

19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

# PARISH NEWS

**'Peace Day' Second Sunday Yr A**

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

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

## "Year of the Word: The God who Speaks"

### *Commissioning of Readers for 2020*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year OT  
(25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020)**

### **"Sunday of the Word of God"**

Next weekend at the Sunday Masses (*including the Vigil Mass*) we will specially commission our parish readers for their ministry of Proclaiming the Word of God – all you need to do is come to your normal Sunday Mass and the commissioning will take place after the Collect of the Mass.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

1. United Service for Churches Together in Bexhill at 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at St Mark's in Little Common
2. Service at 11am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at St Martha's in Little Common (*presided by Fr Rajesh*)
3. Votive Mass for the Unity of Christians at 10am in St Mary Magdalene and 7pm in St Martha's on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

### **Enrolment of Confirmandi**

The Confirmation Candidates will be formally enrolled as *Confirmandi* for our parish at the **6pm Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, following their session in the hall at 4pm. Please remember to return the **Whitstable Retreat paperwork**.

## **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity "Unusual Kindness"**

Our week of prayer begins this afternoon at **4pm with a United Service for Churches Together (Bexhill) at St Mark's in Little Common. All welcome!** I do hope that you are able to support the event. The prayers of the service come from Malta, remembering St Paul's arrival there, shipwrecked on the coast, while a prisoner on his way to Rome. They reflect the kindness with which St Paul and his companions were received, although they were complete strangers. They write:

*"Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith".* These words offer a rich meditation, especially regarding the hospitality we offer in the parish, for the gift of welcome and hospitality is central to our faith and practice. We need to make it visible always, to all who come.

With every blessing, Fr Rajesh.

### **Holy Mass & Morning of Reflection for Altar Servers**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

10am Mass in St Mary Magdalene with admittance into the Guild of St Stephen of four servers who have completed one year's service, followed by refreshments and formation in the Presbytery (ends: 12:00)

**We pray for those who have died:** Helen Ambrose, Kathleen Randall & Fr Brenden McCarthy

**We pray for the sick especially:** Steve Allingham, Patrick Atwell, Stephanie Bacon, Tony Batkin, Angela Burden, Kate Brignall, 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, Sally Moore, 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 Tunney, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

**Plate Collections**

12<sup>th</sup> January £915.40  
Gift aid: £466.50

2<sup>nd</sup> collection £288.39  
Gift Aid:  
Society for the  
Unborn Child  
(SPUC)  
(not in our scheme)

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19<sup>th</sup> January  
Pax Christi  
(Peace Sunday)  
(special  
envelopes)  
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26<sup>th</sup> January  
In gratitude to  
Worth Abbey  
(to include Fr  
Stephen)  
(not in our  
scheme)

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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**  
Please contact  
Ron Brazier:  
844177

**Adoration**  
**St Mary Magdalene's Church**  
**Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm**



**CTiB Prayer List**

**This week: God's Green House  
(Broadoak Chapel)**  
(Paul & Talitha Ishi-Smith)  
**Next week: Bexhill United Reformed  
Church** (Terry Jin)

**Evening Weekday Mass  
Thursdays**

**7pm at St Martha's**

For all parishioners, but especially to  
give those who work a second  
opportunity to get to Holy Mass each  
week. A great new year's resolution!

**Parish Silent Auction  
of Promises and Gifts**  
**Monday 3rd February 8pm**  
**St Martha's Hall**

Come and bid silently to help raise  
funds for **Foodbank**  
Raffle and refreshments  
Contact: Frances Haragan 734044  
This is preceded by the CWL meeting  
at 7:30pm

**Hastings & Rother  
Interfaith Forum**  
**Tuesday 21st January 7:00 – 9:00pm**  
**Unitarian Church, South Terrace,  
Hastings TN34 1SA**

"Sharing Faith Experiences from 2019 and  
New Year Food" You are invited to share a  
personal spiritual highlight from last year (5  
minutes each) – or just listen to others if  
you prefer, followed by shared food until  
9pm. Details on the poster at the back of  
the church.

**Justice & Peace Assembly:**

"Still No Room at the Inn?" How can we  
respond to the homelessness crisis today?

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January,  
at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley  
(formally DABCEC).**

**Doors open 9.30am. Ends 4pm.**

Free event. Introduced by Bishop Richard,  
with Speakers from Turning Tides,  
Homelink, Crawley Open House, Life  
Housing, Caritas Portsmouth, and more.  
Stalls and stands. Packed lunch needed -  
drinks provided – bring own cup/mug.  
Bookings at

Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk

**Confirmation 2020**

The next meeting is: **4pm, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
January in St Mary Magdalene Hall**

*If you haven't done so, please return your  
Whitstable Retreat Paperwork ASAP  
The Retreat is 31 Jan – 2 Feb.*

**'The Two Popes'**

This is an excellent film about meetings  
between Pope Benedict and Pope Francis  
and will be shown in the presbytery on:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January and also  
on 10<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30 - 4.30pm.**

As we are expecting a good deal of  
interest in this event it is essential that you  
book a seat with the parish office.

**Welcome to New Parishioners  
Afternoon Tea (Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

**3pm. St Mary Magdalene Presbytery**

We welcome all new parishioners to our  
parish; thank you for enriching our  
community with your presence amongst us.  
We invite you to come to **afternoon tea**  
next Sunday. Come and meet Fr Simon and  
some parishioners who make up the Parish  
Pastoral Care Group.

