



Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 19th July – Wednesday 22nd July



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 Obligation to hear Mass on Sundays remains suspended until further notice".

The Feast of St Mary Magdalene is a significant moment in the life of our parish and many people will want to be at Holy Mass on this day. In ordinary times, we often transfer the Feast to the nearest Sunday to allow for greater numbers to celebrate. With social distancing, the capacity of the Church has been reduced to 55 people and so we will need to extend the celebration to allow more people to be at Mass:

Masses of St Mary Magdalene

Sunday: Mass of St Mary Magdalene: 11am Public Mass (55) & Facebook Live Stream
Mass of St Mary Magdalene: 6pm Public Mass (55) & Facebook Live Stream

Monday: Mass of St Mary Magdalene: 10am Facebook Live Stream

Tuesday: Mass of St Mary Magdalene: 9.45am Public Mass (55) & Facebook Live Stream

Wednesday: Mass of St Mary Magdalene: 9.45am Public Mass (55),
Mass of St Mary Magdalene: 6.45pm Public Mass (55).

Church of St Martha's, Little Common: We have added 7 Masses to the weekly schedule at St Mary Magdalene and we are grateful to the 7 teams of stewards that have made this possible. Now we may turn our attention to restoring, within social distancing guidelines, the liturgical provision at St Martha's in Little Common, thanking the community for their patience. We have moved ahead cautiously, safely but importantly sustainably. We now wish to add Masses at St Martha's to the schedule to complement and not compete with what is now in place at St Mary Magdalene. I have written more about the process as a separate post which you can find in the newsletter section of the parish website or by clicking on the link:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/planning-a-resumption-of-liturgical-provision-at-st-marthas.pdf>

It may help to have a target. The Feast of St Martha's is 29th July, and so we might take the nearest Sundays as either 26th July or 2nd August. All this, of course, depends on volunteer stewards (*essential: under 70s, no underlying health conditions, desirable: holding a DBS*).

With my prayers and best wishes for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, Fr Simon.

Due to COVID-19 limitations, the normal schedule of Parish Masses is suspended.
There will be a Limited number of Public Masses, some Live Stream Masses, and some Private Masses, so please check the newsletter & Parish Facebook Page.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH & PRESBYTERY

Please pay particular attention to the "Type"

Date	Feast	Time	Intention	Type
Sun 19th July	St Mary Magdalene (transferred)	11.00am	Florence Raey RIP	Public Mass
		2.00pm	Adult Baptism of James Cosen	
		6.00pm	Robert Stevens RIP	Public Mass
Mon 20th July	Votive: St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Sr Annie-Mary GE	<i>Facebook Mass</i>
Tues 21st July	'Vigil' of St Mary Magdalene	9.45am	Community of STMM	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		-	St Mary Mags Primary	<i>Private Mass</i>
Wed 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene	9.45am	People of the Parish	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		6.45pm	Priest's Intentions	Public Mass
		7.30-8pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 23rd July	Saint Bridget of Sweden	10.00am	Desmond Corscadden RIP	<i>Facebook Mass</i>
		-	Mary Thompson RIP	<i>Private Mass</i>
Fri 24th July	Requiem Mass (Family only)	10.30am	Siobhan Dolan RIP	Family Only
		-	Ann & Charles Wright RIP	<i>Private Mass</i>
Sat 25th July	St James	9.45am	Terry Young RIP	Public Mass
		10.30-11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10.30-11.30am	Confessions	
		2pm	Reception into Full Communion: Charlie Reeves	
		-	People of the Parish	<i>Private Mass</i>

Facebook Mass = Online only at www.facebook.com/stmmbehill , and uploaded afterwards to the 'Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea' You Tube Channel.

Public Mass = Mass in St Mary Magdalene with **55 parishioners maximum**

Private Mass = one of the priests is saying Mass privately in the presbytery



Those who have died: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Joolz Durkin (*former teacher at St Richard's Catholic College*) and Siobhan Dolan who died recently.

Requiem Mass of Josephine (Siobhan) Dolan RIP: The Requiem Mass of Josephine Dolan, known to many by her traditional Irish name of Siobhan, will be held in St Mary Magdalene Church at 10.30am on Friday 24th July. Government Guidance restricts attendance at funerals 30 people. Therefore, **this Mass is for family and nominated friends only and the list of names is already at capacity. It will be Live Streamed on Facebook.**

For the sick: Martin Stiles and David Spooner, and Doreen Turner and Deirdre Edwards after recent hospital visits. *[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 Notice

CAFOD in partnership with DEC: Millions of lives are at stake as coronavirus hits refugee camps and places suffering conflict. Every step we take now will prevent deaths and reduce suffering. Families who have been forced to flee their homes and have lost everything in places like Syria, South Sudan and DR Congo are particularly vulnerable to the virus. For countries that have had years of conflict, people will struggle to access healthcare. Lockdown in these countries means that many people will suffer a huge loss in income, pushing people further into poverty and putting millions at risk of hunger and malnutrition. For refugees, such as the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, overcrowding and a lack of hygiene facilities in refugee camps means that the spread of the virus will be devastating. We have joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to scale up our response, ensuring that no one is beyond reach of the aid they need to survive. Our valuable experts on the ground understand the challenges and needs in their respective communities. They are able to respond quickly and are already involved in activities that include: delivering food to where it is needed most, improving hygiene, handwashing and sanitation at the community and household level. Producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention. Training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns.

