

7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

# PARISH NEWS

Fourteenth Sunday Year 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

St Mary Magdalene's Church

Friday 10:30am-12:30pm

And 5:00pm - 8:00pm

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## Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to:

**Matthew James Clark  
Gracie Rose Lowers**

who were baptised in the  
parish this weekend.

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## Sea Sunday

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July and a wonderful opportunity to pray for and support the work of Stella Maris, The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). On this Sunday the Church asks us to support the vital work done by AoS port chaplains, cruise ship chaplains, and ship visitors.

For more information go to [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

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## Patronal Feast Days

### St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at the St Mary Magdalene Masses: 6pm (Vigil), 11am and 6pm Mass & again 10am Mass on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> with Year 6 Leavers (other Sunday Masses of 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### St Martha

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 9am at St Martha's (other Sunday Masses of 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

### Our Lady of the Rosary

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary (other Sunday Masses of 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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## *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

### Homelessness in Bexhill

At the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Care Group Pauline Goubert, chair of the Homelessness Unity Group (H.U.G.) and Ollie Jeffs (manager of The Pelham Hub) gave a presentation on homelessness in our area. It was very encouraging that a number of parishioners joined us for this part of the meeting. Our thanks to Ron Brazier for organising it and who remains the parish link with H.U.G. representing us at the monthly meeting. Ron extends a welcome to any other parishioner who would like to join him. There are three broad categories of homelessness and a variety of situations in between:

- Those who sleep rough on the streets
- Those who have some basic accommodation (e.g. bedsits, sofa surfers) but are part of the street community where they find their identity and feeling of security
- Those who have been evicted or are on the brink of eviction from their tenancy

We learned so much about the complex needs of these people (which include mental health and addiction issues) and how much is being done to support them in so many ways. There are a number of ways we can support HUG:

1. Pray for their work and for those who are homeless;
2. Both the Pastoral Care Group and the Parish Finance committee have authorised the use of the parish charity and poor funds to support this good work of the Foodbank, the Pelham and HUG where it is possible to do so; please keep topping up these funds.
3. Collect men's clothing (*tee shirts, jogging bottoms, hoodies, underwear, etc, + sleeping bags and small tents*) which can be left with the parish office or by contacting Ron on 844177. But please no rags!
4. Offer practical help. When we know more about the plans for the autumn and winter, we will make an appeal for help at the drop-in centre at St Barnabas's Church on Tuesday mornings or to assist at the night shelter from 8.00 - 10.00pm.

This is a great opportunity to put our faith into action and to really see Jesus in those who are in such desperate need and to act accordingly.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

## We pray for those who have died:

**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, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

### Plate Collections

30<sup>th</sup> June £914.83  
Gift Aid: £602.65

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £312.94  
Gift Aid: n/a

### Peters Pence

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7<sup>th</sup> July  
Holy Souls  
(Parish Blue Gift Aid Envelopes)

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14<sup>th</sup> July  
Apostleship  
of the Sea  
(Not in Diocesan Scheme)

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21<sup>st</sup> July  
Maintenance  
(Presbytery)  
(Not in Diocesan Scheme)

### 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



**Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB) Prayer Cycle:**  
This week: **Sidley Baptist** (Guy Partridge)  
Next week: **Kings Church Bexhill** (Steve Young)

### Anniversaries Mass 2019: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Arundel Cathedral, with Bishop Richard

For couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary.  
Booking essential -  
For an invitation please contact Rosie Read at [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01293 651161.

### Young Catholic Adult Weekend at Douai Abbey 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October

Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun.

To book go to:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2019>.  
For updates go to: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>.  
For more details go to: <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>.  
Prices start from £25.

**CHURCH OPENING:** After the morning Masses on Saturday & Sunday the Church will remain open for private prayer until the evening Mass. Like the railways there may always need to be some short notice cancellation!

### WARNING - PLEASE BE VIGILANT

Unfortunately we have found drug misuse debris (needles, etc) in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene's Church. Please take care when walking in the premises of any of the three churches. Children should be supervised at all times. Our contractors are aware but we would ask that you please take extra care and report anything suspicious to the parish office. Thank you.

### The Church and Criminal Justice: Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 11 am to 3 pm, At The Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham:

How do we, as a diocese, as parishes and as individuals, serve people who are directly affected by imprisonment. As Catholic Christians, we are called to solidarity with the marginalised ones and to believe in the innate dignity of every human being. Bishop Richard invites you to find out what is already going on, and explore what you can do. Lunch provided – please book: 01293 651161 or [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Celebrate Brighton

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

There is a minibus organised, with possible pick-ups at OLR and St MM. The cost for each day is £10. Limited spaces are available. Please phone or text Ghislaine on 07491 477773. Please organise to pay in advance.

