

8th March 2020

PARISH NEWS

Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent Yr A.
The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea
Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

Today's Collections

There are 3 collections today:

1st Collection:

Your weekly offertory to sustain the maintenance and mission of the parish.

2nd Collection:

As you leave Mass,
to support the maintenance and mission of the Columban Fathers.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please return your Fast Day envelopes and place them in the CAFOD Boxes:



Jobs and Ministries for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

The lists for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday are now displayed in the porches of both Churches and are waiting for YOU to sign up, so we may have a worthy parish celebration. The two lists will be collated, and a rota produced in time for the celebrations.

***May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.***

Annual Missionary Appeal

"Missionary Society of St Columban"

We welcome Fr Gerry Markey, a priest from the Columban Fathers who will be making an appeal this weekend and supplying our Parish Masses. The Society of St Columban is an organization working in fifteen countries with a special commitment to Asia and Latin America. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculcation of the Gospel in Cross Cultural environments. They engage in Reconciliation, Dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local churches. At the heart of their work is the call to help people become fully human, to help establish a world of peace with justice and care for the integrity of creation in solidarity with the poor. The appeal will be conducted by Fr Gerry Markey SSC who has worked on Mission around the globe; in the Philippines, on the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez and latterly in Chile.

A reminder of the times for the Parish's Sacred Paschal Triduum which will be held in **St Mary Magdalene Church**:

8pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday 9th April)

3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Friday 10th April)

8.30pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Saturday 12th April)

Wishing you a blessed Lent, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Alexander MacDonald, Eileen Sullivan, Janette (aka Nettie) RIP

We pray for the sick especially: Archbishop Peter Smith, 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

1st March
£920.55

Gift Aid:
£640.50

2nd collection
£231.83
Gift Aid:

Parish Lourdes
Fund:
£472.10

8th March
Mission Appeal -
Society of
St Columban
(not in our
scheme)

15th March
SVP
(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:
01424 757088

**Holy
Communion for
Housebound
Parishioners**
Please contact
Ron Brazier:
844177

Adoration

Fridays 10.40am to 12.30pm
&
5pm to 8pm

CTiB Prayer Cycle:
This week: Bexhill Street Pastors
Next Week: Hospital Chaplains

Volunteers Needed:

Help the flower Ladies team to
decorate St Mary Magdalene church
for Easter - on Holy Saturday, 10am.

If you can help, call Helga: 848504

Also

Help needed to **clean and polish**
St Mary Magdalene church on the
Monday after Palm Sunday, prior to
Maundy Thursday. Please bring your
own cleaning materials. Please call the
parish office if you can help by -
30th March.

Pastoral Care Group

Holy Cross Afternoon Tea
Thursday 2nd April, 2pm-5pm

Full details and application forms are
on the leaflets in the church porches or
from the parish office. Please note that
numbers are limited.

Proposed Pilgrimage - 3rd June

Leaving St Mary Magdalene church at
9am (St Martha's at 9.05am) we aim to
travel by coach to the West Grinstead
Shrine for a talk, Mass, Adoration and
time on our own. After a packed lunch
on to Worth Abbey for an afternoon with
Fr Stephen and returning by 6pm. Cost
including coach, tea/coffee.

To book please contact
Ron Brazier by 30th March on 844177.

Confirmation 2020

This Sunday at 4pm at the presbytery,
then:

**Friday 13th March at 7pm – 9pm in
St Mary Magdalene Hall
with Bishop Richard
and
4pm, Sunday 15th March,
at the presbytery**

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 Peve,
offering England to Our Lady as Her
Dowry. He holds a parchment, which
says, '*This is your dowry, O Pious Virgin*'.

On 29th March 2020, our country will once
again be dedicated as Our Lady's Dowry
and at the end of Masses from
21st February until 29th March we will pray
especially for this intention.

