

# PARISH NEWS

## Thank You Day

This Sunday is being called '*Thank You*' Day, a suggestion that we raise a glass to all those who have helped us over the past year. In our parish we thank our stewards, musicians and servers who have facilitated public Mass and all those who have worked behind the scenes, who go unnoticed and never look for praise.

<https://thankyouday.org.uk/>

## Note from Bishop Richard

All of us are conscious that we may not be too far off the further lifting of restrictions and the way in which all our parish communities have responded to the limitations of this last year and more has been wonderful. I much hope that it will be possible to share good news before too long and assure you that further updates will be sent out as quickly as possible. In the meantime, let us continue to implement the following precautions: *Hymn books and Mass books continue not to be in use, Holy Communion is distributed under one kind only, the physical exchange of the Sign of Peace remains suspended, the offertory basket continues to be positioned where parishioners can make their offering on arriving at or leaving church, doors and windows should be opened to provide ventilation, the church should be cleaned after services and Hand sanitising should be available to those entering or leaving.*

**Our eyes are on the Lord  
till he shows us his mercy.**

## Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood

This Sunday at 3pm in Arundel Cathedral, Bishop Richard will ordain Deacon Stephen O'Brien to the Order of Sacred Priesthood for service in our Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Please pray for him, his family, and his parish of St Mary Star of the Sea in Hastings. Fr Simon will be in attendance.

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, we will celebrate three anniversaries of Sacred Priesthood:

- 1) Fr Simon and Fr Rajesh will travel to Ashtead to join with Provost Anthony Churchill as he celebrates his Golden Jubilee, 50 years of Sacred Priesthood. This obviously means that there will be ***no public Mass at 10am in St Mary Magdalene on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July.***
- 2) Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July is also Fr Simon's own anniversary of priesthood (8 years) and he will celebrate a ***public Mass*** in St Mary Magdalene Church at 6pm. *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.*
- 3) We also send our prayers and best wishes to Fr Paul Gilliam who also has 10<sup>th</sup> July as his Ordination anniversary having been ordained in St Mary Magdalene in 2015.

**Ad Multos Annos!**

*"Holy Father, who, by no merit of my own, chose me for communion with the eternal priesthood of your Christ and for the ministry of your Church, grant that I may be an ardent yet gentle preacher of the Gospel and a faithful steward of your mysteries"*

**We pray for those who have died:** Martin Murphy RIP (NB: Although the 30 limit on funerals was lifted on 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Helga Frost and Roy Mitchell.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 (**booked for 26-30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Catholic Women's League (reminder):** To find out more about joining: 01424 221803 and 211717. On 8<sup>th</sup> 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: 15<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Garden Party & Fair at St Martha's*

**CTiB AGM 2021 on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 10am-4:30pm. To book: go to [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)  
For further information email [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto: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/](http://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.

**First Holy Communion:** (updated) please do not submit applications for 2022. We are not ready to receive them, as we have not yet determined the arrangements for the course. Those still needing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (Confession) for 2021 can do so at 10.30am on Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July in St Mary Magdalene. Congratulations to the 14 children who receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this weekend.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We are very fortunate to have our own parish celebration. This Sunday's session (4<sup>th</sup> July) is a film, and our head catechist has sent an email to the 'Confirmandi' explaining how to access it. The next session after that will be **in-person** session at 4pm in St Martha's Church on 18<sup>th</sup> July and will be focussed on prayer.

**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](mailto: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, 17<sup>th</sup> July, at West Grinstead, from 12 noon. More details from Jayne at [jaynelock1@gmail.com](mailto: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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish Office**  
Remains closed to  
casual callers.  
All enquiries:  
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### 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](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours  
[simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)**

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>Feast</b> <b>Saint Thomas, Apostle</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	<b>Public Mass:</b> Patrick Curtin RIP
St Martha's (by pre-booking)	12noon	Confessions
Facebook Live Mass	6.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass (2020)
		Vigil of Sunday: <b>No Mass</b>

#### **14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

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

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	<b>Sunday</b> <b>3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)</b>
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	William Coughlan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Martin Murphy RIP
<i>Arundel Cathedral Live Stream</i>	3.00pm	Baptism of Albert Walter Usherwood
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Ordination of Rev. Stephen O'Brien.
[St Martha's]		People of the Parish

#### **Second Collection: Peter's Pence**

[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Facebook Live Mass** **Ferial** **Monday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

10.00am Christopher (GE) & Sheila (RIP) Dray

#### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Facebook Live Mass** **Ferial** **Tuesday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

10.00am Priest's Intentions

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Mary Magdalene** **Requiem** **Requiem: up to 60 units of people**

11.00am **Requiem Mass:** Martin Murphy RIP

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Mary Magdalene** **Ferial** **Thursday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

6.30pm **Public Mass:** Chris Varghese GE

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Mary Magdalene** **Ferial** **Friday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

10.00am **Public Mass:** Joan Watts RIP

**Memorial Garden** 11.30am Burial of Ashes of Martin Murphy RIP

**St Mary Magdalene** 10.30am **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**St Mary Magdalene** 7.00pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Mary Magdalene** **Votive** **Celebration of Sacred Priesthood**

10.00am **NO MASS or Confessions**

**St Mary Magdalene** 12.30pm Baptism of Sid Saunders

*St Michael's, Ashstead* N/A *Canon Tony Churchills 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**St Mary Magdalene** 5.15pm Confessions

**St Mary Mags. & Facebook** 6.00pm **Public Mass:** Fr Simon's 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### **15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

*Amos 7:12-15, Eph 1: 3-14 & Mk 6:7-13*

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

<b>St Martha's &amp; Facebook</b>	9.00am	<b>3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)</b>
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Gino Di Mascio RIP

St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	The Partridge Family GE
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**Second Collection: Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)**

[St Martha's] [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](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)