### Chaplaincy Team - Conquest Hospital

We are looking for commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are able to spare a couple of hours a week - either mornings or afternoons to give bedside Communion, prayer or just have a chat with patients. We also have vacancies on Sunday mornings for commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you think you may like to join our team, please phone Cecilia Weathers or my colleague Graham a call on 01424 757088 for an informal chat to see if this is for you.

## Parish Diary - July

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	SVP Meeting	6:00pm - Presbytery
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Mothers Prayer Group	7.30pm-9.30pm Presbytery

### REFUGEE TALES

- a walk from Brighton to Hastings in solidarity with refugees and detainees.

The walkers arrive in Bexhill on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. We are invited to join them for a short stretch of the walk - [www.refugeetales.org](http://www.refugeetales.org) to sign up for available day walking tickets - £10.

7pm De La Warr Pavillion - an evening of stories and music - entry free although we are advised to arrive early to be sure of a seat!

**Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Association**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**You are invited to a Wine and Cheese Social from 6.30pm.**

Christ the King Parish Room, 3 Princes Road, Eastbourne. BN23 6HT.

**At 7.30pm Deacon Paul Scholey**, a deacon for over 22 years, with a background in housing and homelessness, will talk and ask the question 'What is the purpose, goal and essential mission of the Church?' Contact : Alex 07957632208 or Edward 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334. All welcome.

**Summer Open Air Hymn Singing**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 8pm**, at the colonnade on the seafront.

(Please bring a chair if you are able) the carnival court will attend to mark the start of carnival week.

### The Bethlehem Nativity Group

who visited our Parish last weekend to sell Olive Wood religious carvings from the Holy Land, would love to express their huge thanks for everyone who supported their good cause. The result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families, (Which raised £2393.52).

They don't have enough words to thank you with, but make sure that you are always in their prayers. God bless.

Go to:  
[www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)

if you missed or needed something else!

### All Are Invited to the Catholic Women's League Strawberry Fair

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2:30pm**  
**St Martha's Hall**

Entrance: £3 includes tea/coffee/juice, scone and strawberry cake

**All proceeds to our Bexhill SVP Society**

Boxes will be in the back of St Martha's and Our Lady of the Rosary Churches for any kind donations of bottles, home produce and raffle prizes.

Donations for St Mary Magdalene's; please deliver to the Parish Office (Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm).

### A & B News

Your free copy is available at the back of all three churches.

**Please see a member of the clergy if you are planning to get married in 2020.**

### Jolly Parish Lunch

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**12 noon**

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 220752

### Gift Aid Envelopes and Standing Orders

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

### The 2018/19 End of Year Statements.

If you would like a Statement please contact Lisa Young at the Parish Office on Monday or Tuesday

### Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

*Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT*

12 Noon: **Holy Mass**

Celebrant Fr Terry Martin

*Followed by personal consecration to Our Lady*

1 pm: Lunch break (please bring packed lunch)

2 pm: The Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

**2.30 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

3 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Adoration and Silent Prayer

3.30pm: Benediction

4.15 pm: Departure

***There will be opportunities for Confession in the afternoon***

+ Right Reverend Richard Moth + *Bishop of Arundel & Brighton* will be joining us in the afternoon. For further information contact: Jozef Bubez: 01444 232974

Jayne Lock: 07816 422852 or [jaynelock1@gmail.com](mailto:jaynelock1@gmail.com)

## 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)

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**Parish Office**

**Administrators:**

Bonita Osmond-Maher

Lisa Young

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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@strichardscsc.com](mailto:admin@strichardscsc.com)

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**St Mary Magdalene's**

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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

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	June & Patrick Callaghan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	Following 10:00am Mass	Burial of Ashes - Alfred Reginald Davis RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	12:30pm	Baptism of Matthew James Clark
St Mary Magdalene's	2:00pm	Keralan Community Mass

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Anthony Daly RIP

St Mary Magdalene's

9:00pm - Keralan Night Vigil

11:00pm

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

St Martha's	9:00am	Margaret McNamara GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priest's Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Martha's	12:30pm	Baptism of Gracie Rose Lowers
St Mary Magdalene's	6:00pm	Chris Varghese GE (17 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

### Holy Souls

(Parish Gift Aid Scheme - Blue Envelopes)

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Noreen Corness RIP

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Alvyn Luck RIP

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Fr Simon Dray - Anniversary of Ordination

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am St Benedict Edith Durrant RIP

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Clare Keegan RIP  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:45am - 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

St Mary Magdalene's 5pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

St Mary Magdalene's 9.30am Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am Mary McCormack RIP

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37*

St Mary Magdalene's

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene's

6:00pm Maurita Green RIP

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

St Martha's 9:00am Florence Raey RIP  
Our Lady of the Rosary 10:00am People of the Parish  
St Mary Magdalene's 11:00am Frank Ratcliffe RIP  
St Mary Magdalene's 6:00pm Priests Intentions

### Apostleship of the Sea

(Not in our scheme / special envelopes)