

# PARISH NEWS

## 2020 Parish Annual Mass Count

10 / 11 October

For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our stewards to count all parishioners and record on the document provided. The counts take place on the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October. Thank you.

Places of Worship remain open in line with our current precautions and restrictions we already have in place:

- The obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended.
- If you have symptoms, please do not enter and book a COVID test.
- Face coverings should be worn over mouth & nose, unless you have a medical exemption.
- Please sanitize your hands on entry and exit.
- Please follow the instructions of the stewards.
- Please sit apart from one another if you are not part of the same household or bubble
  - Couples or households of up to 6 people may sit together.
- Capacities:
  - St Mary Magdalene 55+ units of people.
  - St Martha's 36+ units of people.
  - [Be mindful of others, if you can come on a weekday perhaps save a space at the weekend for someone else].
- Please try and give your weekly offertory online.
- The parish halls remain closed.
- The Parish Office remains closed to personal callers.
- Please volunteer as a steward if you are able.

***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.***

## CAFOD Fast Day Second Collection

This Sunday, the Second Collection throughout in England & Wales is for CAFOD, for the autumn Family Harvest Fast Day. Hopefully, you found some time this past week to fast and pray for people facing the worst of the Coronavirus crisis. The money you have saved can be given to CAFOD in the second collection. We have all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let us come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild, and heal. As we are unable to give out publications, there are no special envelopes available this year so please give online at [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give) or **text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10, plus one standard rate message which also opts you in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising by telephone and SMS. If you like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing comms, **text CAFODNOINFO to 70085**. Alternatively, you can still put money in the second collection box as you leave Church.

**New Residential Accommodation for the priests:** This week I released a letter in the newsletter section of the website (and linked to our Parish Facebook page) explaining that we have secured new accommodation for the priests. Read the explanation here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/new-accommodation-for-the-priests-of-the-parish.pdf>

Fr Simon.

## TRACK & TRACE: PLACES OF WORSHIP

Please arrive in good time for Mass in order to complete the 'track and trace' information before the start of the Sacred Liturgy. You need to provide your name and contact number each time you come to Church. The information will be collected by the stewards and kept by the Parish Office for 21 days. The QR code for the NHS Covid 19 App is now on display; should you prefer to use this method. Many thanks.

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr Albert van der Most RIP, Norah Jenner RIP.

**We pray for the sick:** Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Lem Murphy.

**Church Capacities:** St Mary Magdalene 55+ and St Martha's 36+. Households may sit together to free up extra (+) spaces. ***Please follow the directions of the stewards.***

**Public Mass & Adoration Times:** Please see the back page.

**Mass Intentions:** booked by emailing [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) where the administrators can let you know what is possible and how to make the customary donation.

Sunday Gospel for those with Special Needs: <http://www.kairosforum.org/space/weekly-gospel/>

**First Holy Communion Masses:** to be celebrated on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 12noon at St Martha's in Little Common. Thank you to those who have agreed to act as stewards. ***Families may contact the parish office with your preferred FHC Mass date (max 10 children per Mass). Each family bubble may not exceed 6 people.***

**Confirmation Masses:** ***12 noon on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October & Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. at St Martha's in Little Common.*** A reminder that these are ticket only events. There are no tickets on the door.

**St Richard's Catholic College, Supplementary Forms:** ***There is one further opportunity to have your supplementary form signed by Fr Simon:*** 7pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. It is on a first come-first served basis, with a socially distanced queue.

**Supplementary Forms for St Mary Magdalene Primary School:** Parents are required to sign the declaration that they have, "YES or "NO" attended Sunday Mass at least once a month for at least one year prior to the closing date for applications" (16 January 2020 to 15 January 2021). This has not been possible from April 2020 due to Covid-19, because the church was closed between 20<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Although public worship has resumed, due to the government limitations on public gatherings and the need for some to continue shielding, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Fr Simon is still required to countersign the Mass attendance declaration, and you are now declaring that you have "YES" or "NO" attended Mass at least one month prior to April 2020. Fr Simon will sign forms at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery at ***9am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November and again at 9am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.*** It will be on a first come-first served basis and there will be a socially distanced queue. You should begin to look for your baptism certificates now as there is a charge of £10 to replace them via [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) in advance of the signing dates.

