

# PARISH NEWS

## Clergy & Staff Holidays

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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Clergy away:

Fr Simon: 1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive)

Fr Rajesh: 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October (inclusive)

Please bear this in 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).

## Sanitizing & Cleaning (updated)

You can further help the parish to keep costs down by gifting us a supply of virus wipes or cloths, which you can bring along to your next Mass. Any brand is acceptable providing they deal with viruses. Alternatively, as some parishioners already do, simply keep a small packet of virus wipes in your bag and pocket to enable our own supplies to stretch further. The cost for the parish is £30 a week to supply the materials (*which mounts up but is still a lot cheaper than a contractor*).

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

**Please clean your own seat!**

**2021 Parish Annual Mass Count:** For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our **welcome teams to count all parishioners and record on the documents provided**, for the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October: **18/19, 25/26 Sept. & 2/3 & 9/10 Oct.** Thankyou.

**24<sup>th</sup>: I will walk in the presence of the Lord**

**in the land of the living**

**25<sup>th</sup>: The Lord upholds my life**

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (12<sup>th</sup> September 2021).

A wise man once said that there are many ways of seeing another person. There is the way we see ourselves, there is the way others see us (and that will differ depending on who we ask and what context they know us in) and there is the truth – the way God sees each of us. In the Gospel today, Jesus asks the questions, “who do people say I am?” and some of the disciples replied that some people thought he was John the Baptist, others thought he was Elijah or one of the prophets. But Jesus said to them – but “who do YOU say I am?” What would be our response?

**Dear Lord,** Thinking of St Peter in today's Gospel, thank you for the moments of insight and forgive us for the times that we needed to be rebuked for failing to recognize the big picture. Grant us the wisdom in knowing what is good and the strength in doing what is good. Amen.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (19<sup>th</sup> September 2021).

On this day we exalt Jesus Christ the Son of God. The Church invites us to listen to him, and to follow his example.. There is a real image of discipleship in today's gospel: to serve and to become small. Discipleship is not about position, importance, recognition, or prestige; it is about imitating Christ in the way we give our lives to others and reach out with love for others. It is also about 'recognising' God in those so easily overlooked - the child, the vulnerable, the weak, the seemingly insignificant or unimportant, those ignored or forgotten.

As communities, we can be too quick to worry about who is first, best, or most important. As disciples we should be ready to see the face of God in those around us and serve them, reach out to them... but our lives should also reveal something of the face of God, because of who we are and because of the loving, compassionate service we give.

God bless, Fr Rajesh.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Pat Nelson, Fr Adrian Cadwallader, Deacon Ivor Pelling, Michael Halse & Jacques Bruneau RIP. **Requiem Masses:** Pat Nelson 10am, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept and Michael Halse 11am, Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. both in St Mary Magdalene.

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

**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 Practice for Patronal Feast & Confirmation Mass:** 7pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:**

Please return your 'pledges' this Sunday (12th Sept.), as these sheets will be joined together to form a bunting, detailing our parish contribution to be displayed at the Climate Event at the De La Warr Pavilion at 2pm on 25th September, to which you are all invited. These acts of penance implore God's help for the protection of creation, as well as pardon for our sins committed against the world in which we live.

**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/)

**First Holy Communion:** 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.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (28<sup>th</sup> November 2021)**.

**Anniversaries Mass:** Taking place at St Joseph's Guildford, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**No Saturday Morning Mass or Confessions on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept and 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
due to the 2021 First Holy Communion Masses**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
St Mary Magdalene

**Memorial** **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio),**  
6.30pm **Public Mass:** Priests Intentions

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
St Mary Magdalene  
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Bexhill Cemetery  
Eastbourne Crematorium  
St Mary Magdalene

**Memorial** **Our Lady of Walsingham**  
10.00am Felicitas Fuentes Palacios RIP  
10.30am Adoration  
2.00pm Memorial Service of Michael Hawes RIP  
2.00pm Funeral Service of Jacques Bruneau RIP  
7.00pm Adoration

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha'  
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**Opt. Mem** **Saturday Memorial of the BVM**  
10.00am **No Mass or Morning Confessions**  
12 noon **2021 First Holy Communion Mass**  
5.15pm Adoration & Confessions  
6.00pm **Public Mass:** Monica Halse GE &  
Michael Halse RIP

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

*Num 11:25-29, Js 5:1-6 & Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
St Martha's  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
[St Martha's]

**Sunday** **3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**

9.00am People of the Parish  
11.00am Lemuel Murphy RIP  
6.00pm Paddy Pearson RIP

**Second Collection: Parish SVP Fund**  
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Parish Offertory:**  
A simple way to donate  
(+gift aid) online via  
Diocesan Website:  
<https://abdiocese.churchnsite.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](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish Office**

Remains closed to  
casual callers.

All enquiries:

[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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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**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](https://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September****Opt. Mem****Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Public Mass:** Noreen Corness RIP  
St Mary Magdalene 10.30am Adoration & Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene 5.15pm Adoration & Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm **Public Mass:** Patrick Keegan RIP

*No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards*

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September****Sunday****3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**

St Martha's 9.00am William Austin RIP  
St Mary Mags. (Fr Chris B) 11.00am People of the Parish  
St Mary Mags. (Dcn Simon) 12.30pm Baptism of Louis Theodore Garderner  
St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm Joseph Thomas RIP

**Second Collection: The Catholic Education Service**

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

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

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September****Memorial****St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor No Mass****Facebook Live Mass**

N/A

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September****Feast****The Exultation of the Cross**

St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Public Mass:** Holy Souls

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.****Memorial****Our Lady of Sorrows No Mass**

Presbytery (said privately) N/A

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September****Memorial****SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop Public Mass:** Thomas & Norah Moran RIP

St Mary Magdalene 6.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September****Ferial****Friday in 24<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Public Mass:** Bartolomeo Visconti RIP  
St Mary Magdalene 10.30am Adoration  
St Mary Magdalene 7.00pm Evening Adoration Resumes

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September****Opt. Mem****Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Public Mass:** Sebastian Stewart GE  
St Mary Magdalene 10.30am Adoration & Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene 5.15pm Adoration & Confessions  
St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm **Public Mass:** Michael Halse RIP

*No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own seat afterwards*

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

*Wis 2:12, 17-20, Js 3:16-4:3 & Mk 9:30-37*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September****Sunday****3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**

St Martha's 9.00am Pete Cornfield GE

St Mary Magdalene 11.00am Peter Kenny RIP

St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm People of the Parish

**Second Collection: Home Mission Sunday**

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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September****Memorial****SS Andrew Taegon & Paul Hasang**

**Facebook Live Mass** 10.00am **Francesco Russo RIP**

**Tuesday 21st September****Feast****St Matthew, Apostle**

St Mary Magdalene 10.00am **Public Mass:** Foundation

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.****Ferial****Wednesday in 25<sup>th</sup> Week in OT**

Presbytery (said privately) N/A **Esther Noga RIP**