

PARISH NEWS

17th November 2019

Thirty-Third 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

PARISH DAY

Saturday 23rd November
11am to 1pm

at St Richards Catholic College
“Something to Celebrate”

What are we celebrating? A new chapter in the story of our parish and the new liturgical year which begins on 1st December. If any parishioners requires a lift to this event, please contact the parish office. ***The one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)***

Requiem Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Eastbourne & St Leonard's Deanery

12noon on Tuesday 19th 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 1st December
in St Mary Magdalene

Please continue to complete the **Lilac Forms** so that we can pray for the repose of the souls of your families and friends.

St Richard's Diamond Jubilee

Congratulations to St Richard's Catholic College who are celebrating their Diamond (60th) Jubilee on Monday 18th November, from 9.30am. The Bishop comes to celebrate Holy Mass and bless the new Sport's Hall, followed by tours.

Office Opening Hours

The office is open to personal callers on:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Access to the office on other days is by appointment and prior arrangement.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

22nd Nov: St Cecila, Patron of Musicians

For six years, every Thursday in the Seminary there was a session on ‘*Music in the Liturgy*’, unpacking what the Second Vatican Council in its documents **Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC)** & **Musicam Sacram (MS)** taught us about music in our liturgical celebrations. The whole congregation is to participate, ‘*by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons and songs*’ (SC 30). I would like to thank our parish musicians and choirs for adding so much to our liturgical celebrations. We, the congregation, try to avoid two attitudes: 1) that I’m not good enough to join the choir; 2) the choir aren’t good enough for me to join it, for our music is a prayer and never a performance. While no kind of sacred music is prohibited it must ‘*correspond to the spirit of the liturgical celebration*’ (MS 9). Again, while other instruments are permitted, ‘*in the Latin Church, the pipe organ is held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendour to the Church’s ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man’s mind to God and to higher things*’ (SC 120). In choosing music for the liturgy and within our abilities, MS 29 reminds us there is a priority: **1st degree: the celebrant’s greetings, collect and prayers, preface, sanctus, Lord’s Prayer; 2nd degree: Kyrie, Gloria, Agnus Dei, Creed, prayers of the faithful; 3rd degree: entrance, offertory & communion proper, psalm, Alleluia and the readings.** In summary, ‘*we sing the Mass*’, rather than ‘*sing at Mass*’. After this has been planned, hymns are a welcome addition to our liturgy, providing that they are in conformity with our Catholic Theology; if not they should not be sung, ever! If appropriate, they also align with the Scriptures, Saint or Feast of the Day and be appropriate for the faithful who gather at the foot of the cross and celebrate the Resurrection. **Continued inside...**

We pray for those who have died: Brian McElhone RIP, Patricia Ryman 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

10th November

£1257.82

Gift Aid: £598.26
2nd Collection:

£298.52

Gift Aid: n/a
Holy Souls

17th November
Arundel Cathedral
Maintenance Fund
(blue envelopes)

24th November
Parish charity
Fund (blue
envelopes)

1st December
Christmas flowers
(blue envelopes)

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:
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From front page... Vatican II also acknowledged that '*Gregorian Chant is specially suited to the Roman Liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services* (SC 116)'. In paragraph 36 SC explicitly said that '*the use of Latin is to be preserved in the Latin Rites*' (that's what we celebrate). Therefore, I recommend that all Catholics be able to sing: *the Kyrie (Greek), Gloria, Sanctus, Credo, Pater Noster, Angus Dei*, along with the *Salve Regina* and the other Marian Antiphons. Modern music such as '*Praise and Worship* (sic)', is ideal in devotional and non-Eucharistic services (but it must be Catholic). It's not really music for the Sacred Liturgy as worship for Catholics is 'Eucharistic'. With prayers, Fr Simon.

Adoration

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



CTiB Prayer List
This week: St Oswald's, Hooe (Paul Frostick)
Next week: St Barnabus (Michael Bailey, Stephen Huggins)

Children's Liturgy of the Word St Mary Magdalene

From the 1st Sunday of Advent (1st December) there will be Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene.

For now, it will run once a month on the 1st Sunday of the Month (5th Jan, 2nd Feb...).

Reminder this liturgy (and also the weekly one at St Martha's) is for children old enough to engage with the word, up until about First Holy Communion; and as the catechists are all very experienced there is no need for parents to go out and thus miss the richness of the Liturgy of the Word.

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.

Morning of Recollection for Ministers & Parishioners to Prepare for Advent.

In partnership with the Parish of the Good Shepherd we have our morning of recollection on

Saturday 30th November.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at **10am in St Mary Magdalene**, followed by formation session in the hall.

