

23<sup>rd</sup> February 20207<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.

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

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

# PARISH NEWS

## Ash Wednesday

26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of **fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control**, preparing us for Christ's Resurrection at Easter, through which we attain redemption. Ash Wednesday sets the penitential tone for the next forty days before Easter. All are invited to celebrate Mass and receive Ashes: **see the back of the newsletter**.

**Why we receive the ashes?** Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We receive the ashes and are reminded of the most relevant fact of life: *"Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you will return."* Ashes are a symbol of penance, made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The ashes are a symbol of penance and reconciliation.

**Prayer:** *Lord, may this Lent be truly fruitful in my life. May it be a grace and a joy to embrace all that You wish to bestow upon me. Jesus, I do trust in You. Amen.*

Every blessing, Fr Rajesh

## Fairtrade Fortnight

24<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March

Treating the poorest producers with fairness, justice and dignity, always paying a fair price for their goods. More inside..., and at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

## The Lord is compassion and love

### The Easter Triduum

The Triduum is the pinnacle of Church's Year and the high point of the gathered assembly. As such, it is fitting that the parish comes together in a single location because it is really one celebration encompassing the *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*, a unified liturgy that celebrates the central mysteries of our redemption: *the institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood, and the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord*. Therefore the Triduum for the parish will be celebrated in St Mary Magdalene Church as follows:

8pm: Maundy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April 2020):

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,**

*With watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight*

3pm: Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April 2020):

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

8.30pm Holy Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> April 2020):

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

**Why no Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at St Martha's at 3pm?** The Triduum is one liturgy in three parts, and the clergy and people of the parish come together as one parish for the whole celebration. As the Holy See's document '*Paschales Solemnitatis*' teaches, the *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion* is so intrinsically linked to the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* (held the night before) that they should be celebrated in the same Church. As a parish we have been moving towards this for some time, and now the time is right to have one Triduum for our new *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea* so we can truly gather as an united Easter People. There will, however, be **Evening Prayer of the Church, with veneration of the cross at 7pm on Good Friday at St Martha's** to allow members of this community to pray together but not in a way that precludes any of them gathering with the whole parish for the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Peter Salt RIP, Eileen Sullivan RIP, Tony Evans 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, Mary Tenneffe, Margaret Tuberet, Kathleen Tunny, Jordan Whyborne and Anne Wilkinson.

## Plate Collections

16<sup>th</sup> February  
£753.66

Gift Aid:  
£541.51

2<sup>nd</sup> collection  
£234.32

Gift Aid: 304.10

Diocesan Lourdes  
Pilgrimage Fund

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23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Parish  
Maintenance  
(parish scheme-  
blue envelopes)

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1<sup>st</sup> March  
Parish Lourdes  
Fund  
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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:

01424 757088

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Holy  
Communion for  
Housebound  
Parishioners  
Please contact  
Ron Brazier:  
844177

## Ecumenical World Day of Prayer 2020

A service for everyone  
Praying with Zimbabwe

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**

**St Mark's Little Common**

*Rise! Take your Mat and Walk*

### CTiB Prayer Cycle:

**This week:** David Lockwood  
(Beulah Baptist)

**Next Week:** Tricia Williams  
(Little Common Methodist)

## Lenten Morning of Reflection:

Our Morning of Reflection for Lent will  
be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**.

Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene,  
followed by Stations of the Cross and  
Reflection in the parish hall until 12.30.

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 3pm at St Martha's

Saturdays: *after 10am Mass at St Mary  
Magdalene*

Starts: 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> February

## Companionship

The Parish Pastoral Care Groups have  
produced a handout  
entitled "Companionship" which gives  
lots of ideas for anyone who feels a bit  
lonely. This includes those who are  
housebound and those who can get out  
and it shows what is available in  
our parish, in the Bexhill community  
and nationwide.

Those who receive home visits from  
Ministers bringing Holy Communion or  
from the SVP will receive a copy but  
otherwise they are available in the  
church porches or from the parish  
office. Any more ideas to Ron Brazier  
(844177) please.

## Confirmation 2020

The next meeting is:  
**4pm, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March,**

**at the presbytery**

and

**Evening of Reflection  
with Bishop Richard**

on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm  
in St Mary Magdalene Hall.

