

PARISH NEWS

29th August and 5th September 2021

22nd & 23rd Sundays 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

Clergy & Staff Holidays

The Parish Office is closed to casual callers, entry by appointment only. The office is open for telephone & emails, except on:

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd September.

Monday 20th & Wed. 22nd September.

Monday 27th – Wed. 28th September.

Clergy away:

Fr Simon: 1st – 19th September (inclusive)

Fr Rajesh: 5th – 21st October (inclusive)

Please bear this mind when requesting the Sacrament of the Sick and remember that '*Last Rites does not mean Last minute*', especially as COVID protocols may still be in place (see also back of newsletter).

Sanitation & Cleaning (updated)

Thank you for sanitising your own seat after each Mass or liturgy, leaving it COVID-secure for the next service. This routine of sanitisation must continue. Thank you for waiting until after the final blessing, so that the sanitising does not happen during Holy Communion. Sanitisation is not the same as cleaning and both Churches need a good general clean. Hopefully, each Mass community is now forming their general cleaning teams, as we cannot return to paying a contractor.

Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in Church. Hand sanitiser and Track and Trace is recommended on entry.

22nd: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

23rd: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (29th August 2021).

This weekend marks my 3rd Anniversary as your Parish Priest. It has not been an easy three years, having been required to make (*and continue to make*) decisions regarding the estate and, therefore, the pastoral provision here in the Bexhill. I will be taking some holiday over the next couple of weeks, and when I return, I have a meeting with the Bishop and the Chief Operating Officer to talk about the challenges we face, not only as a parish but also how they fit in with the Diocesan wide pastoral plan which is going to see changes and new possibilities in our mission to announce the gospel of the Lord. Please pray for me, as I pray for you. Fr Simon.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (5th September 2021).

A word of encouragement to those preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the celebrations of which are fast approaching. Those following the '*I Belong*' course should now be on **Chapters 8 or 9**, and when you bring your course book to the First Holy Communion Mass and I open up your books to see your good work, we will be looking to see the completed chapters so that we have confidence that you are properly prepared. Those preparing for Confirmation are well advised to think about making a good confession before the day, as to receive the sacrament in a state of sin may mean that the gifts of Spirit remain locked until you are in a state of grace. Wishing you all a blessed return to school. Fr Simon.

The Second Anniversary of our Parish under the Patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass with us for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at 7pm on Friday 8th October 2021 in St Mary Magdalene, during which he will also Confirm five of our parishioners. Capacity: 150 people.

We pray for those who have died: Fr Mario Sanderson, Victor Judge, Kathleen Tunney, Pat Nelson, Kate Forsythe, Fr Adrian Cadwallader & Deacon Ivor Pelling RIP. **Requiem Masses:** Kathleen Tunney, 11am, 1st Sept. Elsie Sanders, 12noon Tues. 7th Sept. & Pat Nelson 10am, 10th Sept. All in St Mary Magdalene. **Service:** Noel Ffrench, Facebook Mass 11am then 2.15pm at Hastings Crematorium.

We pray for the sick: Roy Cox, Margaret Pink, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary and Michael Halse.

Congregational Singing and Choirs: the guidance allows for congregational singing but asks us to move forward cautiously, especially as we continue to wear face coverings and refrain from using hymn books. Our Masses continue to be celebrated with brevity in mind to allow time for individuals to clean their place afterwards. We must take a parish wide view of our liturgical music, not just for one Mass or community, and we have contacted our Diocesan Liturgy Coordinator for help (more information to follow).

Music Practices for First Holy Communion Masses will be Friday 3rd Sept and/ or Friday 10th Sept at St Martha's 7-8pm. *(Please inform the parish office ASAP that you would like to be part of the music groups (by 1st Sept for FHC and 24th Sept for Confirmation). Music Practice for Patronal Feast & Confirmation Mass:* 7pm on Friday 1st Oct. in St Mary Mags. Church, meaning no Adoration.

Parish Halls (reminder): to open St Martha's Hall needs a volunteer team of cleaners (and coordinator) to step forward and be trained. [St Mary Magdalene Hall is out of commission due to the flood damage. This hall is now dry, and the floor has been taken up and needs to be relayed and the kitchen repaired.]

Beginning Experience Weekend: 8th – 10th October, at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex: A residential weekend for those who are single again following divorce, separation, or the death of a partner. To book or discuss: Freda 01322-838415, Maura 07795-498445, besouthofengland@gmail.com.

