

1st November 2020

All Saints

PARISH NEWS

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

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

Second Collection

On this world communications day, the second collection is for the Catholic Communication Service.

Today: 1st November

Annual Blessing of Graves

2.30pm at Turkey Road. Please gather at your family grave and maintain social distancing and the rule of six.

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.

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

1st Nov, All Saints

All Saints' Day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Throughout the year, the Church celebrates feast days of Saints, such as our parish patrons who have in varied ways imitated the life of Christ and inspire us to do the same. Today we celebrate a vast number of saints, whose names we do not know, but who in their own way have been brought into the fullness of relationship with God in heaven. All Saints is a celebration of a countless hosts of holy men and women who are in God's presence and pray that we too may be brought into our true home of heaven. A saint is one who has reached their perfection because they now share in the life of God himself.

2nd Nov, All Souls at 10am

Public Mass St Mary Magdalene

Today we offer Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, all those who need to complete their purification before attaining heaven.

Annual Bereavement Mass

Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne

6.30pm on Thursday 5th November 2020

This year, due to the COVID-19 limitations, the annual bereavement Mass will be a Deanery Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard. It will be celebrated in O.L. Ransom because they can Live Stream the Mass on their You Tube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHVIFgDkDpZlr_H5bZw

If you wish to attend in person you must book a place through the Eastbourne Parish Office on 01323 723222

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: Amalia Young RIP, Jane Macintosh RIP, John Mansfield RIP (Cathy Bate's father), Mary Stewart RIP, Gloria Lindsey-Vail RIP & Monsignor Barry Wymes RIP

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Lem Murphy, Martin 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 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 7th, 14th, 22nd and 28th November, at 12noon at St Martha's in Little Common. Tickets have been sent out. Liturgy is being prepared.

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 20th March and 4th 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 28th November and again at 9am on Saturday 5th 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 in advance of the signing dates.

Replacement certificate requests: stmm@btconnect.com (cost £10)

St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:

Tuesday 10th November & Thursday 12th 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>

Parish Office Reminder

The administrators are available to assist you, but the office remains closed to casual callers. Please ensure you only attend the presbytery in person with an appointment. In most cases, please try and make your enquiry by email: stmm@btconnect.com or by telephone if that is not possible on 01424 210 263.

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

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

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 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://stmm.bexhill.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 2nd January 2021. **RCIA:** There will be no formal course but if any adults are considering Baptism or Reception into Full Communion they should make contact with Fr Simon directly by emailing: 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.stmm.bexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ . These celebrations are restricted by the 'rule of 6'.

November: The Month of the Holy Souls

All Souls Day: Thank you to the three people who have volunteered to steward, meaning we can have a public Mass (*under the normal COVID precautions*) on All Souls Day at 10am. **Blessing of Graves:** Bexhill Cemetery, Turkey Road: 2.30pm on Sunday 1st Nov. St Mary Magdalene Memorial Garden: After 11am Mass on Sunday 8th November. **Deanery Mass for the Bereaved with Bishop Richard:** 6.30pm on Thursday 5th Nov in Our Lady of Ransom Church and Live Streamed on their You Tube Channel. If you wish to attend in person, you must book in advance via the Eastbourne Parish Office on 01323 723222.

Masses for the Deceased: Mass intentions can be booked through the parish office.

Parish & Diocesan Online Volunteer Forum & Webinars: Sat 7th November 2020

If you are involved in Finance: 10am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87903060813>

If you are involved in Safeguarding: 10.30am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86103789190>

If you are involved in Health & Safety: 11.30am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280246659>

If you are involved in Gift Aid: 12noon: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88437491831>

Godly Play: this is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults. Telling stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. For more info: join the Diocesan Formation team on Zoom on Saturday 21st November at 10.30. Booking information: E: rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Offertory Giving: BACs: Name: St Mary Magdalene, Account No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20

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

www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory

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

Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

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.

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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.

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended

Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 31st October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

Public Mass: Stewart & Susan McNamara

St Mary Magdalene

10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

2.00pm

Wedding: Rachel Bennett & Christian Picknell. Restricted Attendance

All Saints

Ap 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3 & Mt 5:1-12a

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

6:00pm

Public Mass: Anne-Marie Coleman RIP

Sunday 1st November

St Martha

9:00am

Public Masses

Peter Ernest Lindsay Vail RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Denis, Mary & Joanna O'Sullivan RIP

Bexhill Cemetery

2.30pm

Annual Blessing of Graves

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Second Collection Box: World Communications Day

Monday 2nd November

St Mary Magdalene

Comm.

10.00am

All Souls

Public Mass: All the Holy Souls

Eastbourne Crematorium

Today

Funeral Service of Jane Macintosh RIP

Tuesday 3rd November

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Tuesday Week 31

Public Mass: Freda Joyce Barber RIP

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration until 11am

Wed. 4th November

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am

Saint Charles, Borromeo

Public Mass: Miss G Francis RIP

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration until 11am

St Mary Magdalene

6.45pm

Public Mass: Holy Souls, including the Baptism during Mass of Dorothy Henderson.

Thursday 5th November

Presbytery

Comm.

10.00am

Deanery Bereavement Mass

Private Mass: Yeo, Luck & McEniry RIP

O.L. Ransom, Eastbourne

6.30pm

Annual Bereavement Mass

Friday 6th November

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Friday Week 31

Public Mass: Katie Butler RIP & Family

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration until 11am

Saturday 7th November

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

St Mary Magdalene

10:35am

No Public Mass

St Martha

12noon

No Adoration & Confessions

First Holy Communion Mass

Remembrance: Requiem for the War Dead

Readings of 32nd Sun OT A: Wisdom 6:12-16, 1 Thess 4:13-18 & Mt 25:1-13

St Martha (*Vigil Mass*)

6:00pm

Public Mass: Ann Ford RIP

Sunday 8th November

St Martha

9:00am

Public Masses

Anne Prendiville RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11:00am

Those fallen in war

STMM Memorial Garden

c.11:45am

Blessing of Ashes Plots

St Mary Magdalene

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Second Collection Box: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance

As this is a diocesan collection, you could use

www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory and add 'Cathedral Maintenance' to the Comments box.

Confessions during November: Due to the First Holy Communion celebrations, there are no Saturday Confessions, but the priests will make themselves available after each Mass throughout November or you may book an appointment