

6th October 2019

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Yr C & Rosary Sunday

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

Mass Time Review

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Mass Time Review Paper. Fr Simon has reviewed the responses and we can report that our Mass times will be:

The Status Quo Option:

6pm: Saturday Vigil – St Mary Magdalene
9am – St Martha's
11am – St Mary Magdalene
6pm – St Mary Magdalene

Weekdays:

Mon – Sat: 10am St Mary Magdalene
(*Funerals may alter this*)

From Thursday 7th November we will trial an evening Weekday Mass at 7.30pm in St Martha's, Little Common. It will be preceded with Adoration from 6pm. A volunteer sacristan would be appreciated, please contact the Parish Office.

For information: 149 responses were received which equates to roughly 20% of the Mass going population.

Of the responses, 52% favoured remaining with 'The Status Quo' option, and 18% favoured the 'Redistributed A' option and 30% the 'Redistributed B' option.

Although this was a non-binding consultation, the indication from the parish, currently, is to stay with our current Mass times.

There were 43 people who would like to see a weekday Mass in the evening and so this appears viable. For now, while we have the available priests, the loss of Sunday Mass replaced with a weekday Mass should, we hope, prove viable.

There may be another chance soon to review our Mass times as part of the Deanery Wide Mass Time Review and we will have a local check of our Mass times in January 2020.

Parish Office opening hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am-1pm

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Rosary Sunday

The Sunday nearest the '**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**' is known as "Rosary Sunday" and this morning Bishop Richard celebrates a Mass of Celebration for everything achieved in the Church and community at Our Lady of the Rosary. The 2007 History of the Parish says: '*The new Church of Our Lady of the Rosary at Sidley was opened on May 11, 1954, with a blessing and Mass offered by Mgr. Cowderoy, Bishop of Southwark.*' We understand that this building had a life expectancy of 50 years, and despite the sadness, there is also gratitude for the extra 15 years, testament to the care and dedication of the community. Bishop Richard also re-dedicates our parish to the patronage of Our Lady, under the title of "**Our Lady of the Rosary**". This means we have continuity with what has gone before but also a new focus for the parish, meaning next year the whole parish can celebrate "Rosary Sunday" as a First-Class Feast, it being our Parish's Principal Patronal Feast.

The two remaining Churches of our parish retain their patrons of St Mary Magdalene and St Martha's. Retaining the dedication of the Sidley Church invites us all to meditate deeply on the mysteries of the gospel, without which we cannot fulfil our primary mission to announce the good news of salvation. Today, we might be tempted to only focus on the '*sorrowful mysteries*' as we close a much-loved parish asset, but the '*living stones*' of Sidley have much to share, especially their incredible community spirit. I pray that this next period be one of renewal and growth, marked out by the '*joyful mysteries*', so that in time people looking in from outside will see a parish anchored firmly in the '*glorious mysteries*' of the Gospel. First though we re-commit ourselves to our formation and thus use the '*luminous mysteries*' to help us see more clearly the truth and beauty of the gospel. With every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Diane Batkin RIP, Norah Lennard RIP.

We pray for the sick especially: Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, 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, George Thomas Lowry, Roy Mitchell, Karl Pearson, Paddy Pearson, Celia Reidy, 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 Tunney, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections

29th September £996.66

Gift Aid: £673.01

2nd Collection:

£177.92
Gift Aid:

Holy Souls

6th October
Cafod Harvest
Fast Day
(not in our scheme)

13th October
PACT
(not in our scheme)

20th October
MISSIO
World Mission
Sunday
(not in our 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

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners
Ron Brazier:
844177



CTiB Prayer List

This week All Saints', Society of Friends (Daphne Hill)

Next week: St Mary Magdalene's
(Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz,
Fr Stephen Ortiger, Simon Kirkdale).

Adoration

St Mary Magdalene's Church
Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm &
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Confirmation 2019/20

Last call for Applications from those in school year 10, 11 and 12 (providing you are 17yrs or under on 1st July 2020) who wish to be Confirmed in 2020.

Please ensure they are completed and returned to the Parish Office by 11th October.

2019 Parish Annual Mass Count

For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, **we kindly ask our money collectors to count all parishioners** including babies and those who go out for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The counts take place on the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October:

5/6, 12/13 October

Christian Voices, the Musical Drama Group, will be performing their play "Gifts from God" on **Saturday, 12th October, 2pm, St Martha's Hall**. Admission is free, donations to charity 'Warming Up the Homeless'. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Canonisation of John Henry Cardinal Newman

This inspiring English Priest will be declared a Saint on Sunday 13th October.

Novena Prayer

One decade of the Rosary
&

O God our heavenly Father, we offer You heartfelt thanks for the life and holiness of John Henry Newman. In him You give us an inspiring example of a priest and teacher, heroic and humble in his labour for the salvation of souls and the pursuit of holiness. Through his intercession we ask You to lead us by the kindly light of the Holy Spirit, and so grant us peace and joy, in the one-fold of the Redeemer.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To be prayed at home and at the end of the 10am Weekday Mass from Friday 4th October.

