

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

Clergy away:

Fr Rajesh: 5<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

## Sanitizing & Cleaning

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. It cost us £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!**

**Annual Mass count continues this weekend and on 2/3 & 9/10**

**The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

## St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Appeal: Help, the need now is greater than ever!

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul, a French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor and needy. Today his work continues throughout the world, and we are blessed to have an active group within our own parish, known as the SVP. Like most things, it has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for support with visiting and befriending along with financial and practical support is even greater now.

The parish St Vincent de Paul group is appealing to all parishioners this weekend to consider joining and helping to support people in our community who need assistance or befriending. This could be by phoning someone who feels lonely or isolated for a chat or paying them a visit in their home, nursing home or hospital. There are so many ways in which you can help in making people lives a little easier and see how small gestures of kindness can help transform lives.

We are also looking for someone with social media skills to help with developing and maintaining a Facebook / Instagram page to allow us to reach the wider community. Please take the opportunity to talk to a member of the SVP after mass or contact Chris Jones on 07783598238 or by email: [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com) for more information. Chris Jones.

**Advice regarding St Richard's Catholic College Supplementary Information Forms has been uploaded as a separate post:**  
<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/st-richards-catholic-college-supplementary-information-form-for-admission-in-september-2022.pdf>

**We pray for those who have died:** Michael Halse and Sidney Peacham RIP. **Requiem Masses:** Michael Halse 11am, Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. **Funeral Service:** Sidney Peacham, Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**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 Veronica Phillips.

### **Celebration of Mass for our Patronal Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (3-8<sup>th</sup> October)**

These are the opportunities for parishioners to be at Holy Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary:

**Rosary Sunday (2/3<sup>rd</sup> October):** Vigil Mass at 6pm (STMM), 9am (St Martha's), 11am & 6pm (STMM).

**On the Feast Day (7<sup>th</sup> October):** Mass at 6.30pm in St Mary Magdalene (with Fr Simon).

**Pontifical Mass (8<sup>th</sup> October):** Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene (with Bishop Richard Moth).

*(This Mass on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October includes our 5 parish Confirmations and replaces the 10am Mass).*

**Rehearsals on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October in STMM:** for the Confirmandi: 6pm, for the choir and musicians: 7pm

### **CAFOD APPEAL: Second Collection on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> October: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>**

Local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Please donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online, and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. **There will be a short appeal at the end of Mass (2/3 Oct).**

### **Catholic Women's League (CWL): 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of the reformed Bexhill Mission:**

CWL is a National and International Organization and is the only group for women within the Parish who share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the parish and worldwide Church in our hearts. Our group invite speakers to enrich and entertain us, we go on Pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets: first Monday of each month @ 7-30pm. Please contact us on 211717 or 221803 for more details. **Congratulations also:** despite all the COVID challenges, we have raised over £1,700 for the Medaille Trust through the Bexhill CWL Sponsored Walk!

**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).

**Grandparents' Week (25/9 to 2/10): Grandparents' Groups:** The Diocese has active grandparents' groups who pray for their grandchildren, sharing in their highs & lows of this stage of life. Perhaps you would like to form a grandparent's group in your parish or simply like to find likeminded people and support as a grandparent, please contact Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Adults (18+) wishing to explore their faith with the possibility of being Baptised or Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church are invited to contact Fr Simon via [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) or by completing the online application form: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/rcia-form/>

This programme is also suitable for Catholic Adults (18+) who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those who have already seen Fr Simon and are waiting the start of this year's course are invited to the first session with our Catechists at the Presbytery at 7pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

**Christian Initiation (Baptism) of Children of Catechetical Age (7+) (CICCA):** For 2021/22, Fr Simon has decided to continue this course on a case-by-case basis, with an at home preparation using either 'I-Belong' or tailored course depending on age, ability or need.

Applications via the website: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together-form/>

**Infant Baptism (aged 0-6 years):** applications via: [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.

**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. No 10am Friday Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> October due to the  
Patronal Feast and Confirmation Mass at 7pm in the evening.**

### **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](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

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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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[rajesh.minz@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rajesh.minz@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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**Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill](https://www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill)**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September****Opt. Mem****Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass or Confessions
St Martha's (pre-booking)	12 noon	2021 First Holy Communion Mass.
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	<b>Public Mass:</b> Monica & Michael Halse

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

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

St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Lemuel Murphy RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Grace Marie Russell
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Paddy Pearson RIP

**Second Collection: SVP Collection & Appeal**

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Facebook Live Mass**

**Memorial****St Vincent de Paul, Priest**

10.00am For the intentions of the Bexhill SVP

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

St Mary Magdalene

**Funeral****Requiem Mass**

11.00am **Requiem Mass:** Michael Halse RIP

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Presbytery (Mass said privately)

St Mary Magdalene

**Feast****Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, A. Angels**

N/A Irene & David Herring RIP  
& Children of Mary Herring RIP

**Service:** Sidney Peacham RIP

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

St Mary Magdalene

**Memorial****St Jerome, Priest**

6.30pm **Public Mass:** For all Grandparents

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene

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**Memorial****St Therese of the Child Jesus**

10.00am **Public Mass:** Mary & Joseph Callaghan RIP  
10.30am Adoration  
6.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal  
7.00pm Music Rehearsal (No Adoration).

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

St Mary Magdalene

St Martha's (pre-booking)

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**Memorial****The Holy Guardian Angels**

10.00am **No Mass or Confessions**

12noon 2021 First Holy Communion Mass.

5.15pm Adoration & Confessions

6.00pm **Public Mass:** Alice A. O'Donnell RIP

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

**ROSARY SUNDAY****(Sunday Celebration of our Patronal Feast)**

Acts 1:12-14 & Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

St Martha's

St Mary Magdalene

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

9.00am Homer & Leek Families (& Jonny RIP)

11.00am Agnes Varghese GE

6.00pm People of the Parish

**Second Collection: CAFOD Collection & Appeal**

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

**Advance Warning:** No 10am Mass on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Parish Mass will be 7pm in St Mary Magdalene, celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth. This Mass includes our 5 Confirmations. 50 seats are reserved for the Confirmandi & their families, leaving 100 places for parishioners. There are also other Masses for the Patronal Feast – see page 2.