



# Corpus Christi (Body & Blood of Christ)

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea

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

From the desk of the Parish Priest (updated)

*“the blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread which we break is a communion with the body of Christ”*

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect of Corpus Christi & English Translation of the Latin Collect from Benediction.

*“Do this in memory of Me!”* In ordinary circumstances, the Sunday obligation is about hearing the Mass celebrated every week and assisting the sacrifice by joining our prayers to it. The obligation does not extend to Holy Communion, which although we are encouraged to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood regularly, we only have to receive once a year, and always when we are free of serious sin and thus in a state of grace. And a reminder, we receive the fulness of the Lord’s Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion under one kind, which remains the norm in most parts of the world. In these extraordinary times, we are making use of various media to gain this ‘remembrance’ of the Lord’s Passion, Death and Resurrection but we long for the day when we can once more take station at the foot of the cross, for in the Mass, the cross of Christ is re-presented before our eyes.

Just as the consecrated bread is the body of Christ and the consecrated wine is the Blood of Christ, and not a mere symbol, the Mass is the one sacrifice that takes away the sins of the world, and nothing can be more graceful for us than to be present at it. Just one Mass heard with reverence in life is worth all the Masses offered for us after death, but we should always offer the sacrifice regularly for both the living and the dead, for the redemption of souls, the true mission of the Church. This fast from the Mass may be lengthy as, even as restrictions are gradually lifted, our access to the Eucharist may be less frequent than we are used to, as with current 2 metre social distancing rules, the current capacity of St Mary Magdalene is only 36 people, with comparable numbers at St Martha’s. I will keep you updated as advice from the Government and the diocese is updated and published.

With every blessing. Fr Simon.

**Due to COVID-19 all public liturgies remain suspended**  
**Holy Mass is being celebrated privately by Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass 1</b>	<b>Mass 2</b>	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Corpus Christi</b>	Rowe & Callaghan Families	Deceased members of Gramme & Hassay Families	Some of these Masses will be Live Streamed over Facebook, usually 10am but check the Parish Facebook Page for times which may be affected by other pastoral needs.
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Monday OT Wk 11</b>	Yvonne Barry RIP	-	
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>St Richard</b>	St Richard's Catholic College (Feast Day)	Norah Eileen Moran	
<b>Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Wed, OT Wk 11</b>	David Spooner GE	Michael & Monica Halse GE	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday OT Wk 11</b>	Patrick & June Callaghan RIP	Holy Souls	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	People of the Parish	Doreen Turner GE & Jim Turner RIP	
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	Mary Driscoll RIP	PJC Durrant RIP	

Some of these Masses will be “*Live Streamed*” from St Mary Magdalene Presbytery on our Parish Facebook Page: *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill*:

*St Mary Magdalene & St Martha’s*, which can be found at:

[www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill](http://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)

and uploaded afterwards to **You Tube Channel**:  
 Search: *Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill on Sea.*



**For those unable to join the Bexhill Parish Mass through Facebook Live:**

Alternatively, you can “stream” Mass live at:

**Eastbourne:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZlr\\_H5bZw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZlr_H5bZw)

**Worthing Parish:** <https://www.stmaryoftheangels.org.uk/catholic-mass-online/>

**Caterham:**

[http://www.caterhamcatholic.co.uk/Sacred\\_Heart\\_Catholic\\_Church/public.html](http://www.caterhamcatholic.co.uk/Sacred_Heart_Catholic_Church/public.html)

**Guildford Parish:** <https://www.cpg.church/live.html>

**Arundel Cathedral:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I-pXF8v-VZfzO01zrnerQ>

**Those who have died:** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Jacob Sargeant who died recently. Due to social distancing requirements we are not publishing the committal details as only close family are able to attend.

**For the sick:** Martin Stiles and David Spooner.

*[If you'd like your name added or a name of a loved one (with their consent) added to the newsletter to be prayed for, please email [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) ]*

## New Notices

### Church Re- Opening Update:

The government has said that places of worship may begin to open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June for Private Prayer. **However!** Both Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Richard have stated that Churches will only open when a Church can satisfy the **routines of social distancing, routines of cleaning and routines of supervision**. If there is any doubt in being able to achieve these routines, a Church will not open.

Permission must also be given by the Properties Division of Bishops House in Hove, and only after a local plan has been devised and approved. **To be clear St Mary Magdalene and St Martha's will NOT be open for private prayer on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and will remain closed until explicit notice is given.** Fr Simon is actively working on measures that will allow for this, but it will be gradual and incremental. The local plan can be found as a separate document in the newsletter section of the parish website. Permission for this plan is still pending from Bishops House in Hove, but we thank those who have volunteered which will, when permission is given, allow us to open the Church for a limited and restricted times, which will be initially St Mary Magdalene on a Friday and Saturday morning between 09.30am & 11.30am, **on a start date yet to be determined**. In addition, we are looking to allow access to the Memorial Garden at **St Mary Magdalene** providing social distancing measures are applied; more information in the local plan, and for this too, permission is still pending.

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## Updated Notices

**Sacraments:** Fr Rajesh and I, and indeed, the whole parish keep in our prayers those waiting for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage in the Church. As soon as we know when and how we can administer them, we will update you accordingly. Please keep checking the newsletter. **2021 programmes?** We are not yet accepting applications for First Holy Communion or Confirmation as we do not yet know how these courses will be run. **Baptisms:** All baptisms scheduled for the **month of June** are hereby suspended. They can be rearranged (*with the postponed baptisms from March to May*) when restrictions on public Masses and services have been lifted.

