

26th January 2020"The Sunday of the Word of God" (3rd 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

PARISH NEWS

"Year of the Word: The God who Speaks"

Commissioning of Readers for 2020

At all Sunday Masses this weekend we will specially commission our parish readers for service of the parish in this Pastoral Year: *"The Year of the Word: the God who Speaks"*. This happens after the Collect and before the 1st Reading, when all our readers come forward for a blessing.

Enrolment of Confirmandi

At 6pm Mass this Sunday, the Confirmation Candidates will be formally enrolled as *Confirmandi* for our parish.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Weekend: Whitstable Retreat!

Sunday 2nd February 2020

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Both the 9am Mass at St Martha's and 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene will begin in the parish halls (*as we do on Palm Sunday*) for the blessing of candles and Candlemas Procession. *At the 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene*, we welcome **St Mary Magdalene Primary School for their annual Parish Mass**, and the children will lead the liturgy. This takes the place of Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Proclaiming God's Word: A handbook for Readers

By Margaret Rizza

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Available on Amazon and at www.eden.co.uk

The Lord is my Light and my help.



In his recent letter *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis has designated today as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This day takes on a particular significance for us this year here in England & Wales, as we reflect very particularly on the theme: "The God Who Speaks." The Scriptures are, of course, central to our lives. Our reading and reflection on the inspired texts of Old and New Testaments enable us to encounter the God Who is love; Who sustains His people on their pilgrim way; Who is always faithful to us even when we go our own way; Who calls us back to Him and Who sends His Son, the Word made flesh, to dwell amongst us, to suffer and die for us and enable us to find new life through His resurrection. It is in the Scriptures that we read the account of the early Church as those who first responded to Jesus' call, through their encounter with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, began the Mission that we continue today. The practice of Lectio Divina has been spreading in the Diocese in recent years and renewed copies of the leaflet outlining this way of prayer are available in parishes today. Join me in your encounter with the Word Who is Life through this way of prayer. During this year, we shall have particular opportunities to join with our brothers and sisters in England & Wales in our celebration of "The God Who Speaks", notably at the Corpus Christi Celebration at Arundel Cathedral and – most especially for our school communities – at the Good Shepherd Celebration and the Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage to Arundel. May we all deepen our experience of God's love for us as we read the Scriptures and hear them proclaimed in our Liturgy, that we may be formed by the Word for the Mission to which we are called. With every Blessing,

+Richard

Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

We pray for those who have died: Kathleen Randall, Fr Brenden McCarthy and Stephen Crooks.

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
19th January £930.31
Gift aid: £590.61

2nd collection £296.45
Gift Aid:

Pax Christi (Peace Sunday)

26th January
In gratitude to Worth Abbey
(to include Fr Stephen)
(not in our scheme)

9th February
Catholic Association for Racial Justice
(not in our scheme)

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
Please contact
Ron Brazier:
844177

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



CTIB Prayer List

This week: Bexhill United Reformed Church (Terry Jin)

Next week: St Peter's (David Reynish)

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!

Silent Auction
of Promises and Gifts
Monday 3rd February 7.45pm
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.

All welcome.

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton
Diocesan Directory
and Liturgical Calendar 2020

These are now available to purchase from the repository or the parish office, cost: £5. (Limited numbers).

Confirmation 2020

The next meeting is: **4pm, Sunday 26th 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.*

Parish Marriage Anniversary Mass
"Votive Mass of St Valentine"
Saturday 15th February 2020

The 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene will be a celebration in which we pray with all those who are celebrating an anniversary of Holy Matrimony (Marriage) in 2020, whatever number of years that has been! At the end of Mass all married couples will receive an anniversary blessing, and after Mass there will be tea and coffee in the hall.

Pastoral Care Group
A date for your diary-
Afternoon tea at Holy Cross Priory April 22nd 2.00 - 5.30pm.
Details to follow shortly.

'The Two Popes'

This is an excellent film imagines a meeting between Pope Benedict and Pope Francis and will be shown in the presbytery on:

Monday 27th January (fully booked) and on 10th February (a few spaces available) from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

Fr Desmond Baker
Golden Jubilee Celebration

Thank you so much to all who contributed in any way to the preparations and the celebration, and indeed to all who attended the Mass and celebration.

