

PARISH NEWS

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honour your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

Ash Wednesday Masses

26th February 2020

9am at St Martha's.

10am at St Mary Magdalene.

7pm at St Mary Magdalene.

Services for pupils in both schools.

Next Sunday:

Afternoon Tea, Fellowship

& Evening Prayer for Divorced,

Remarried & Separated parishioners

with Bishop Richard

3pm on Sunday 23rd Feb 2020 at

St John the Evangelist Church,

Horsham

Please book in advance: to

Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

They are happy who follow God's law!

The Commandments of God

To inherit eternal life, we must follow Jesus and keep the commandments, which have been fulfilled, but not abolished. The greatest commandment remains to '*love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind*', and the second, which resembles it, is '*to love our neighbour as ourself*'. On these two commandments, hang the whole of the Law and the Prophets. The gifts of the Holy Spirit given in the Sacrament of Confirmation help us to live out the moral law in a world which has a very casual relationship with right and wrong, and especially in a society that has attempted to redefine what we have long held as good, holy and true.

The Ten Commandments take on their full meaning within a covenant relationship and are, therefore, an expression of God's mercy. They are not rules to impinge upon us; no, they are an expression of freedom, given as they are after the people's liberation from slavery in Egypt. The Ten Commandments give us a pathway to our true dignity and highest calling to be saints – and '*they are happy who follow God's Law*'. The Ten Commandments bring to light the essential duties and fundamental rights of the individual which should be protected. No one can be dispensed from these commandments because God has written them on our hearts so that we may make our own Jesus's '*New Commandment*', to *love one another as he has loved us*; to the end, to the point of laying down his own life, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

Wishing all those on half term a good break, every blessing,

Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Peter Salt 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, Rose Massey, 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 Tunny, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

Plate Collections

9th February
£725.53

Gift Aid:
£371.20

2nd collection
£215.53

Gift Aid: n/a

Catholic Association for Racial Justice

16th February
Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (parish scheme-blue envelopes)

23rd February
Parish Maintenance (parish scheme-blue envelopes)

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:

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: St John's Baptist Church (Kathy Lee)

Next week: St Beulah Baptist (David Lockwood)

Lenten Morning of Reflection:

Our Morning of Reflection for Lent will be on Saturday 14th March.

Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene, followed by Stations of the Cross and Reflection in the parish hall until 12:30.

Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Calendar 2020

These are available to purchase from the parish office, cost: £5.

Fairtrade Fortnight:

Our national annual Fairtrade Fortnight begins 24th February.

There will be Fairtrade Breakfasts, Rice Challenges and other events.

Jack Doherty.

Mini Walking Pilgrimage

'The God Who Speaks' 7th to 10th May: Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long weekend. Costs £50 total.

Details and booking forms at
www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Confirmation 2020

The next meeting is:
4pm, Sunday 1st March,
at the presbytery

and

Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard

on Friday 13th March at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene Hall.

Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund - 15/16th February 2020

SECOND COLLECTION

As you May know, the Pilgrimage manages our Diocesan Pilgrimage, and takes around 700 people each year to Lourdes, of whom 140 Assisted Pilgrims who are frail, elderly, disabled or sick. The Pilgrimage relies on the efforts of volunteers and generous donors to enable it to offer financial support to the Assisted Pilgrims who join us, and to some of those who will care for them whilst we are in Lourdes. The sum required to subsidise those in our community who struggled to afford to pay for their trip in full last year, was £60,413, and this can only be achieved by your generosity at collections like today's which will be taken as you leave Mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD is looking for volunteers

who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid, contact CAFOD on 01483 898866. Thank you.

Parish Diary - February/March

Tuesday 18 th February	SVP Meeting	6 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 19 th February	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room
Wednesday 26 th February	RCIA Session 7.	7 pm Presbytery & Prayer Room
Thursday 27 th February	WJT Session 7.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Sunday 1 st March	Confirmation Session 7.	4 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 4 th March	RCIA Session 8.	7 pm Presbytery
Thursday 12 th March	WJT Session 8.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Friday 13 th March	Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard	7 pm-10 pm St MM Hall
Sunday 15 th March	Confirmation Session 8.	4 pm Presbytery

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

Bexhill Mobile Library for the Housebound scheme

They visit people at home and in care/nursing homes with books every two weeks. For more details please contact:
Ben Mepham: 218911

The Catholic Women's League

Invites you to support their Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in aid of Bexhill Foodbank After 9am Mass, 23rd February in St. Martha's Hall

Donations of cakes for the stall will be gratefully received.