Donate: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

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>

Updates

Church opening times for Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday mornings **10.30-11.30am**
- Wednesday evenings **7.30-8pm**

Offertory:

The Offertory box is available at the back of the Church after each Mass. **It is only for those who cannot give their offertory using one of the online methods**, listed at the bottom of this newsletter. There are strict rules for handling cash and cheques, and we wish to keep cash handling to an absolute minimum.

Reminders

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.

Baptisms: We have permission to celebrate Baptisms again and have emailed those waiting for baptism. If you are waiting to rearrange a postponed baptism and have not received the email, either check your spam / junk folder and if no message, send an email to stmm@btconnect.com

New applications can be made through the website: <https://stmm.bexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/> We will then direct you to the online preparation. We must adhere to the routines of '*supervision, cleaning and social distancing*' and we will explain that when agreeing a date.

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.

Bexhill Food Bank: How to donate.

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

For those unable to attend a Public Mass and also unable to join the Bexhill Parish Mass through Facebook Live, you can “stream” Mass live at:

Eastbourne: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHViFgDkDpZIr_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>

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>

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 on Saturday mornings between 10.30am & 11.30am:*

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”.*

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*



Special Recognition: Julia Dance

Julia has worked so hard in our parish for decades and she decided to retire last September. The Parish Pastoral Care Group wanted to recognise this and felt that a small presentation would be most appropriate. This was planned for 11th March 2020, when several members of the group were going to accompany Fr Simon to the Wednesday Club to provide a light lunch and present her with an apple tree and a card. The Coronavirus put paid to that idea! Not wanting to prolong the process anymore some members of the Pastoral Care Group met Julia in her front garden last week and made the presentation and took her out for coffee. This turned out to be a very meaningful and appropriate celebration of Julia's work.

Julia's commitment to our parish is an example to all of us. We cannot even begin to list the work she has been involved with and if we did there would be an even longer list of things we have omitted known only to Julia. Suffice it to say that her work encompassed, not only The Wednesday Club for many years until the virus struck, but finances, health and safety, managing the memorial garden, social and DIY aspects of parish life to name but a few!



Just two examples to demonstrate this: Firstly, she spent many Saturdays going to the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly known as DABCEC) at Crawley for courses and meetings on all manner of subjects pertaining to the organisation of the parish. Quite a sacrifice by someone with a very busy life. Secondly, the Parish Christmas Day lunch which she organised so skilfully for many years and led a team of people to provide a wonderful meal for up to 70 parishioners. We were very grateful to Julia for returning to carry on with this post-'retirement'.

We thank you, Julia for your achievements, hard work and commitment to our parish and wish you a long and fulfilling retirement.

Sacrament of the Sick & Pastoral Visits (updated)

For non-urgent visits:

Housebound: It may be sometime until regular visits by the Team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Housebound may resume. **By appointment**, the priests can make one off visits to those who need Confession, Anointing and Holy Communion at home, to those who genuinely cannot attend one of the restored parish Masses. Please contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210 263 opt 2 or email stmm@btconnect.com and he will co-ordinate a visit.

Visits to Care, Residential and Nursing Homes:

You must firstly clear the visit with the Home before contacting us to arrange a visit. We will discuss with you / the home as to what is most appropriate.

NB: Except, in the case of extreme emergency, in many instances (and in all settings) it is good if a member of the family can be present at the visit, leaving the room if confession is required.

For urgent need (i.e. in danger of death):

“Last Rites” does not mean last minute!

A visit from a priest should be requested in good time, if possible before the individual loses consciousness so that they may make a confession and receive Holy Communion. As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for the anointing has surely already come. If you leave it to the last minute, we may be away attending to other pastoral matters.

For urgent requests:

1. Email stmm@btconnect.com or simon.dray@adbdiocese.org.uk
2. Telephone: 01424 210 263 (opt 3 for Fr Simon, opt 2 for Fr Rajesh). Try both numbers, back up any answerphone message with an email, as above.

Visits to the DGH Eastbourne or the Conquest Hospital in Hastings: You must ring the Conquest Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who are co-ordinating visits and emergency response for both hospitals (or if out of hours as the Ward to contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain). **For Bexhill Hospital**, check with them that a visit is possible and then contact Fr Rajesh who is co-ordinating the response from our parish.

Parish Finances (updated)

BACS payments:

- 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*.

Gift-Aid Internet Payments:

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, you can hand in your offertory during any public Mass.