

7th February 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B.

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

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

PARISH NEWS

Public Worship in Lockdown 3

Although, public worship is permitted in Lockdown 3, the obligation to hear Mass on Sunday remains suspended and we note that some Churches locally in Brighton, St Leonard's and Hastings have closed either because they do not have the stewards or to protect the NHS locally.

If you feel it best to stay at home and Live Stream at the moment you should do so without feeling any pressure to be at a public Mass.

If you require assistance to come to and from Mass (including lifts in other people's cars) or while at Mass, you can only be supported by a person who is part of your household or support bubble, as household mixing is not permitted in or outside of the Church.

If you wish to be at a public Mass for devotional reasons, try to balance this with due prudence: Perhaps only come to one Mass at week, and make sure you wear a face covering over mouth and nose (unless exempt), sanitize your hands, complete the track and trace, maintain social distance throughout, and do not mix with anyone who is not in your housebound in the Church or outside the Church; follow the directions of the stewards and please only receive Holy Communion in the hand and then go straight home. Please do not gather to chat after Mass – we are in Lockdown.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

World Day for the Sick: 11th February 2021

The Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Holy Father, Pope Francis' Message for

the World Day of the Sick

can be read here:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20201220_giornata-malato.html

We pray for those in the parish who are sick, with COVID-19 or another ailment. Remember the Sacrament of the Sick is available to anyone who begins to be in danger of death either because of illness, old age, or injury. A reminder that 'Last Rites' do not mean 'Last Minute'. We do not wait to the very end as the priests may be engaged elsewhere, it is beneficial if the person is still conscious to participate in the rites, and with COVID extra precautions may need to be considered and arranged. If in hospital, requests for visits must be made via the Hospital Chaplaincy. See back page for more details. Wishing you every blessing. Fr Simon & Fr Rajesh.

This week, Public Masses will be:

Sunday: 9am at St Martha's Church

11am & 6pm at St Mary Magdalene Church

Weekdays: 10am on Friday and Saturday

and 6.45pm on Thursdays at St Mary Magdalene.

Confessions with Adoration: after 10am Mass on Saturday.

This week, Facebook Live Only Masses:

10am on Monday, Tuesday, and 6pm on Saturday.

Private Mass on Wednesday.

We pray for those who have died: Rosemary Fulton-Hart RIP, Sydney Turner RIP, Mary Munn RIP, Paddy Pearson RIP and Mary Bird RIP (**NB: it is taking about a month to arrange funerals at the moment and they remain restricted to 30 close family and friends**).

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

Church Capacities: 36+ people at St Martha's Church and **47+** people at St Mary Magdalene Church. Due to some damage to the windows in STMM Church, some further benches have been roped off.

Mass Intentions: can be booked via stmm@btconnect.com , there is some availability for February.

Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins: Ash Wednesday falls on 17th February 2021. The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him. What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like minded people and discuss what you have learnt.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more. You are Invited!

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC): SPUC write to say: The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation ends on 26 February 2021. Two weeks ago, we were due to have a second collection for SPUC's work, but this was not possible as the Church was closed. You can donate at: <https://spuc.org.uk/>

CAFOD: For your Lenten commitment this year, sign up to CAFOD's Walk for Water. Ask your friends and parishioners to sponsor you to walk 10,000 steps a day throughout Lent and raise funds to help end water poverty, <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> **AND** Join Catholics all over England and Wales taking part in CAFOD's Big Walk for Water on Saturday 20 February. We are walking **5 miles** in solidarity with people who don't have access to clean, safe water. **Be mindful of the regulations**, the five miles should be local, and you should walk either alone, as a household or as part of your support bubble, maintaining social distance as appropriate. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Organise-an-event/Big-Walk-for-Water>

Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young

Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins

First Holy Communion 2020 & 2021

2020 Celebrations: The Prime Minister has indicated that the Lockdown will not end before 8th March, and then we will wait to see what Tier Bexhill is placed in before announcing any new dates.

2021 Applications: Last call for First Holy Communion applications for 2021. These should be with the office by February Half term to allow you sufficient time to complete the preparation this year. Application Forms: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/first-holy-communion/> Please try and remember to complete your address, email, and phone number on the form.

Beachy Head Chaplaincy: are now recruiting for 2 new salaried Chaplaincy posts, one full time (37 hours) and one part time (20 hours). More information at www.bhct.org.uk

Baptism applications can still be submitted: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ and you will then be directed to the online preparation.

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.

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage: every year on or around the day for the sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February, the diocese invites you to support financially the work of the pilgrimage. Please try and do this online: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home> where you will find a red donate button on the righthand side of the screen.

The Pelham: Heat and Eat Bexhill: this is an initiative which is part of the East Sussex County Council Winter Grant Scheme, led by the Pelham, Sidley. It can help Bexhill families with Food and Fuel Support vouchers who have been negatively affected by COVID; you do not need to be in receipt of benefits to apply. To access the scheme, complete the online form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1Xhbu0bkcqOIKxnGr6t7NS0J-c-LUM3dgAFw1X2PL6Cn6KQ/viewform>

More information: 01424 476304 or 07842 149209 or heatandeatbexhill@gmail.com

Parish Office in Lockdown 3

Please use the email: stmm@btconnect.com to contact the Parish Office. Please do not call personally at the office door, as this does not constitute an essential journey.

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.

Office hours
stmm@btconnect.com
01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours
simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

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

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.

Please do not wait until the end, as the priests may be otherwise engaged.

PARISH NEWS

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 6th February

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
Facebook Live Only

Memorial

10.00am
10.30am
6.00pm

Saint Paul Miki & Companions

Public Mass: Hope Brotherton RIP
Confessions & Adoration
Catherine Joseph RIP

5th Sunday of the Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 & Mk 1:29-39

Public Mass or Facebook Only Mass

Sunday 7th February

St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

9:00am
11:00am
6.00pm

All 3 Masses today are Public Masses:

Public Mass: Frank Collinson RIP
Public Mass: People of the Parish
Public Mass: Bill & Vi Hayes RIP

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

Monday 8th February

Facebook Live Only Mass
Hastings Crematorium

A&B Mem

10.00am
Funeral

Saint Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit

Margaret Rafferty GE
Mary Poultnay (Battle Parishioner)

Tuesday 9th February

Facebook Live Only Mass
Eastbourne Crematorium

Ferial

10.00am
Funeral

Tuesday Week 5

Margaret Hanson RIP
Mary Gabrielle Vulgala RIP

Wed. 10th February

Mass said privately

Memorial

10.00am

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Priest's Intention

Thursday 11th February

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

6.45pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

Public Mass: Sebastian Stewart GE

Friday 12th February

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Friday Week 5

Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP

Saturday 13th February

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
Facebook Live Only Mass

Memorial

10.00am
10.30am
6.00pm

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions
Confessions & Adoration
Priest's Intention

6th Sunday of the Year B

Lev. 13,1-2, 44-46, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 & Mk 1:40-45

Sunday 14th February

To be determined
To be determined
To be determined

9.00am
11.00am
6.00pm

Public or Facebook to be determined.

Mary Bird RIP
Priest's Intentions
People of the Parish

Second Collection: A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage

Parish Offertory: A simple way to donate (+gift aid) online via Diocesan

Website: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/>

For Mass offerings & other payments:

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

Please indicate what the payment is for in the reference.