

PARISH NEWS

The Solemnity of Saint Peter & St Paul

Tuesday 29th June 2021

*The obligation to hear Mass on this day
has been suspended.*

We will have a public Mass at 10am on Tuesday 29th June in St Mary Magdalene in line with the current guidance.

**There are no stewards on duty.
It is, therefore, expected that if you
choose to come you will complete
'track and trace' using the NHS App (or
sheet) and then clean your own seat
afterwards.**

O God, who on this Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Holy Communion (updated)

2021 Children: we resume hearing 1st Confessions at 10.30am on Saturday 17th July and 24th July. **2022 Children:** please do not submit applications for next year as we are not accepting them until we know what we are able to offer. Please check back in September for more information.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Holy Communion

As we celebrate the delayed 2020 First Holy Communions, we reflect on our reception of the Blessed Sacrament, so that we are properly disposed to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Before receiving Holy Communion, the children 'make' a communion in renewing their baptismal promises. We 'make' a communion when we say 'Amen' in response to "the Body of Christ", declaring our belief that Jesus is really and substantially present, that we are 'in Communion' with the Catholic Church, and that we believe, profess, and live out her teachings (certainly, we must not be living contrary to the Gospel). Recently, the 2021 children have been making their 1st Confessions, reminding us of the moral dimension to our reception of Holy Communion; that we should be in a 'state of grace', free from mortal or serious sin. Yes, Holy Communion 'is not a prize for the perfect', and its reception can be beneficial in dealing with venial or minor sins and various character flaws. Clearly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion complement each other; therefore, we frequently examine our (properly informed) conscience, making a good Confession when required. We have always understood that when conscious of mortal or serious sin, we do not present ourselves for Holy Communion, as the grace of the Lord's Body and Blood does our soul no good whatsoever and may do it further harm. To validly receive Absolution in Reconciliation, we confess our mortal or serious sins, make an act of contrition and purpose of amendment, a challenge of discernment for those persisting in manifest grave sin. As the prayer after communion this Sunday prays: 'May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, so that, bound to you in lasting charity we may bear fruit forever'. With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Martin Murphy RIP (NB: Although the 30 limit on funerals was lifted on 17th May, we understand the COVID capacities apply (see below). Other COVID precautions may still apply.

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

Church Capacities: **50 units of people** (up to a max of 66 individuals) at St Martha's and **60 units of people** (max 80 individuals) at St Mary Magdalene. See note below "Government Roadmap".

Parish Halls (reminder)

St Martha's Hall: The opening of St Martha's Hall will be reviewed **no earlier than 19th July** and will depend entirely on what social distancing and sanitization is required by the Diocesan Insurers. At present, the hall must be cleaned and sanitized after every booking and done in a COVID-secure manner. We are not permitted to leave this to the hall hirer. This means it is not practical or economical to re-open this hall until the lifting of restrictions. It will also depend on the pastoral needs of the parish.

St Mary Magdalene Hall: This is closed for extensive and complicated repairs following an underground flood discovered just before Easter. There is no date for completion of these repairs, as we are being guided by the Insurance's Loss Adjustor. Therefore, we have no estimate on when it might re-open.

The Presbytery: The administrators are present to deal with your email and telephone traffic. The office is not open to casual callers. The Pastoral Centre in the Presbytery is only open to pre-booked appointments that relate to the administration of the sacraments and not to other pastoral activity. Once the Quinquennial has been completed in July for the whole parish estate, we will have a better understanding of the maintenance needs of the parish and any temporary adjustments to the use of our buildings while repair work is being carried out. This will require your on-going financial support and understanding.

Bexhill Fairtrade Group: The Fairtrade update can still be found here:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/latest-update-from-the-bexhill-fairtrade-group-may-2021.pdf> "Have you written down your few aspirations for a better fairer world on your bunting yet?"

Regarding our Fairtrade sales stall, we've missed over £2,000 in sales of Fairtrade produce due to pandemic, so watch this space for parish sales, very soon after COVID restrictions are lifted, thank you for concerns and enquiries; in the meantime, please look for the Fairtrade logo when you're shopping."