Parish Diary - November

Sunday 17 th November	Confirmation Session 2.	Presbytery 4:00pm
Tuesday 19 th November	SVP meeting	Presbytery 6:00pm
Wednesday 20 th November	Mothers Prayer group	Presbytery 7:30pm
Thursday 21 st November	WJT Session 3.	6:30pm
Wednesday 27 th November	RCIA Session 3.	7:00pm

Evening Weekday Mass

We have begun a trial of a weekday Mass in the evening at 7pm on **Thursdays at St Martha's**. It is good that those who work during the day have an extra opportunity to be at Mass during the week so that the Eucharist truly becomes the source and summit of our lives. Throughout November these Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. Many thanks to the sacristans for making it all happen!

Ministries - St Martha's

There is a handout in the porch giving details of the various ministries at St Martha's Church and a form for parishioners to indicate which ones they would like to be involved with. At the end of November, we will collect the information and produce the rotas for 2020 early in December. Please let the relevant people know if you have served St Martha's but do not wish to continue.

Cheques:

Please continue to write cheques to "St Mary Magdalene's Church" Thank you.

Three Churches in Little Common:

The next meeting is on **Wed, 20th November, 11am, at Little Common Methodist Church**. followed by refreshments. All are welcome – not just the Little Common Churches.

St Martha's Open Forum

**Monday Nov 18th at 7pm
In St Martha's Hall
All Welcome!**

Fairtrade Stall

**St Martha's Hall
17th November**
Thank you for your custom

**Thinking of Teaching?
Event:
Tuesday 26th November
4pm-6pm
St Richard's Catholic College**

This event offers a brilliant opportunity to find out more about teacher training and what a career in teaching has to offer. It's also a great way for you to meet the schools and universities that lead teacher training in the area and receive one-to-one advice on every aspect. For further details and to register your interest go to: thinkingofteachingeastssussex.eventbrite.co.uk

Can you help please?

Dear all, my friend Père Jean-Pierre Nzita who lives near Kinshasa desperately needs computers and sewing machines to enable the young people in his congregation to learn skills which will improve their condition of living. I will be taking any donations to France at Christmas from where they will be shipped over to the Democratic Republic of Congo. If you can help, please contact Ghislaine on 07491 477773.

Parish pre-Christmas Meal

This has been arranged for **Monday December 9th at "The Windmill" in St Leonards** leaving Bexhill around 12.30pm. This is now full and no more bookings can be accepted.

You are warmly invited to join us for a CAFOD Faith in Action day.

St John's Wonersh on Saturday 23 November 10 am- 4pm inc. lunch

Previously known as retreats, the Faith in Action days are free and open to all; whether you are new to campaigning or you joined us a long time ago, you are very welcome.

Politics is everywhere

But when should we pray from the sidelines and when should we roll up our sleeves?

The Church here and around the world has a proud history of encouraging Catholics' political reflection and action. With amazing results.

At this CAFOD day, we'll explore the links between faith and politics.

Join us and reflect on Scripture and Church teaching. Be inspired by others and CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas.

You are welcome to bring a family member or friend from your parish. If you can, please book **well in advance** to help us plan the retreat.

Places limited. *Please honour your commitment if you do sign up. Someone may have benefitted from an unused place. To book: cafod.org.uk/events or call 0303 303 3030.*

Day of Reflection & Music for Music Ministers

Saturday 14th December

11 am to 4 pm

at

St Dunstan's, Woking, GU22 7DT.

Booking essential on 01293 651164 or at ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Information

The Presbytery

St Mary Magdalene's
Sea Road, Bexhill on Sea,
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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
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Parish Office Administrators:

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Lisa Young

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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
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admin@strichardscc.com
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School Interim Head:

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www.stmarymags.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 16th November

St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Anthony N Bedford RIP
Holy Redeemer, Hollington	10:00am	Mass followed by EMHC training
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Charlie & Evie Forward

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20, Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm Zbigniev & Anastasia Zglobis RIP

Sunday 17th November

St Martha	9:00am	Deceased members of the Clifford and Pillinger families and Baby Callum RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Denis, Mary & Johanna O'Sullivan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

(blue envelopes)

Monday 18th November

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am *No Mass due to St Richard's celebration*

Tuesday 19th November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<i>No Mass – see below</i>
Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne	12noon	Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy & Religion of the Joint Deanery

Wednesday 20th November

St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Catherine W Ford RIP

Thursday 21st November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Bernard A Bedford RIP
St Martha	7:00pm	Joe Reid RIP

Friday 22nd November

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan 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 23rd November

St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	9:45am	Alice & Albert Whatling RIP
St Richard's College	11:00am	Parish Day: Something to Celebrate
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Ava Saksby

Christ the King (C)

Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm Holy Souls

Sunday 24th November

St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Emilia & Luigi RIP and Good Estate of The Di Paolo Family
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	Baptism of Harlowe-Bleu Wynter Ivy Cassidy
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Mr & Mrs Thomas 50 th Wedding Anniversary

Parish Charity fund
(blue envelopes)