

# PARISH NEWS

27<sup>th</sup> October & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019  
Thirtieth & Thirty-First Sunday Yr C

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

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

## The Month of November The commemoration & remembrance of the Faithful Departed

*'may the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God rest in peace'*

**All Saints Day**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Vigil Mass on 'All Hallow's Eve': Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> October  
7pm Mass in St Mary Magdalene  
Day Masses: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
9am Mass at St Martha's, Lt. Common  
10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

**All Souls Day:**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
8am Low Mass in St Mary Magdalene  
10am Annual Parish Bereavement Mass in  
St Mary Magdalene  
*(followed by refreshments in the hall  
and Christmas repository)*

**Blessing of Graves**  
Turkey Road Cemetery: 2.30pm on  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
STMM Memorial Garden: after 11am Mass  
on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Requiem Mass  
for those fallen in war**  
11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene on  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Requiem Mass for Deceased Clergy of  
the Eastbourne & St Leonard's Deanery**  
12noon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Our  
Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne  
*There will be no 10am Parish Mass as all  
people of the deanery  
are invited and encouraged to attend*

**St Michael's Hospice:  
'Lights of Love' Service**  
3pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December in St Mary  
Magdalene

**STAFF HOLIDAY**  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.

The Office is open to personal callers  
**on Monday only**

**DOUBLE NEWSLETTER THIS WEEK**

## This poor man called; the Lord heard him. (30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr C / 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019)

### All Saints

It is no accident that this week we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints (All Saints Day) followed immediately by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). On All Saints Day we give thanks to Almighty God for the many Saints, some unknown to us, who enjoy the Beatific Vision – those men and women who have left this world and now live forever in God's presence, interceding for us who call upon them. This All Saints Day we should give thanks to God for the multitude of people through whom He has worked such great miracles. Through whom the Faith has been transferred to this generation. All Saints of God – pray for us.

When the Church celebrates every Saint, known and unknown, at one time, the eve of this festival is known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. As Fr Simon our parish priest reminded us in last week's newsletter; what is the best way to celebrate Halloween (All Hallows Eve)? Come to Mass at 7 pm in St Mary Magdalene and also fulfill your Holy Day of Obligation.

## I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

(31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Yr C / 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019)

### The Month of the Holy Souls

On All Souls Day we remember, in a special way, all those members of our families, for our loved ones and our friends who have died; but we also remember those who have no one to pray for them. We remember all the souls in Purgatory, and we pray for them, we pray that they too may pass from Purgatory to Heaven. We pray for them, knowing that they are also praying for us.

God Bless, Fr Rajesh.

### Words of Gratitude

Bishop Kishor (from India) who recently visited our Parish would like to thank Fr Simon, parish clergy and staff, and parishioners for their kind generosity and hospitality.

He said "I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and stay, and I am very grateful to you all for your love, care and support for Fr Rajesh."

With every Blessing,  
Bishop Kishor,  
India.

**We pray for those who have died:** Cecilia Reidy RIP, Sean O'Donnell RIP, Thomas Searle RIP, Neil Jenkins RIP, Tina Morton 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, 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**

20<sup>th</sup> October £884.43  
Gift Aid: £667.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £281.51  
Gift Aid: n/a

MISSIO  
World Mission Sunday

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27<sup>th</sup> October  
Church Maintenance (blue envelopes)  
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3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Retired Priests Fund (blue envelopes)  
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10<sup>th</sup> November  
Holy Souls (blue envelopes)  
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17<sup>th</sup> November  
Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (blue envelopes)  
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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 List**

**This week:** St Stephen's (Kev Robinson)

**Next week:** Sackville Road Methodist (Tricia Williams)

**Next week:** St Augustine's (Robert Coates)

**Adoration**

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

**Catholic Women's League**

**Monday 4th November 7:30pm St. Martha's Hall**  
Advent Reflection with Deacon Simon  
Contact: Anne Campbell 221803

**Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Advance Notice**

Training Session: **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10am Mass at Holy Redeemer, Hollington**, followed by the session

Morning of Recollection for Advent: **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill** Followed by session in the hall until 12.30pm.

\* also suitable for Readers and all parishioners.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church & Hall**

Do you hold a key to either the Church or Church Hall? If so, please can you return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks.  
Parish Office Administration Team.

**St Mary Magdalene's Primary School**

Fr Simon will be available to sign **Supplementary Information Forms** for Catholic children applying to St Mary Magdalene's on the following dates:

**Friday 22nd November 7pm-8pm**

**Monday 25th November 3:30-5pm**

**Friday 29th November 7pm-8pm**

**Monday 2nd December 3:30-5pm**

*Please call the parish office to book an appointment.*

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

**November Month of the Holy Souls**



We invite you to take a lilac prayer form to list the names of your loved ones who have died, so that we can as a community hold them in prayer during this month of November.

Please place the completed forms in the basket provided.

The book of Remembrance has been updated with the names of parishioners who have died this last year.

Money collected in the Holy Souls boxes will be allocated to special Masses throughout the year.