CTiB AGM 2021 on Wed. 7th July, 6.30 pm for 7 pm start at St Mark's Church Hall, Little Common:

We shall be reviewing the past year, receiving reports on the Foodbank and finances, as well as looking to the future. Additionally, we will elect Trustees and Executive Committee for the coming year. This is a business meeting running in-line with COVID-19 rules but will be socially distant; please wear masks and follow all COVID protocols. There are no refreshments, but you can bring your own water bottle.

The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey: Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts - Online Day Retreat:

Sat. 24th July 2021, 10am-4:30pm. To book: go to www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

For further information email toc@worth.org.uk

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

Baptism: applications can still be submitted: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/ and you will then be directed to the online preparation. Baptisms are now permitted as part of the Roadmap Stage 3.

Confirmation: Bishop Richard will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on Friday 8th October 2021. We are very fortunate to have our own parish celebration.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) & Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age (7+) (CICCA): these courses are not due to begin until October and November respectively, and we will update you on plans later in the summer, once we have more certainty with the unlocking.

Non-Urgent Pastoral Visits to the Housebound: If you need the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 01424 210263 or email bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk to make an appointment for a priest to make a one-off visit. Please let us know of any COVID concerns.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration: On Saturday, 17th July, at West Grinstead, from 12 noon. More details from Jayne at jaynelock1@gmail.com or 07816 422851.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead: All Grandparents, or honorary grandparents, are invited to join +Richard for our pilgrimage to West Grinstead on Wed. 7th July, from 10 am. A great day to meet other grandparents and share the joys and excitement of this wonderful vocation. Opportunities for Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations, Rosary, and visit to the Secret Chapel. Packed lunch needed, but drinks provided. To book: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/wpjpxxir>

Day for Catechists Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey: A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

Catholic Women's League (reminder): To find out more about joining: 01424 221803 and 211717. On 8th July, CWL members are doing a sponsored walk for the Medaille Trust, a UK Charity founded by several Catholic Congregations to bring freedom from human trafficking. If you can sponsor us: BACs: Name: Catholic Womens League CIO Bexhill. Number: 14087607. S/C: 40-34-18. Reference: Medaille Trust. Our target is to raise £500. *Future event: 15th August: Summer Garden Party & Fair at St Martha's*

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): Our Diocesan course begins this September. A course designed for teachers in Catholic schools, parish Catechists and anyone wanting to know more about their faith. CCRS offers a flexible and accessible way of learning, including online content. There are 8 modules, and each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment.

More info email: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Office
Remains closed to
casual callers.
All enquiries:
bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

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
bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk
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.

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 26th June	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Jean Haywood RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions
Memorial Garden	11.30am	Burial of Ashes of Amalia Young RIP
St Martha's (by pre-booking)	12noon	First Holy Communion Mass (2020)
Facebook Live Mass	6.00pm	Vigil of Sunday: No MASS

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24, 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 & Mk 5:21-43

Sunday 27th June	Sunday	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	David & Lisa Young GE
St Mary Mags	11.00am	Alvyn Luck RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund [11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]
Monday 28th June	Memorial	Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Dolores De Bergolis RIP
Tuesday 29th June	Solemnity	SS Peter & Paul (No Obligation today)
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Cruickshank, Tanti and Ronbi families RIP

No stewards, please complete 'track and trace' and clean own bench after.

Wednesday 30th June	Opt. Mem	The First Martyrs of the See of Rome
Presbytery (said privately)	N/A	Priest's Intentions
Thursday 1st July	Feast	The Dedication of Arundel Cathedral
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Public Mass: Mick Hanson RIP
Friday 2nd July	Opt. Mem	Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Benedict Varghese GE
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 3rd July	Feast	Saint Thomas, Apostle
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Patrick Curtin RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions
St Martha's (by pre-booking)	12noon	First Holy Communion Mass (2020)
Facebook Live Mass	6.00pm	Vigil of Sunday: NO MASS

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Ez 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10 & Mk 6:1-6

Sunday 4th July		3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	William Coughlan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Martin Murphy RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Albert Walter Usherwood
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	Second Collection: Peter's Pence [11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

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**, Acct

No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20. (Please add a suitable reference)

Mass Intentions: Requests to: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk