susan McNamara RIP  
& First Holy Communion Mass

10:00am Abraham Jacob RIP  
11:00am Priests Intentions  
6:00pm People of the Parish

### Parish Lourdes Fund

(blue envelopes)

**Memorial** **Mary, Mother of the Church**

10:00am Pat Billingham RIP

**Memorial** **St Barnabas**

10:00am Kevin Parker RIP

10:00am Robin Burden RIP

**Feast** **Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High  
Priest**

10:00am Freda Joyce Baker RIP

10:00am Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan  
10:45am - 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction  
5pm - 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**No Confessions**

**No 10am Mass**

2:30pm Yvonne Barry RIP

**FHC Mass**

### The Most Holy Trinity Yr C

(Proverbs 8:22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15)

St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm **No Confessions**

6:00pm Hazel Whitehead RIP

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

St Martha's  
  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
St Mary Magdalene's  
St Mary Magdalene's

9:00am Joseph Bates RIP  
& First Holy Communion Mass

10:00am Mr & Mrs Louis Gramme RIP

11:00am Priests Intentions

6:00pm People of the Parish

### Day for Life

(not in our scheme)

### East Sussex Joint Community Rehabilitation

Aftercare from a stay in hospital is available; for anyone in need please call the Bexhill Hospital branch contact: Joanna Hart - 01424 726750 for further details.