

PARISH NEWS

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

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

Lockdown 2 Arrangements

Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh will celebrate Mass during this period. Fr Rajesh will celebrate privately in the presbytery and Fr Simon will say Mass in the Church privately but will Live Stream on the Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

See the back page for Mass times.

The Mass will be uploaded to our YouTube Channel afterwards.

Search: Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill.

St Mary Magdalene Church will be open for private prayer on:

- 11am -12noon Saturdays
- 11am - 12noon on Sundays
- 11am – 12 noon on Tuesdays
- 7pm – 8pm on Thursdays
- 11am – 12noon on Fridays

(except when Requiem Masses are being celebrated, which take precedence).

The Church will be closed on Monday and Wednesdays.

St Martha's will be closed until Sat 5th December.

Baptisms scheduled for this time are postponed.

O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness”.

These words are what we all wish to hear at our personal judgement, that we have fulfilled our personal vocation from the Lord. Most rational people know what they have done wrong and understand what they need to do to make peace with past decisions, mistakes and failing. Perhaps, what is harder, is understanding what we have failed to do, and this might cause us more concern at our personal judgment when we are shown the times we have been neglectful (c.f. Matthew Chapter 25). It has been a tough week for the Church in England and Wales. Not only are we in lockdown preventing communal worship, but the *Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse* reported on where the Church failed in its responsibilities to protect those under our care. The independent report can be found here:

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church>

The President & Vice President of the Bishops' Conference have released a statement, which can be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/>

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, on reaching the age of 75 has now handed his resignation to Pope Francis. He will stay in place until a replacement is found. Please pray that Pope Francis will appoint a ‘good and faithful servant’, to lead the Church in England & Wales.

Best wishes and prayers, Fr Simon.

TRACK & TRACE: PLACES OF WORSHIP

When coming to the Church for Private Prayer, please continue to wear your face-coverings, use the hand sanitiser, maintain social distance and complete the Track and Trace information.

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, Mike Davis, Linda Scully, Janie Butcher, Samuel Barden.

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: all 4 Masses are now postponed. New dates will be announced after the lockdown period ends.

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.

NEW SIGNING DATES: Due to the lockdown the 9am session on Sat 28th November is **cancelled**.

Fr Simon will sign forms at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery at **9am on Saturday 5th December and at 9am on Saturday 12th 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)

NEW DATES: St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:

Tuesday 8th December & Thursday 10th December (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> (which still shows the old dates)

Parish Office Reminder

The administrators are available, but **due to lockdown please do not call in person at the office**.

The door will only be opened to those with appointments. 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 need the Sacraments 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. Please let us know of any COVID concerns.

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

For Confirmation: applications are now closed. The first session is a Zoom session for the Candidate and a Parent and begins at 4pm on 22nd November. The Parish Office will send out the Zoom online agreement and the lead catechist will send you the Zoom invitation.

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.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ . These celebrations are restricted by the 'rule of 6' and no celebrations can be arranged until after the Lockdown.

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

All **Welcomers and Stewards** are invited to join a Digital Forum on Thursday 19th November at 7.00pm. We will explore the successes and challenges you have experienced in your roles during the pandemic, as well as celebrating all that you do! Please email the Inclusion Adviser at: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk if you wish to be involved, so may be sent the link to join the Forum.

Fairtrade Gifts are available at: www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Also for Advent Calendars, chocolates, coffees, cereals and Malawi rice - please contact Bridget Grant on 01424 845015 / 07749 482033.

Finance

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

This Sunday's second collection would have been for Day for Life.
You might like to visit their website: www.lifecharity.org.uk

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.

stmm@btconnect.com

01424 210263
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

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 14th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Memorial

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

10.00am Carol Pattison RIP
11.00am Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Private Mass: Pro Populo

33rd Sunday in OT A

Prov. 31.10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thess 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 15th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

10.00am

Siobhan Dolan RIP

11.00am Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Private Mass: Robert Stevens RIP

Monday 16th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Monday Week 33

10.00am Karolina Frostick GE
- Church closed on Mondays

Tuesday 17th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Ferial

Tuesday Week 33

10.00am Norma Green GE
11.00am Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Private Mass: Holy Souls

Wed. 18th November

Presbytery
St Mary Magdalene

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Ded. of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul

- Private Mass: Benefactors

- Church Closed on Wednesdays

Thursday 19th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Ferial

Thursday Week 33

6.00pm Anastazia & Zbigniew Zglobis RIP
7.00pm Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Private Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 20th November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Ferial

Friday Week 33

10.00am Lilian Barlow RIP
- Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Private Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 21st November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

Mem

The Presentation of the BVM

10.00am Deceased Deanery Clergy & Religious
11.00am Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Private Mass: Pro Populo

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26.28, Mt 25:31-46

Sunday 22nd November

Facebook Live Mass
St Mary Magdalene
Presbytery

10.00am

Maura & Michael McElligot RIP

11.00am Church open for one-hour private prayer
- Bartholomew Visconti RIP

Confessions are by appointment only

Requiem Masses are for Family & Friends only

and names (up to 30 people) have been provided in advance.

You Tube: search: "Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea"

Masses broadcasted on Facebook

will be made available later that same day.