Vacancy for Paid Part-time Parish Receptionist Position

The Parish is seeking to appoint a paid part-time receptionist to cover the reception office during the hours the office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am until 1am (12 hours per week) to support the Parish Administration Team.

The duties would include dealing with callers at the office, answering the phone and directing calls, use of a computer, office equipment and Microsoft Office and some input of computer data and the sending of emails. A fuller job description can be downloaded from the parish website on the Newsletter page.

The person appointed will need good interpersonal skills, tact and diplomacy. Computer skills. The post will also involve handling some monies and confidential information and receiving deliveries. The rate of pay will be the National Living Wage of £9.30 per hour.

If you are interested in the position, please send an expression of interest outlining your relevant skills and why you may be suited to the post to the parish office for the attention of Fr Simon marked Confidential – Receptionist Post. The Closing date for applications is Monday, 24th February 2020.

Parish Memorial Garden Gate Lock

This has now been fitted with a new lock. The code will be the same as before but omitting the Y. If you encounter any problems, please contact the parish office.

Parish Choir for the Triduum:

Following the principle established last year, we recognise that music for special events is an opportunity for the whole parish to come together in fellowship.

The Easter Triduum is the pinnacle of the Church's Liturgy and the high point of the gathered assembly. If you would like to be part of a parish-wide choir & orchestra for the Sacred Triduum there is a **meeting at 7pm in the Presbytery on Monday 24th February**. All welcome.

Pastoral Care Group

A date for your diary-
Afternoon tea at Holy Cross Priory April 22nd 2 pm- 5.30 pm.
Details to follow shortly.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Association

Tuesday 18th February, 7pm '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. Alex 07957632208 or Barbara 01424 219788 or John 01323 726334.

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
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stmm@btconnect.com

Website:
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
www.strichardscc.com

St Mary Magdalene's Primary School
Interim Head:
Mrs Siobhan Andrews
01424 735810
office@stmarymagsbex.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.stmarymags.co.uk

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 15th February **Votive** **St Valentine (Marriage Anniversary Mass)**
St Mary Magdalene 9:30am Confession
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am For Those Celebrating Wedding
St Mary Magdalene 12:30pm Anniversaries
St Mary Magdalene Baptism of Helena Grant

Sixth Sunday Yr A

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm Bill & Vi Hayes RIP
Sunday 16th February
St Martha 9:00am Peter Michael Haragan RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am John Leahy RIP
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm People of the Parish

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
(not in our scheme - special envelopes)

Monday 17th February
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Irene Herring RIP
Tuesday 18th January
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am The Phillips Family
Wednesday 19th February
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Thomas & Margaret McGowan RIP
Thursday 20th February
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Noreen Corness RIP
St Martha 7:00pm Priests Intentions
Friday 21st February
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Maureen Raeburn RIP
Bexhill Cemetery 12 noon Funeral of Pamela Clements 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 22nd February
St Mary Magdalene 9:30am **Feast** **The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**
St Mary Magdalene 10:00am Confession
St Martha 1:00pm Holy Souls
Baptism of Hugh Campbell

Seventh Sunday Yr A

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18, Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

St Mary Magdalene 5:30pm Confessions
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm In thanksgiving to St Anthony
Sunday 23rd February
St Martha 9:00am David Rowe RIP
St Mary Magdalene 11:00am Robert Stevens RIP
& 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of
Peter & Anne O'Leary
St Mary Magdalene 6:00pm People of the Parish

Parish Maintenance

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Coronavirus Precautions: more information at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/02/cbcew-coronavirus-guidelines-2020-v1.pdf>
In Summary: precautions are the same as 'seasonal winter flu', meaning there is no obligation to hear Mass if you are ill. Normal advice to 'catch it, kill it and bin it' is prudent, along with regular washing of hands. If you do have a bad cold, perhaps, politely decline the sign of peace and refrain from receiving from the chalice.