Monday 14th October, 7.30pm Ordinariate Mass will be celebrated in honour of John Henry Newman's canonisation which will have taken place the previous day. **Venue: Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne.** Light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Catholic Women's League Parish Event - Proceeds to SVP

Quiz and Ploughmans

Monday 7th October 7:30pm

St Martha's Hall,

Tickets on sale after Masses from 28th September

£5 per person. Tables of 6

Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

Jolly Parish Lunch

Tuesday, 15th October

12 noon,

The West Station Restaurant, Bexhill.

Contact Angela: 220752

Parish Diary - October

11 th October	Confirmation Applications	Deadline for Submission!
15 th October	SVP Meeting	Presbytery
16 th October	RCIA Session	Presbytery

St Richards Catholic College

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Richards Catholic college at the presbytery on the following dates:

Thurs 10th Oct: 3.30pm-pm
 Fri 11th Oct: 7pm-8pm
 Thurs 17th Oct: 3.30pm-5pm
 Fri 18th Oct: 7pm-8pm
 Sat 26th Oct: 11am-12noon

Please call the parish office to make an appointment.

Please note there will be a charge of £10 for the re-issue of any sacramental certificates.

RCIA Programme 2019/2020

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to enrol on our next programme which will be starting in the Autumn.

Application forms are available at the back of all churches and from our website:

www.stmmbexhill.co.uk

Please complete the application form and return to the parish office.

We Journey Together

These applications will open later this month, please keep checking the newsletter for more information.

Forthcoming Holy Day of Obligation**All Saints Friday 1st November**

Masses will be:

Vigil Mass
 7pm 'All Hallows Eve'
 Thursday 31st October
 St Mary Magdalene

9am at St Martha's
 10am St Mary Magdalene
 Friday 1st November

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: All Souls Saturday 2nd November

8am Low Mass
 St Mary Magdalene

10am Parish Bereavement Mass in St Mary Magdalene

Vacancy: School Chaplain/ Deanery Youth Worker, Worthing. Salary: £30,500

Four parishes in the Worthing area, together with Chatsmore Catholic High School, are looking for somebody with experience and vision to lead a groundbreaking project delivering quality youth ministry across the Worthing area. It's about delivering chaplaincy services in a vibrant Catholic High School, and creating opportunities to engage young people across three parishes in Worthing & one in Shoreham. More info: Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

A & B Newsletters

This month's free copy is available from the back of all churches.

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Advance Notice

- 1) Practical Training Session:
Sat 16th November 2019
10am Mass at
Holy Redeemer, Hollington
Followed by training session
- 2) Morning of Recollection to prepare for Advent:
Sat 30th November 2019,
10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill
Followed by session in the hall until 12.30pm.

* also suitable for Readers and parishioners

Friday 4th October

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, **CAFOD** invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety.

Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

Thank you for your generosity.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association:

**Thurs 17th October, 7.30pm – 9pm,
 St Martha's hall**

Mark Johnson, Regional Co-ordinator (Sussex) Christian Aid, 'Christian Aid: A Voice For The Voiceless.' At 6.30pm, before the talk, you are invited to the **AGM of Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle**.

Entrance free. All welcome.
 Contact Alex Mthobi: 07957 632208 or Edward Echlin 01424 219788

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:

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Lisa Young

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Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am - 1pm

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
www.strichardscc.com

**St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School**

Interim Head:

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01424 735810

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 5th October

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Esher Noga RIP

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time & Rosary Sunday

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, St Paul 1:6-8. 13-14, Luke 17:5-10

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm Ann McKillion RIP

Sunday 6th October

St Martha	9:00am	Sue McLeod Smith RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Mr & Mrs Mebis-Vanhoutteghem Family & Friends Deceased

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

(special Cafod envelopes)

Monday 7th October

St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00am Peter & Catherine Moore RIP

Tuesday 8th October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Requiem Mass of Diane Batkin RIP followed by Hastings Crematorium

Wednesday 9th October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial Blessed John Henry Newman

10:00am Private Intention

Thursday 10th October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Mary Williams & Family GE

Friday 11th October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Monica M Elliott RIP

St Mary Magdalene

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

St Mary Magdalene

5pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 12th October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial St Wilfrid, Secondary Patron of A&B

9.30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Ray Iliffe RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am Baptism of Naomi Mayer-Mushonga

St Mary Magdalene

2:45pm Kerala Community Mass

St Mary Magdalene

9pm-11pm Kerala Night Vigil

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 5:14-17, Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

Masses of Enrolment for First Reconciliation & First Communion 2020

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm Joseph Thomas RIP

Sunday 13th October

St Martha

9:00am Elsie Dadswell RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am Christina Gramme RIP

St Mary Magdalene

12:30pm Baptism of George Hosier

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm People of the Parish

PACT Prison Advice and Care Trust
(special envelopes)