

4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

## Eighteenth 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



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### Patronal Feast Day

#### 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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### Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to:

#### Sofia & Lucia Di Mascio

who will be baptised at  
Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
this weekend.

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### Adoration

#### St Mary Magdalene's Church

**Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm**  
&  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**

**On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August,**  
Adoration will need to **finish at 7pm**  
due to holiday absence.  
It will commence at 5pm as normal.

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### Happy Holidays

Welcome to all visitors  
and holiday makers, we hope you  
have a pleasant stay!  
Do introduce yourselves to others and  
we hope that you find a warm  
welcome in our parish community.

We pray too for those who are away  
from our community at this time and  
pray that you will return refreshed  
and relaxed.

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**O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

### The Transfiguration of the Lord

**6<sup>th</sup> August**

Tuesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is worth spending a few moments reflecting on this Feast as it is an icon of our future destiny. At his Transfiguration, Jesus reveals to Peter, James and John a glimpse of his divine glory. God is teaching us that we are not being prepared for earthly happiness, but the blessedness of heaven. We have already experienced one transfiguration in our lives, the day of our baptism when the old creation died, and we were raised to new life with Christ. The Transfiguration speaks also of our second regeneration that will come at the Resurrection of the body from the dead, when he will change our mortal body to be like his glorious body. In the meantime, we are reassured that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God: *'this is My Son the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him'*. We are also reminded that Jesus' permanent glorification comes after his suffering and death, and so we too understand that we too must pick up our cross and follow Our Lord so that we too may experience our own transfiguration and share his glory. Until then we should allow Christ to continually transfigure us in the sacraments, especially those of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Next week, **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven**. Please take note that it is a Holy Day of Obligation which means all Catholics are required to hear Mass on this day, assisting the celebration of the sacred mysteries with our prayers. Holy Mass will be celebrated in this parish:

- 9am at St Martha's
- 10am at St Mary Magdalene
- 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary

If you are enjoying a day out sight-seeing in London, you will certainly find Holy Mass at Westminster Cathedral:  
<http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/masses.php>

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon

### Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on: **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.**

**We pray for those who have died:** Roland Girling 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, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

## Plate Collections

28<sup>th</sup> July

£882.22

Gift Aid: £642.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

£98.46

Gift Aid: £140.50

## Parish Charity Fund

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4<sup>th</sup> August

## Retired Priests Fund

(Parish scheme blue envelopes)

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11<sup>th</sup> August

## Church Flowers

(Parish scheme blue envelopes)

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18<sup>th</sup> August

## Overseas Missions

(not in our scheme)

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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**

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## CTiB Prayer List

**This week:** St Peter's (David Reynish, Olivia Werrett)

**Next week:** St Mary's, Ninfield (Paul Frostick)

## First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2019/20

Applications are now invited from Baptised Catholic Children in School Years 3 or 4

who have now discerned that they are ready to encounter the Lord in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

*Applications for the sacraments of older children (school years 5-9) will open later in the year.*

Application forms are available in each of our churches or from the Parish Office or online.

Applications should be returned no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August.

If your child has not been baptised or was baptised in another Christian denomination please make an appointment to see Fr Simon before submitting an application to discuss your child's individual needs.

## 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.

Prices start from £25. To book go to: <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2019>

## Lourdes Deanery Reunion

For those who have been or are considering going to Lourdes with the Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, a Re-Union/Tea Party is being held at the Church Hall, **Holy Redeemer**, St Leonards On Sea, TN37 7AS, on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019 between 14.30 and 16.30**. This is an opportunity to meet up with fellow Pilgrims or to find out more about the Pilgrimage that takes place at the beginning of the School Summer Holidays each year.  
All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all in September."