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world, working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the earthquake and tropical storm. In Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of local partners and their communities, supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Churches Together in Bexhill: Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct) & Fairtrade Update:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/08/churches-together-in-bexhill-season-of-creation-and-fair-trade-update-september-2021.pdf>

The Second Collection on Sunday 5th Sept is for Church Maintenance. Let us set an initial target of £1000 for this second collection, roughly £3.50 per person currently attending Mass. This is the first collection of a monumental effort to sustain the physical estate.

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/

First Holy Communion: please do not submit applications for 2022 yet.

Confirmation: Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on Friday 8th October 2021.

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.

Sunday Obligation: as it may not be possible for everyone to return to Mass at present, the obligation to hear Mass on a Sunday remains suspended; restored on **1st Sunday of Advent (28th November 2021)**.

Anniversaries Mass: Taking place at St Joseph's Guildford, on Saturday 9th October, at 11.30 am, with Bishop Richard. For couples and their families celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Numbers limited to 150. Parking off site. You can sign up by emailing: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Friday evening Adoration: resumes 7pm on Friday 17th September (except on 1st & 8th October).

Tuesday 7th September
St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 8th Sept.
Presbytery (said privately)

Thursday 9th September
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Friday 10th September
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
St Martha's

Saturday 11th September
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
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Funeral **Requiem Mass**
12.00 **Requiem Mass:** Elsie Sanders RIP

Feast **The Birthday of the BVM**
N/A No Mass

Ferial **Thursday in 23rd Week in OT**
4.00pm Reception of Pat Nelson's Body
6.30pm **Public Mass:** NHS & EMS responders

Funeral **Requiem Mass**
10.00am **Requiem Mass:** Pat Nelson RIP
10.30am No Adoration due to Requiem Mass.
7.00pm **F. H. Communion Music Rehearsal**

Opt. Mem **Saturday Memorial of the BVM**
10.00am **Public Mass:** Noreen Corness RIP
10.30am Adoration & Confessions
5.15pm Adoration & Confessions
6.00pm **Public Mass:** Patrick Keegan RIP

Parish Offertory:

A simple way to donate
(+gift aid) online via
Diocesan Website:
<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/>

**For Mass intentions &
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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Is 50:5-9, Js 2:14-18 & Mk 8:27-35

Sunday 12th September
St Martha's
St Mary Mags. (Fr Chris B)
St Mary Mags. (Dcn Simon)
St Mary Magdalene

Sunday **3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**
9.00am William Austin RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
12.30pm Baptism of Louis Thomas Gardener
6.00pm Joseph Thomas RIP

Second Collection: The Catholic Education Service

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.

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out of hours

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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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Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 28th August

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Memorial St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Public Mass: Hugh Stewart GE
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Baptism of Lien Nguyen
St Mary Mags. (& Facebook)	6.00pm	Adoration & Confessions
		Public Mass: Bill & Vi Hayes RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8, Js 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 & Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday 29th August

St Martha's	9.00am	Sunday 3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Mary Mags. (& Facebook)	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Peter Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Baptism of Isabella Knight-Angel

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Please clean your own bench at the end of each Mass.

Monday 30th August

Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Ferial Monday in 22nd Week in OT
		No Mass

Tuesday 31st August

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial Tuesday in 22nd Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	11.30am	Public Mass: David Rowe RIP

Public Mass: in the Extraordinary Form

Wednesday 1st Sept.

Presbytery (said privately)	11.00am	Funeral Requiem Mass
		Requiem Mass: Kathleen Tunney RIP

Thursday 2nd September

St Mary Magdalene	11.30am	Ferial Thursday in 22nd Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Public Mass: in the Extraordinary Form

Public Mass: Mary Carroll GE

Friday 3rd September

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Feast St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Public Mass: Jetwin Stephen GE
St Martha's	7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

F. H. Communion Music Rehearsal

Saturday 4th September

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Opt. Mem Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Public Mass: Sheila Dray RIP
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: People of the Parish

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Is 35:4-7, Js 2:1-5 & Mk 7:31-37

Sunday 5th September

St Martha's	9.00am	Sunday 3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Mary Carroll GE
St Mary Mags. (Fr Chris B)	6.00pm	Robert Stevens RIP

Second Collection: Church Maintenance (big effort this weekend please!)

[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Syro-Malabar Retreat Week: Daily Mass at 5pm in St Martha's Wed. 1st September to Wed. 8th September (Our Lady's Birthday)

Monday 6th September

Facebook Live Mass	10.00am	Ferial Monday in 23rd Week in OT
		No Mass

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