## Parish Diary - January/February

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	SVP Meeting	6:00pm Presbytery
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Baptism Preparation	7:00pm Presbytery
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Altar Servers Guild of St Stephen Mass & Morning of Reflection	10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene and after in the presbytery
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Confirmation Session 5.	4:00pm <b>St Mary Magdalene Hall</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Film showing 'The Two Popes'	2pm Presbytery
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Requiem Mass of Kathleen Randall R.I.P.</b>	10am St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	RCIA Session 6.	7:00pm Presbytery.
Fri 31 Jan - Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Confirmation - Weekend Retreat	St Vincent's, Whitstable
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb (Candlemas)	St Mary Magdalene School "Parish Mass"	11am Parish Mass St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mother's Prayer Group	7:30pm Prayer room
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parish Marriage Anniversary Mass	10am St Mary Magdalene

**The application process for the 2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open.**

The online application form for those applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who needs no assistance can be found at:  
<https://www.my-holiday-booking.co.uk/crm/introduction/index/i/17/eid/9>

If you would like to go to Lourdes as an Assisted Pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office who will post a form to you:  
 E: [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org)

T: 01403 740110

**Worth Abbey - Open Cloister**

A wonderful place for a retreat for groups. Availability in 2020 on some weekdays and weekends. Full details at [www.worth.co.uk](http://www.worth.co.uk)

**Cheques:**

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

**First Holy Communion Masses 2020**

2.30pm on:  
 Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May  
*(St Martha's)*  
 and Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June  
*(St Mary Magdalene)*  
 and Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June  
*(St Mary Magdalene)*

**Sign up sheets at all Masses**  
**– 18/19<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The next **SVP Meeting** will be on **21<sup>st</sup> January at the presbytery at 6pm.**

**CAFOD AREA MEETING**  
**Wednesday, 5th February, at 7 pm, in the John Fisher Room at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, TN37 6ET.**

Jenny Finlayson from CAFOD A & B will be present, along with local CAFOD Parish Contacts. If you would like to attend you would be very welcome.

**Next Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> January)**  
 The second collection is in gratitude for Worth Abbey and Fr Stephen Ortiger.

**Today is also:**  
**PEACE SUNDAY**  
 Our second collection is for  
**Pax Christi**  
**International Catholic Movement for Peace.**

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith, whose vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in the Catholic Faith, they work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. In 2020, we are asked to reflect on peace as a journey of hope and to enter a dialogue that embraces reconciliation and ecological conversion. Peace is not a theoretical concept but about people putting peace into action. It is a peace that is based on justice; a world where human rights are respected and people's basic needs are met, where people feel safe and valued in their communities. Forgiveness is a choice 'to love even though it hurts' and so reconciliation is a process which looks to mend relationships, with God, with His Church and with His People at a local and global level. Strengthen our determination, Lord, to work for a world of peace and justice; that we may all be one in Christ who says: 'peace I leave you, my peace I give you'. And so, may '**the peace of the Lord be with you always**', Fr Simon.

## 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**

**Parish Office**  
**Administrators:**  
Bonita Osmond-Maher

Lisa Young

**Telephone:** 01424 210263

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[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@strichardsccc.com](mailto:admin@strichardsccc.com)  
[www.strichardsccc.com](http://www.strichardsccc.com)

**St Mary Magdalene's Primary School**  
Interim Head:  
Mrs Siobhan Andrews  
01424 735810

[office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk)  
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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:40am	Mariano Peralta Jr. RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:20am	<b>&amp; Mass for Parish Readers</b>
Memorial Garden	After 10am	<b>Adoration &amp; Readers Reflection</b>
	Mass	<b>Practical Training for Readers</b>
		Burial of Ashes of Brian Macelhome RIP

### 'Peace Day' Second Sunday Yr A

*Isaiah 49:3. 5-6, Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34*

### St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Cesidio Capaldi RIP

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

St Martha	9:00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Marion Cox RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Priest Intention: Mary Rachael RIP

**Pax Christi**  
(special envelopes)

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

St Martha	11:00am	Requiem Mass of Helen Ambrose RIP followed by Eastbourne Crematorium
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### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<b>Memorial</b> <b>St Agnes</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Elizabeth Francis RIP

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Anthony Varghese RIP
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### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<b>Votive Masses for Christian Unity</b>
St Mary Magdalene	7:00pm	Christian Unity (Week of prayer)

### St Martha

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### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	<b>Memorial</b> <b>St Francis de Sales</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10:45am - 12:30pm	Holy Souls Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Benediction
St Mary Magdalene	12:30pm	

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January

St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	<b>Feast</b> <b>The Conversion of St Paul</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:40am-12 noon	Altar Servers Mass <b>Altar Servers Morning of Reflection</b>

## Third Sunday Yr A: "Sunday of the Word of God"

*Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Corinthians 1:10-13. 17, Matthew 4:12-23*

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP

### **Special Commissioning of our Parish**

### **Proclaimers of the Word (Readers)**

St Mary Magdalene	9:00am	Dennis Driscoll RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Edna Agnes Coward RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish &

### **Mass of Enrolment of Confirmandi**

In Gratitude to Worth Abbey (to include Fr Stephen)  
(not in our scheme)