## Reminders

**Cash & Cheques:** A polite reminder asking you not to post cash or cheques through the presbytery letter box as Fr Simon has no means of processing them or accounting for them. **Cheques posted through the door will either be returned or destroyed.** Where necessary, please make use of the electronic means of transferring payments (*please see the end of the newsletter for the account details*). We received a further £548.22 through the Diocesan Just Giving Scheme on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. Thank you.

**Day for Life:** This Year's Day for Life is next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. More here:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-day-for-life-2020/>

**Kairos Forum: Liturgical Resources with those with Special Needs:**  
Joe Apicella (*from St Martha's*) and his cousin Cris offer liturgical resources with those who have special learning needs: <http://www.kairosforum.org/space/easter-season/>

**CAFOD Prayer Resources:**  
<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers>

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**Organ Donation: Presumed Consent:** This law changed recently on organ donation to a presumed consent unless you have specifically opted out. The **Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** have issued a statement here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/Organ-Donation-Guidelines-Feb-2020.pdf>

And guidance for Catholics here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/organ-donation-guidelines-200520/>

**CAFOD:** Please visit this page for the latest news and appeals:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news>

On the site you can continue to donate to the Coronavirus Appeal or by telephone: 020 7733 7900 (Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30).

Cyclone Amphan brings a double crisis to Bangladesh and India, already struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic. As usual, the poorest and most disadvantaged are suffering the most. The victims of the recent cyclone in Bangladesh are once again the poorest, who were already scratching a living in this barren coastal area before the cyclone. CADOD and its partners desperately need financial aid to help these people.

**Diocesan Resources for Mental Health and well-being:**

<https://www.dabnet.org/news/view/314>

**Bexhill Food Bank: How to donate.**

<https://bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

**Spiritual Communion:** I wish, Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the saints.

And, *while we cannot access Confession:*

**Act of Personal Contrition:** *“O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace, I will not sin again”.*

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## **Sacrament of the Sick**

For urgent requests do not ring the parish office as our administrators are now unavailable. Instead:

**For people at home:** email [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) or [simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk) and we will check what is the most appropriate option or speak directly with Fr Simon (opt 3) or Fr Rajesh (opt 2) on 01424 210 263; you may need to leave a voicemail.

**For people in Care, Residential & Nursing Homes:** Please first check with the care home to see if visits are possible / advisable and then ask the care home to ring the priests direct: Fr Simon opt 3 or Fr Rajesh opt 2 on 01424 210 263 – they may need to leave a voicemail message. We will discuss with them what is most appropriate.

**For those in Eastbourne DGH or Conquest Hospital:** You must ring the Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who are co-ordinating emergency response for both hospitals (or ask the Ward to contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain who will determine what is appropriate).

**For Bexhill Hospital:** ask the ward to phone Fr Rajesh on 01424 210 263 (opt 2) and he will discuss with them what is appropriate.

It may be that visits are not appropriate, especially if the person is self-isolating to protect themselves. The most appropriate support might be via the telephone. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have posted an extensive article on the ministry to the sick on their website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/covid-19-and-the-ministry-to-the-sick-interim-guidance/>

### **Rother: Bexhill Emergency Action Team (BEAT):**

Providing assistance for those in isolation due to Coronavirus:

Caring Community: 01424 215116, E: [info@bexhillcaringcommunity.org](mailto:info@bexhillcaringcommunity.org)

Rother Voluntary Action: 01424 327259, E: [office@rva.uk.com](mailto:office@rva.uk.com)

Rother Neighbourhood Watch: 07983 619622, E: [chairman@rothernhw.co.uk](mailto:chairman@rothernhw.co.uk)

### **BEAT Facebook page: “Bexhill Emergency Action Team (Beat)”**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/199886864601614/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/groups/199886864601614/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)

Advice around COVID-19 visit: [www.rother.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.rother.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Support and assistance:** If anyone has to self-isolate, do not feel afraid or lonely, the Parish Pastoral Care Group and the SVP may be able to assist you with shopping needs, prescription collections or simply for a chat on the end of the phone. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been asked, where possible, to keep in telephone contact with their assigned communicant: *Contact: Ron Brazier 844177 or Chris Jones 602914*

### **Parish Finances**

**BACS payments:** Some Parishioners have reported trouble setting up BACs payments because of our long account name, but we have discovered that if you simply use “**St Mary Magdalene**” and ditch the rest, it all works fine!

- Account name: St Mary Magdalene
- Account number: 21077139
- Sort Code: 40-05-20

You can set up a direct debit or if you wish to offer week by week, use the reference: *off day/month*. Otherwise please use the Diocesan Just Giving Page:

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory)

remembering to add the comment: “**for St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill**”.

*You can also choose, in the dropdown box, the additional % donation you wish to give to JustGiving, from 0% to 15%, whatever you choose the parish does not lose out!*

**Thank you** to parishioners who continue to support the parish through standing orders, BACs payments or the Just Giving Page. Without your support the parish finances will suffer. If you do not have online banking, perhaps use a ‘piggybank’ and save up your weekly offering, returning it once the COVID-19 precautions are over.

**Parish email:** [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

**Parish telephone:** 01424 210 263