Parish Diary - March/April

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
Tuesday 17 th March	SVP Meeting	6 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 18 th March	RCIA Session 9.	7 pm Presbytery
Wednesday 18 th March	Mother's Prayer Group	7:30 pm Prayer Room
Thursday 19 th March	Triduum Music Rehearsal	7 -8.30 pm St Mary Magdalene church
Thursday 26 th March	Triduum Music Rehearsal	7 -8.30 pm St Mary Magdalene church
Thursday 2 nd April	Triduum Music Rehearsal	7 -8.30 pm St Mary Magdalene church

**CAFOD
DEANERY LENT
SERVICE**

Sunday 8th 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

**Music Rehearsals for
the Easter Triduum:**

If you would like to sing or play during the Easter Triduum, the rehearsals are:
7pm on Thursdays:
19th March, 26th March and 2nd April in St Mary Magdalene Church.

Pastoral Care Group Film

16th 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.

Saturday 14th March**Lenten Morning of Reflection:
"The Death & Resurrection
of Christ"**

&

"England: Mary's Dowry"

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 3pm at St Martha's

Saturdays: *after 10am Mass* at St Mary Magdalene
Starts: 28th & 29th February

**St Richards
Catholic College
PTFA Quiz Night**
Friday 27th March,
7 pm for 7.30 pm start
Tables up 8: £3 per adult,
£1 per child
Bring your own refreshments
To book: 731070 or
PTFA@strichardscc.com

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 8th March
Fairtrade Breakfast**

After 9am Mass at St Martha's *In the presence of the Mayor*. Inc. Cakes, bananas & sausages. Attendance sheets for catering purposes in churches. *"Please take the important step for our community Fairtrade Breakfast, by attendance or donation to lift the weakest."*

**CWL Lenten Lunch
in aid of CAFOD**

Wednesday 25th March

12 noon, St Martha's hall.

Soup, bread & cheese, tea & coffee. Tickets: £3 - will be on sale after Mass. Inc Raffle.

**Hastings & Rother
Interfaith Forum**
Wed, 11th March
7pm-9pm
**Bexhill Friends'
Meeting House,**
15a Albert Rd. TN401DG.
Canon Dr Andrew Wingate
will speak on "Hinduism in
India & Britain".

A & B News: available from both churches or A & B Dioceses website.

**Juliet Duffy tells us:
Kathleen Tunney will be
90 years old on 10th March -
Happy Birthday!**

Thank you...

From Abbot Luke, Worth Abbey, for the kind and generous £800 donation. He hopes and prays that Fr Simon, Fr Rajesh and all in the Parish will continue to thrive.

**Repository
Volunteers Needed**

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

And also to help out occasionally. 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

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
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St Mary Magdalene's
Primary School
Interim Head:
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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 7th March

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

9:30am Confession
10:00am Patrick James Cunningham RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross
12:30pm Baptism of Noelle & Skylar Stockdale
2:45pm Syro-Malabar Mass

Saturday of the First Week in Lent

Confession

Patrick James Cunningham RIP

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Baptism of Noelle & Skylar Stockdale
Syro-Malabar Mass

Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent Yr A

Genesis 12:1-4, Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9

St Mary Magdalene
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5:30pm Confessions
6:00pm James T.P. Spittal RIP

Sunday 8th March

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
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St Mary Magdalene

9:00am Harry & Peggy Paris RIP
11:00am Desmond Fisher RIP
3:00pm *CAFOD Annual Deanery Lenten Service*
6:00pm Columban Missionary Society

Mission Appeal: Society of St Columban

(not in our scheme)

Monday of the Second Week in Lent

10:00am Anne Pitt-Payne GE

Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent

10:00am Robert Moggridge RIP

Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent

10:00am Diarmuid O'Sullivan RIP

Thursday of the Second Week in Lent

10:00am Joseph Thomas RIP
1:15pm Funeral of Eileen Sullivan RIP

No Mass this evening

Friday of the Second Week in Lent

11:00am Requiem Mass of Alexander MacDonald
RIP followed by Bexhill Cemetery

No morning Exposition today

No Benediction today

Stations of the Cross

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday of the Second Week in Lent

9:30am Confession

10:00am Thomas Griffin RIP

Stations of the Cross & then

Lenten Morning of Reflection

Third Sunday of Lent Yr A

Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm David McGurk RIP & Louis Rosenau RIP

Sunday 15th March

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am Florence Raey RIP

11:00am Fr Peter Queally RIP

12:30pm Baptism of Eric Andrei Ambaros

6:00pm Priests Intentions

SVP

(not in our scheme)