## Other Holy Week Liturgies

### GOOD FRIDAY

Children's Stations of the Cross  
11am at St Martha's

Evening Prayer of the Church with  
Veneration of the Cross  
7pm at St Martha's

### HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets  
9.30am at St Mary Magdalene

## This is your Dowry, O Pious Virgin

England was first known as the Dowry of  
Mary since the time of St Edward the  
Confessor (1042-1066). England has long  
had a deep devotion to Mary, and the  
shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is a  
strong testimony to this devotion. In the  
Hospice of St Thomas in Rome (*now the  
Venerable English College*) there was a  
painting which showed King Richard II  
(1337-1399) and his consort Anne at  
Westminster Abbey, praying at the Shrine  
of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to  
Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a  
parchment, which says, *'This is your  
dowry, O Pious Virgin'*. On 29<sup>th</sup> March  
2020, our country will once again be  
dedicated as Our Lady's Dowry and at the  
end of Masses from 21<sup>st</sup> February until 29<sup>th</sup>  
March we will pray especially for this  
intention.

## Parish Diary - February/March

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Easter Triduum Music Planning	7 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	RCIA Session 7.	7 pm Presbytery & Prayer Room
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	WJT Session 7.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Confirmation Session 7.	4 pm Presbytery
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CWL Mass and AGM with buffet supper	7pm in St Martha's Church and Hall
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	RCIA Session 8.	7 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	WJT Session 8.	6:30 pm Presbytery
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard	7 pm-10 pm St MM Hall
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Confirmation Session 8.	4 pm Presbytery

**CAFOD  
DEANERY LENT  
SERVICE**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
3pm St Mary Magdalene**

Service based on Oscar Romero Stations, including a Talk: *"Hands On" in Columbia*

Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

**Catholic Women's League: Mass & AGM  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

Mass at 7pm in St Martha's, followed by the AGM and light buffet supper in the Hall. All ladies of the parish invited to come and see!

**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**

A reminder that the parish is looking to appoint a receptionist. More information is available online in the newsletter section of the Parish Website. The closing date to submit an expression of interest in the post is: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Fairtrade Fortnight**

**Rice Challenge**

We are looking to sell 90 1kg bags of Malawi Rice at £3 each which will pay for a farmer's child to attend secondary school for one year.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Fairtrade Stall**

After Mass 9am Mass at St Martha's & after 6pm Sunday Evening Mass.

**Talk by Sarah Brazier  
Fairtrade Foundation**

*Chocolate Industry & Fairtrade*  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**7pm for 7.30pm**

. Free event with wine tasting and cheese, donations welcome.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Fairtrade Breakfast**

After 9am Mass at St Martha's *In the presence of the Mayor*. Inc. Cakes, Bananas and sausages.

*Attendance sheets - for catering purposes - in churches.*

**Pastoral Care Group Film**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm**  
Film in the Presbytery: **'The Way'**  
A moving drama based on the Camino pilgrimage route in Northern Spain.  
Lent - we will be asking for contributions to the **Friends of the Holy Land** charity.

**Parish Choir for the Triduum:**

***Following the principle already established with our musicians last year***, we recognise that music for special events belongs to the entire parish and is a fantastic opportunity 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Repository  
Volunteers Needed**

**Sunday St Mary Magdalene - 6pm**  
**Sunday St Mary Magdalene - 11am**

And also to help out sporadically.  
Please call the parish office if you can help. Thank you.

## 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**

#### 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@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)  
[www.stmarymags.co.uk](http://www.stmarymags.co.uk)

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## Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha

### Feast The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

9:30am Confession  
10:00am Holy Souls  
1:00pm 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  
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm In thanksgiving to St Anthony

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

St Martha  
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am David Rowe RIP  
11:00am Robert Stevens RIP  
& 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessing of  
Peter & Anne O'Leary  
6:00pm People of the Parish

### Parish Maintenance

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### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Francesco Russo RIP

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

St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha's

10:00am Intentions of Mr & Mrs Boast  
2:00pm Requiem Mass of Peter Salt RIP  
followed by Eastbourne Crematorium  
Presided by - Fr Nicholas King

### The Season of Lent

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

St Martha  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am Patricia Jefferies RIP  
10:00am Mary O'Donnell RIP  
7:00pm Dennis Meehan RIP

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha

10:00am Susan's friends - living & deceased  
7:00pm Priests Intentions

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

10:00am Jean Durrant RIP  
10:45am - 12:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
And Benediction  
5pm-8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

9:30am Confession  
10:00am Christine Cunningham RIP  
Followed by Stations of the Cross

### First Sunday of Lent Yr A

*Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11*

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm In thanksgiving to St Anthony

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

St Martha

9:00am Deceased members of the Storrow  
Family

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

11:00am Fr Desmond Baker GE  
6:00pm Priests Intentions

### Parish Lourdes Fund

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