It was a wonderful event, which was attended by a large number of clergy and parishioners from all around the country. Fr Desmond was delighted and very happy throughout the evening.

Parish Diary - January/February

Sunday 26 th January	New Parishioners Welcome	3 pm Presbytery
Sunday 26 th January	Confirmation Session 5.	4 pm St Mary Magdalene Hall
Monday 27 th January	Film showing 'The Two Popes'	2 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 29 th January	Requiem Mass of Kathleen Randall R.I.P.	10 am St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 29 th January	RCIA Session 6.	7 pm Presbytery.
Fri 31 st Jan - Sun 2 nd Feb	Confirmation - Weekend Retreat	St Vincent's, Whitstable
Sun 2 nd Feb (Candlemas)	St Mary Magdalene School "Parish Mass"	11 am Parish Mass St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 5 th Feb	Mother's Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer room
Monday 10 th February	Film showing 'The Two Popes'	2 pm Presbytery
Thursday 13 th February	WJT Session 6.	6:30pm Presbytery
Saturday 15 th Feb	Parish Marriage Anniversary Mass	10 am St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 18 th February	SVP Meeting	6 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 th February	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room

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
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

A&B News

February's Free Edition is available in the Church porch or on the Diocesan website.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 27th January 2020

This year's Holocaust Memorial Day has increased significance as this year we mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Additionally, we have seen a rise in antisemitism which for Christians is completely out of step with our spiritual bond with the People of the Covenant as we revere the same patriarchs and prophets in our liturgy. As such, we will celebrate a Mass 'for Reconciliation' at the 10am Mass on Monday so we may pray for healing, justice, love and peace. Fr Simon.

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. All Welcome! .

Parish Memorial Garden Gate Lock

After persistent problems with the front lock gate, it will be replaced. It will be installed and ready from Friday 31st January. The last lock lasted 20 years! The code will be the same as before but omitting the Y. If you encounter any problems, please contact the parish office.

Lost Property

St Mary Magdalene's & St Martha's
Please check the boxes at the back of the churches. We have accumulated quite a lot of lost property.

Second Collection: For Worth Abbey & Fr Stephen Ortiger

An opportunity to express our gratitude for them in assisting the parish in the transition period.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association

Tuesday 18th February 7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm
'Mercy and the Migrant Crisis'
A talk by Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices.
Christ the King Parish Room,
3 Princes Road, Eastbourne.
BN23 6HT. Entrance Free.
All warmly welcome. For further information contact Alex 07957632208 or Barbara 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334.

Parish Information

The Presbytery

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TN40 1RH. Tel: 01424 210263

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Fr Rajesh Minz
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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

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 25th January	Feast	The Conversion of St Paul
St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Altar Servers Mass
St Mary Magdalene	10:40am- 12 noon	Altar Servers Morning of Reflection

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 Martha	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)

Monday 27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day & Mass	
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Robert Stevens RIP
Tuesday 28th January	Memorial	St Thomas Aquinas
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Leslie Gardner RIP
Wednesday 29th January		
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Requiem Mass of Kathleen Randall RIP followed by Hastings Crematorium
Thursday 30th January		
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Lisa Young & Family
St Martha	7:00pm	Priests Intentions
Friday 31st January	Memorial	St John Bosco
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Harry & Peggy Paris 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 1st February		
St Mary Magdalene	9:30am	Confession
St Mary Magdalene	10:00am	Holy Souls

The Presentation of the Lord "Candlemas"

Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

St Mary Magdalene	5:30pm	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	Denis, Mary & Joan O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday 2nd February		
St Martha	9:00am	Anne Pitt-Payne GE Mass with procession: gather in hall
St Mary Magdalene Primary School Parish Mass at St Mary Magdalene.		
St Mary Magdalene	11:00am	Irene Herring RIP Mass with procession: gather in hall
St Mary Magdalene	6:00pm	People of the Parish

Parish Poor Fund
(parish scheme-blue envelopes)