



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Sunday 5th July 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)

“Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart”

From this weekend, the Government permits places of worship to resume communal gatherings but with restrictions. Our Bishops have said that Churches may begin to celebrate public Masses, providing their previous guidance (*given for the re-opening of Churches for private prayer*) has been implemented. We are gradually achieving this but still have some way to go. The Parish Clergy have provided a more comprehensive update; which is available in the newsletter section of our parish website www.stmmbexhill.co.uk or follow the link:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/2nd-july-update-on-resuming-public-liturgies.pdf>

In short, in the Parish of Bexhill we are not yet ready to resume public Masses this weekend as we do not have enough stewards. Therefore, we remain at the stage of opening the Church for private prayer only on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The maximum capacity of the Church when the space is fully open is 40 people and so we need to add more sessions before we can consider resuming public Masses. Only when we have sufficient stewards can we begin to resume Masses. Thank you to those who have ***“shouldered the yoke of stewarding”*** and have found it to be ***gentle and humbling*** to facilitate a time for prayer for our community. Please continue to check the newsletter section of the parish website for updates. To be clear, the obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended in England. Please continue to make use of Live Streamed Masses to nourish your spiritual life. You may hear that other parishes locally have resumed Mass; they may well have managed to recruit the necessary stewards and may not share some of our complexities.

We can begin to celebrate Baptism again, and we will contact families to make arrangements. There is a backlog to clear and we are slowly working through it based on how long a person has been waiting and the complexity of the service required. We can also hold Requiem Masses again but only on Wednesday and Friday mornings, times when we have stewards on duty. When a Requiem Mass is being celebrated the entire capacity of the Church is given over to the family, so there will be no private prayer on those mornings. Always keep up to date by reading the newsletter and visiting our Facebook page.

With my best wishes and prayers, Fr Simon.

Due to COVID-19 limitations, public Masses remain suspended in the Parish of Bexhill
Holy Mass is being celebrated privately by Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh

Date	Mass 1	Mass 2	
Sunday 5th July 14th Sunday in OT A	Christopher Dray (GE) & Sheila Dray (RIP)	Pamela & Keith Bourne GE	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.
Monday 6th July Monday OT Week 14	Patrick & June Callaghan RIP	-	
Tuesday 7th July Tuesday OT Week 14	Chris Varghese GE	Foundation Mass	
Wed. 8th July Wed. OT Week 14	Andrew J Kempson RIP	-	
Thursday 9th July Thursday OT Week 14	Maureen Grace RIP	Fr John Healy RIP	
Friday 10th July Friday OT Week 14	Fr Simon Dray's 7 th Anniversary of Sacred Priesthood	People of the Parish	
Saturday 11th July St Benedict	Fr Thomas Kent (Ordination Day)	Edith 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

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

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

Caterham: 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 Siobhan Dolan, Giuseppe Cioffi, Andrew J Kempson who died recently.

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]

New

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh will be available to hear confessions during the 9.30-11.30am private prayer session in St Mary Magdalene Church on **Saturday 11th July**. The confessional will not be in use. If the weather is fine, they will be outside but if raining, inside the church. The Stewards will be able to direct you.

Updates

Mass Intentions for August: There are some Mass intention slots available for the month of August. If you would like to have a Mass said for the repose of a loved one's soul (RIP) or for their "good estate" please email stmm@btconnect.com and Fr Simon will let you know what is possible and how you may make the customary Mass offering.

Church opening times for Private Prayer:

- Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am
- **Wednesday evenings 6.30-8pm (new from 8th July)**
- Friday mornings 9.30-11.30am
- Saturday mornings 9.30-11.30am

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the Altar for Adoration. Please follow the one-way system and the advice of the stewards. Please maintain social distancing.

Sacraments:

Baptisms: We have permission to celebrate Baptisms again, and there is a backlog to clear, and so, we will contact the individual families; you do not need to contact us. So not to add to the backlog, July baptisms may continue as scheduled. We must adhere to the routines of 'supervision, cleaning and social distancing' and we will explain that to families when we contact them. New applications can be made through the website:

<https://stmm.bexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/>

We will then direct you to the online preparation.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion Masses for 2020 continue to be delayed, and regrettably we are not yet able to announce a new date.

Confirmation: The Confirmation Mass for 2020 continues to be delayed. As this also affects the Deanery the conversation with the Dean is on-going.

What about applications for the 2021 programmes? We are not yet accepting applications as we do not yet know how these courses will be run.

CAFOD:

Coronavirus Petition:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Unite-against-coronavirus>

CAFOD say: “Our petition has over 5000 signatures, rising every day. We are calling for our Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK’s international efforts as well as at home. We easily reach 30,000 names in our petitions (under usual circumstances!), and we hope to do the same for this petition. Please sign and share before September, when we will hand it in to the government”.

CAFOD Prayer Resources:

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

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

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

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 2nd June 2020. Thank you.

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/>

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 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”.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

For people at home: email stmm@btconnect.com or 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).

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

Rother Voluntary Action: 01424 327259, E: office@rva.uk.com

Rother Neighbourhood Watch: 07983 619622, E: chairman@rothernhw.co.uk

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

https://www.facebook.com/groups/199886864601614/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Advice around COVID-19 visit: 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

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.