## 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.

## Worth Abbey Individual self-led retreat: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October

Individuals are invited to book a stay for self-led retreats. Minimum 2 night stay, arriving from 4pm on the first day until after lunch on the final day. We are not able to offer spiritual direction but you are welcome to enjoy the extensive grounds for walking, a visit the Quiet Garden and participate in the daily rhythm of prayer and liturgy as a framework for your retreat; the cost is £126 and your stay is fully inclusive. You will stay in St Bruno's where we offer a warm welcome, good food and comfortable accommodation. For further information or to book your place, contact the Bookings Secretary on 01342 710318 or email: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

## Parish Diary

### Catholic Women's League

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
**7:30pm, St Martha's Hall**  
Antiques Roadshow - a talk on Victoriana  
Ladies - please bring your heirlooms!  
Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

### 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.

### St Martha's Feast Day

A big thank you, to all those who contributed in any way, to make the celebration special. A total of £91 was raised - all proceeds to Bexhill Foodbank.

### A Garden full of cultural Delights

**Hastings & District Interfaith Forum**  
St Leonard's Gardens (behind the Royal Victoria Hotel) on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1pm – 5pm**  
Performances; Variety of food; Family activities; Stalls and Raffle.

### 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.

### Parish Pilgrimage 2020

We have organised two parish pilgrimages in recent times – to the Holy Land and Italy - and the Pastoral Care group are now considering one for 2020. The proposal is to fly to Lourdes and stay for two nights followed by a night in Burgos on the north Spanish coast, three nights in Santiago de Compostela and three nights in Fatima. We would then fly back from Lisbon airport. For more details contact Ron: 844177 or ronbrazier26@gmail.com

### Sacred Heart RC Primary School Governor Vacancies

Sacred Heart Primary School is a successful, over-subscribed primary school in the heart of Hastings and has 2 vacancies on their Governing Body. We are seeking volunteers who can bring their business experience into the world of education and continue to work with the school to ensure every pupil reaches their full potential. We would particularly welcome volunteers with a finance background to express an interest.

For further details please contact the Chair: [chair@sacred-heart.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:chair@sacred-heart.e-sussex.sch.uk).

### 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).

### Jolly Parish Lunch



**12 noon, Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August**

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill. Contact Angela: 220752

### Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer?

School Volunteers are invited by Catholic primary or secondary schools to deliver lively and motivating presentations about CAFOD's work and mission in assemblies and classrooms. CAFOD will provide training, support and the materials needed to deliver the presentations.

Teaching experience is not a prerequisite, simply the ability to communicate effectively with children and young people. As a School Volunteer you will be part of a team and a friendly network of people with shared values and commitments. You will have the opportunity to gain experience of working in the voluntary sector and expand your skills set.

Contact Jenny Finlayson for more info, CAFOD Arundel & Brighton Community Participation Coordinator Email: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) Tel No: 01483 898866

## 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**  
01424 730077

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
(SVP)

Contact: Mary Williams  
via Parish Office - 01424 210263

### Parish Schools

**St Richard's**  
Catholic College

**Principal:** Miss Doreen Cronin  
01424 731070  
[admin@strichardscc.com](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)  
[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
Primary School  
Interim Head:

Mrs Siobhan Andrews  
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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Ian Irvine Slater RIP
St Mary Magdalene	2:00pm	Kerala Community Mass
St Mary Magdalene	9pm-11pm	Kerala Community Night Vigil

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21*

### St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Brian Thomas Keaveny RIP

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
Our Lady of the Rosary	After Mass	Baptism of Sofia & Lucia Di Mascio
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Irena Hulewicz RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Ouseph Joseph RIP

### Retired Priests Fund

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### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Joseph Thomas RIP

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Feast** **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
Memorial Garden After Mass Robert Stevens RIP  
Burial of Ashes of Molly Craig RIP

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Mrs May Norman RIP

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August** St Mary Magdalene 10:00am **Memoria** **St Dominic**  
Frank Ratcliffe RIP

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Maria & Stephen Hanks GE  
St Mary Magdalene 10:45am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:30pm and Benediction

### St Mary Magdalene

5pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

St Mary Magdalene 9.30am **Feast** **St Lawrence**  
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Confessions  
Memorial Garden After Mass Bill Low RIP  
St Mary Magdalene 1:00pm Burial of Ashes of Abraham Jacob RIP  
Baptism of Elsie May Burford

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 18:6-9, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 12:32-48*

### St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Special Intentions of Durrant Family

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August

St Martha	9:00am	Judith Darlington GE
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Ivy Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priests Intentions

### Church flowers

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