

# PARISH NEWS

## Government Mandated Suspension of Communal Acts of Worship.

Despite a good number of MPs speaking favorably in Wednesday's debate on behalf of Places of Worship, the regulations proved to be unamendable and so a Lockdown is now in place. 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](https://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 5<sup>th</sup> December. **Baptisms** scheduled for this time are postponed.

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

## Remembrance Sunday

### Poppy Appeal 2020



Donate: [www.britishlegion.org.uk](https://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them**

## Confirmation 2021

We have extended the deadline for applying for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 to 13<sup>th</sup> November. We have cancelled the 1<sup>st</sup> session on 8<sup>th</sup> November and will start with session 2 on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Application form can be found: [www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation](https://www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation) There is an adapted presentation to help you discern your application:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VD\\_3F6F1Fs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VD_3F6F1Fs)

## 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.

**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:** 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 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.

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

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

**NEW DATES: St Mary Magdalene Primary School Open Evenings:**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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 open. Forms: <https://stmmbxhill.co.uk/confirmation/>  
New deadline to receive applications: 13<sup>th</sup> November. First session: now begins on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.  
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 Full 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.stmmbxhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/](http://www.stmmbxhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/). These celebrations are restricted by the 'rule of 6' and no celebrations can be arranged until after the Lockdown.

**Parish & Diocesan Online Volunteer Forum & Webinars: Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 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/8437491831>

**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 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30. Booking information: E: [rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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](http://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 Arundel Cathedral Maintenance. You might like to donate via [www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory) and in the comments section type:  
"Arundel Cathedral Maintenance".

**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**

**Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill](http://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)**

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Facebook Live Mass  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### **Memorial**

10.00am  
11.00am  
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**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**  
Ann Ford RIP  
Church open for one-hour private prayer  
Private Mass: Pro Populo

#### **Remembrance: Requiem for the War Dead**

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

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Facebook Live Mass  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### 10.00am

Those Fallen in War  
Church open for one-hour private prayer  
Private Mass: Anne Prendiville

#### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Facebook Live Mass  
St Mary Magdalene

#### **Feast**

10.00am  
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**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
Gary, David & Bernadette McNamara  
Church closed on Mondays

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### **Requiem**

10.00am  
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**Closed after Requiem Mass.**  
Requiem Mass: Mary Stewart RIP  
Private Mass: Regi Joseph GE

#### **Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Presbytery  
St Mary Magdalene

#### **Memorial**

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**Saint Martin of Tours**  
Private Mass: Tony Barry RIP  
Church Closed on Wednesdays

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Facebook Live Mass  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### **Memorial**

6:00pm  
7:00pm  
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**Saint Josaphat**  
Joseph & Thomas Families RIP  
Church open for one-hour private prayer  
Private Mass: Fr Richard Lear CJ RIP

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### **Requiem**

10.00am  
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**Restricted attendance.**  
Requiem Mass: Amalia Young RIP  
**Closed after Requiem Mass**  
Private Mass: Fr John O'Callaghan RIP

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Facebook Live Mass  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### **Opt. Mem**

10.00am  
11.00am  
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**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**  
Carol Pattison RIP  
Church open for one-hour private prayer  
Private Mass: Pro Populo

#### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT A**

*Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thess 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30*

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Facebook Live Mass  
St Mary Magdalene  
Presbytery

#### 10.00am

Siobhan Dolan RIP  
Church open for one-hour private prayer  
Private Mass: Robert Stevens 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.**