

PARISH NEWS

Holy Communion Reminders

- Distributed after Mass.
- Stewards will direct you.
- Do not come forward until directed. The stewards will bring a handful of people forward at a time to keep the flow round the one-way system.
- In the Hand only – speak to the priest at the end of Mass if you have a real problem with this.
- “*The body of Christ / Amen*” is said collectively. Individually, we receive in silence.

Face Coverings: Unless you are exempt, face coverings should be worn while attending places of worship, including Churches (*removed carefully for Holy Communion*).

Parish Office: Lisa and Bonita, our excellent administrators have returned and are back in the parish office following a risk assessment. The parish office remains closed to casual callers and the presbytery remains unavailable for pastoral activity, remaining as a residence for the priests. If you have need to contact the office, please continue to email:

stmm@btconnect.com

or if necessary, by telephoning 01424 210 263 opt 1, leaving an answerphone message. Many thanks!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Public Masses in our parishes have been celebrated again since 12th July (see page 4 for the list of public Masses), and so far there have been no capacity issues with about 15% of our pre-COVID congregation ready to return to public worship of God, being in his presence and ministering to him. At present, ***the most important ministry from the people of God is stewarding***, to ensure that congregations are welcomed safely into the Church in line with social distancing. We are grateful to the nine teams of stewards who are facilitating this, but we must be mindful of them, not over-burdening them or taking them for granted. ***Without them we will have to return to Masses celebrated online only.*** They are acting on my behalf, so please follow their instructions with due care.

Please discern: God is calling you to offer yourself as a steward so that the people of God in our parish can continue to stand at the foot of the cross and give thanks for the sacrifice that takes our sins away and have access to heaven. If you are a parishioner, are under 70 and have no underlying health conditions please email: stmm@btconnect.com so that we can add you to one of the existing stewarding teams.

As Elijah discovered, God was in the sound of a gentle breeze: While all Masses are being celebrated in their simplest form at the moment, there has been one notable blessing and that is the ***silence before Mass which is letting God speak***. As always, we speak to God before Mass, he speaks to us during the liturgy and then after Mass we speak to others of our joy of encountering the Lord in the Sacred Liturgy, telling them that Jesus truly is the Son of God as we share his gospel with them.

With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Josette Jones RIP, Yvonne Fairman RIP

Requiem Masses: **Josette Jones RIP at 10.30am on Wednesday 12th August.**

Requiem Masses have a capacity of 30 people and all places are given over to the family.

We pray for the sick: Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner and Deirde Edwards

Church Capacities: St Mary Magdalene 55+ and St Martha's 36+. The “+” means that as households may sit together, a couple of extra spaces might be available at the steward's discretion. **Please follow the directions of the stewards and do all you can to be on-time for Mass** so that they can seat you without disrupting the Sacred Liturgy. Many thanks.

Public Mass Times*: **Sundays:** 6pm (Sat) & 9am at St Martha's, and 11am & 6pm at St Mary Magdalene. **Weekdays:** 9.45am Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays and 6.45pm Mass on Wednesday. [**Public Mass Times are reviewed weekly, are dependent on stewards being available, and like the Railways, the timetable is subject to short notice cancellations and amendments*] Requiem Masses continue to have priority.

Facebook Live Mass: 10am on Mondays and 12noon on Thursdays, and when Fr Simon can stream his Public Mass: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill and uploaded afterward to You Tube.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: after Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturdays. **Confessions:** after Mass on Saturday morning. **Mass Intentions:** these may still be booked by emailing stmm@btconnect.com where the administrators can let you know what is possible and how to make the customary donation.

For those unable to attend a Public Mass and wish to Live stream:

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>

Public Masses for the Celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15/16 August)

Vigil Mass of the Assumption: 9.45am on Saturday 15th August (St Mary Magdalene).

Vigil Mass of the Assumption: 6pm on Saturday 16th August (St Martha).

Day Mass of the Assumption: 9am (St Martha), 11am & 6pm (St Mary Magdalene).

Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale
Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young
Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins

Charity and Mission

CAFOD: Summer of Hope Fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope .

CAFOD in partnership DEC to help alleviate those in poorer communities significantly affected by Coronavirus: www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal .

CAFOD latest news: www.cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news

CAFOD Prayer Resources: www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Coronavirus-prayers

Bexhill Homeless Unity Group (H.U.G.): Summer fundraiser to prepare for a possible increase in Homelessness: www.bexhillhug.org.uk/donating-with-hug

Bexhill Foodbank: How to donate: www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound: The priests can make one-off visits to bring the sacraments to those who genuinely cannot attend one of the restored parish Masses or Confessions times. Please contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210263 opt 2 or email stmm@btconnect.com to make an appointment for a priest to visit. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should email or speak to Fr Simon before resuming any visits, so that he can also provide you with the latest guidance.

Bereavement / Ministry of Consolation: If you have experienced the loss of a loved one during this pandemic the diocese has trained bereavement support listeners (trained by Cruse, the bereavement support charity). If you need support please contact the parish at stmm@btconnect.com and we can pass your name and contact number onto our Deanery Co-ordinator who will get in touch with you.

Baptism: new applications may be made via the website: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ You will then be directed to the online preparation. **Confirmation:** after consulting the Confirmation team, we are looking to celebrate the Confirmation Masses in October at St Martha's in Little Common: *provisional dates: 12 noon on Saturday 10th and 17th October.* More details on limitations and how to book follow next weekend. **First Holy Communion:** The Sacramental Masses for 2020 continue to be delayed, and regrettably we are not yet able to announce a new date. **2021 applications?** We are not accepting applications at this time, as we do not yet know how these programmes will be run. Your continued patience is much appreciated.

Parish Office
Remains closed to
casual callers.
All enquiries:
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Sacrament of the Sick

Urgent Requests

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!

As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

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opt. 3 Fr Simon
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(back up your call with an email message)

Hospital Visits

For **DGH Eastbourne & Conquest Hastings** you must contact the Conquest Chaplaincy on 01424 757088 who co-ordinate all visits to both hospitals (out of hours ask the Ward to call the on-call Catholic chaplain).

For **Bexhill Hospital**: contact Fr Rajesh on 01424 210263 opt 2.

Care Home Visits

You must first 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.

Home Visits

Please contact us above to discuss the most appropriate response. A member of the family bubble should be present when a priest visits, stepping out of the room for Confession.

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The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 8th August

St Mary Magdalene
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Memorial *St Dominic*

9:45am Public Mass: Buckle Family RIP
10:30am Adoration until 11am
10:30am Confessions until 11am
2.00pm **Baptism: Mia & Finlay Ashby**

19th Sunday in OT A

1 Kings 19:9,11-13, Romans 9:1-5 & Matthew 14:22-33

St Martha

6:00pm Public Mass: Pro Populo

Sunday 9th August

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
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9:00am Pamela Bourne GE

11:00am Bill Low RIP

Baptism of Ralph Bradbury

12:30pm Frank Ratcliffe RIP

6:00pm

Monday 10th August

St Mary Magdalene
Eastbourne Crematorium

Feast *St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr*

10:00am Facebook only: Durrant Family
Private Yvonne Fairman RIP

Tuesday 11th August

St Mary Magdalene
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Presbytery

Memorial *St Clare, Virgin*

9:45am Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP
10:30am Adoration until 11.30am
Private Mass for Thresiamma Joseph RIP

Wednesday 12th August

St Mary Magdalene
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Ferial *NB: Funerals are for family only*

10.30am Requiem: Josette Jones RIP
10.30am No Adoration today
6.45pm Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
7.30pm Adoration until 8pm

Thursday 13th August

St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Ferial *Thursday Week 19.*

12noon Facebook Only: Colin Brignall RIP
Private Mass for Yvonne Fairman RIP

Friday 14th August

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Feast *St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr*

9:45am Public Mass: Robert Stevens RIP
10:30am Adoration until 11.30am
Private Mass for Eileen & Michael O'Hora RIP

Saturday 15th August

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Solemnity *Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM*

9:45am Public Mass: Noreen Corness RIP
10:30am Adoration until 11am
10:30am Confessions until 11am
1.00pm **Baptism of Sophia Buckner-Badara**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2, 1 Cor 15:54-57 & Lk 11:27-28

Day: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6, 10, 1 Cor 15:20-26 & Lk 1:39-56

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

6:00pm Public Mass: Joh & Pat Billingham RIP

Sunday 16th August

St Martha
St Mary Magdalene
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9:00am Public Mass: Patricia Andrews RIP

11:00am Public Mass: Pro Populo

6:00pm Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

Parish Finance: Please try and give your offertory online and it can be gift aided: www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory

Otherwise please use the collection box by St Anthony's Statue available at every Sunday & Weekday Mass