**St Richard's Catholic College** is celebrating its 60th Anniversary on

**Monday, 18th November.** The celebrations will begin at 9.30am with a Mass celebrated by **Bishop Richard** followed by a blessing of the new Sports Hall and a display. Visitors will then have an opportunity to tour the school and to have some refreshments. **Please rsvp:** mrsbutcherr@strichardscc.com by Monday, 11th November or telephone: (01424) 731070.

## Parish Diary - October/November

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	We Journey Together Session 2.	Presbytery 6:30pm
Wednesday 6th November	RCIA Session 2.	Presbytery 7:00pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Confirmation Session 2.	Presbytery 4:00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	SVP meeting	Presbytery 6:00pm

## Evening Weekday Mass

We hope to begin an evening weekday Mass at St Martha's in Little Common. This is both in response to the 'New Evangelization' and from the informal Parish Mass Time review where over forty people indicated their interest. If possible, we can also extend the Lay Apostolate for Adoration in the preceding hour from 6pm.

We need:

- An Extraordinary Minister to Expose the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm
- At least 3 people to sign up for the Holy Hour so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone
- A Sacristan to set up for Mass at approx. 6.40pm

## Q: What's the best way to celebrate Halloween?

A: Come to Holy Mass for the Vigil Mass of All Saints at 7pm on Thursday

## GAUDETE ET EXULTATE – REJOICE AND BE GLAD

A study morning on Pope Francis's Exhortation to the people – Gaudete et exultate - the Call to Holiness in today's world will be held at The Holy Redeemer Church

Hall, Upper Church Rd., Hollington TN37 7AS on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the 10am Holy Mass approx 11am to 1pm.

Light Refreshments will be available. All welcome.

## A &amp; B News

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

## Parish pre-Christmas Meal

This has been arranged for Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at "The Windmill" in St Leonards leaving Bexhill around 12.30pm.

The cost for three courses is: £13 which includes a 30% reduction for early booking.

We can provide lifts for those who indicate this on the form.

More details and the application form are in the church porches or you can contact the parish office.

Numbers are limited so please rsvp asap.

Ron Brazier (Pastoral Care Group)

To all and sundry especially sundry; please all come to:

**"Something to Celebrate"**  
at St Richards Catholic College on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11am to 1pm

We will be celebrating:

- A new chapter in the story of our parish
- The new liturgical year which begins on 1st December

**See you there!**

*The one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)*

## Parish Mass diary continued from back page ....

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Memorial	St Charles Borromeo
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Freda Joyce Baker RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Requiem Mass of Neil Jenkins and after at Bexhill Cemetery
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Noreen Corness RIP
St Martha's	7:00pm	Holy Souls – <b>see note opposite!</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Requiem Mass of Anna Canini RIP (aka Net) and after at Hastings Crematorium
St Mary Magdalene	10:45am - 12:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Benediction
St Mary Magdalene	5pm - 8pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
Feast		<b>Consecration of the Lateran Basilica</b>
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Margaret Moore RIP

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

*Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Percy & Catherine Bedford RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	For Those Fallen in the Wars
St Mary Magdalene	After Mass	Blessing of the Memorial Garden
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Joseph & Thomas Family Thanksgiving

**Holy Souls**  
(blue envelopes)

## 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

### 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)

### Parish Office opening hours

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday: 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](mailto:admin@strichardscc.com)  
[www.strichardscc.com](http://www.strichardscc.com)

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

Mrs Siobhan Andrews  
01424 735810

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Veronica Christoffe RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Leo Grech

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19, Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18, Luke 18:9-14*

### St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Carol Pattison RIP

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Phillip Ashwood RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Jessica Grace Winton
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Sean Gaughan RIP

### Church Maintenance (blue envelopes)

### Feast Saints Simon and Jude

**12 noon** Requiem Mass of Tina Morton RIP and  
after at Bexhill Cemetery

6:00pm In thanksgiving Fr Simon's 40<sup>th</sup> B'day

### Daily Mass at St Martha's today

**12 noon** Requiem Mass of Cecilia Reidy RIP and  
after at Eastbourne Cremation

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Monica M Elliott RIP

### St Mary Magdalene

### All Hallows Eve (Halloween)

10:00am Mr & Mrs Edwin 15<sup>th</sup> W. Anniversary

### Vigil Mass of All Saints

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

St Mary Magdalene

### All Saints

St Mary Magdalene

9:00am Maud & Fred Holmes RIP

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Yeo, Luck & McEniry RIP

St Mary Magdalene

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

St Mary Magdalene

5pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
8pm

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

St Martha

### All Souls

St Mary Magdalene

8:00am Michael O'Brien RIP

St Mary Magdalene

9:30am Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am George Springthorpe RIP

### & Mass for the Bereaved

St Mary Magdalene

2:00pm Kerala Community Mass

St Mary Magdalene

9pm-11pm Kerala Night Vigil

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 11:22-12:2, Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10*

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm Len Springthorpe RIP

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

St Martha

9:00am Peter Ernest Lindsay Vail RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am Alison & Paul Davies GE

St Mary Magdalene

12:30pm Baptism of Otto Bradbury

Turkey Road Cemetery

2:30pm Annual Blessing of Grave

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm Sean Gaughan RIP

### Retired Priests Fund (blue envelopes)

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