**Replacement certificate requests:** [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) (cost £10)

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

**St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November (3.30pm to 4.50pm). See the flyer:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/flyer-open-evening-and-admissions-for-st-mary-magdalene-primary-school.pdf>

**Bexhill Foodbank: How to donate:** [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/](http://www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/)

**Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound:** If you cannot come to a Public Mass or Public Confession, please contact the Parish Office on 01424 210263 or email [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) to make an appointment for a priest to make a one-off visit.

#### **Sacramental Programmes for 2021: Please do not apply until invited.**

**For Confirmation:** applications are now open. Forms: <https://stmmbboxhill.co.uk/confirmation/> The Bishops have clarified that the 'rule of 6' does not apply to sacramental programs as these are educational but the course will most likely employ a significant online element. **For FHC:** applications will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. **RCIA:** There will be no formal course but if any adults are considering Baptism or Reception into Holy Communion they should make contact with Fr Simon directly by emailing: [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) **CCIA (aka WJT):** Details for this course are still being worked out, so please do not apply yet. **Baptism:** new applications via the website: [www.stmmbboxhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/](http://www.stmmbboxhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/). These celebrations are restricted by the 'rule of 6'.

#### **November: The Month of the Holy Souls**

**All Souls Day:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> of November falls on a Monday this year, a day we do not currently have stewards. Fr Simon will live stream Mass on Facebook at 10am but can make it a public Mass if at least 2 people offer to steward and clean afterwards. **Blessing of Graves:** Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road: 2.30pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. St Mary Magdalene Memorial Garden: After 11am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. **Deanery Mass for the Bereaved with Bishop Richard:** 6.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov in Our Lady of Ransom Church and Live Streamed on their You Tube Channel. **Masses for the Deceased:** Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

**Use of email:** volunteers are reminded to make use of the bcc (blind carbon copy) function when sending a group email. This preserves the privacy of those receiving your communication as they may not wish to have their email address shared with a wider group. Many thanks.

**Parish Office**  
Remains closed to casual callers.  
All enquiries:  
[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

### 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.

[stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com)

01424210263  
opt. 3 Fr Simon  
opt. 2 Fr Rajesh  
(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 10<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha's

#### *Opt. Mem.*

10.00am  
10:30am  
12noon

#### *Saturday Memorial of the BVM*

**No Mass today**  
No Adoration or Confessions today  
**Confirmation Mass: Ticket Only Event**

### **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT A**

*Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14*

### **St Martha (Vigil Mass)**

6:00pm

Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP

#### **Public Masses**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

St Martha  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am  
11:00am  
6:00pm

Lily Bolger RIP  
Christina Gramme RIP  
People of the Parish

### **Second Collection Box: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

Or donate online: [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

Text CAFOD to 70085 to give £10, plus one standard rate message or text CAFODNOINFO to 70085 if you want to donate but receive no marketing communications.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene

#### **Memorial**

10:00am

**Saint Wilfrid, Bishop (A&B Patron)**

Neil Jenkins RIP

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

#### *Opt. Mem.*

10.00am  
10.30am

**Saint Edward the Confessor, King**

Elsie Dadswell RIP  
Adoration until 11am

### **Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene  
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St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

#### **Ferial**

10.00am  
10.30am  
6.45pm  
7.30pm

**Wednesday Week 28**

The Catenians  
Adoration until 11am  
**No evening Mass today**  
No Adoration

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene

#### **Memorial**

n/a

**St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor**  
No Live Stream today

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

#### **Ferial**

10.00am  
10.30am

**Friday Week 28**

Joan Benzie RIP  
Adoration until 11am

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha's

#### **Memorial**

10.00am  
10:30am  
12noon

**St Ignatius of Antioch**

**No Mass today**  
No Adoration or Confession today  
**Confirmation Mass: Ticket Only Event**

### **29<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT A**

*Is 45:1,4-6. Thess 1:1-5 & Mt 22:15-21*

6:00pm

Peter Paul Phillips

#### **Public Masses**

9:00am

People of the Parish

11:00am

Margaret Malone RIP

Inc. in Mass Reception into Full Communion of

George Boyte-Price & Isla Boyte- Price

John Mackie RIP

### **Second Collection Box: World Missions**

**Parish Finance:** please try and give your offertory online and it can be gift aided:

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

*Remember to set the Just Giving Contribution: 0%-15% as you desire*

**BACs: Account Name: St Mary Magdalene,**

**Account No. 21077139, Sort Code. 40-05-20**