

3rd October 2021

PARISH NEWS

Rosary Sunday: Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

Clergy Holiday

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).

Sanitizing & Cleaning

Thank you for continuing to sanitize the benches after each Mass, Liturgy or Service. A special thanks to those who have donated virus wipes and cloths, please continue to do so from time to time to save the parish money. Each Community also needs to arrange (from time to time) a general Church clean.

Other Precautions:

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

Annual Mass count continues this weekend and on 9/10

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard for 27th Sunday in OT B (3rd Oct. 2021)

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/pastoral-letter-for-27th-sunday-of-the-year-3rd-october-2021.pdf>

COP 26: Petition to the Prime Minister

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy is his name.

(or)

Blessed is the Virgin Mary,

who bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL

This harvest time, we are acutely aware that our world is in crisis. The pandemic has pushed more and more people into poverty and increased inequality. The communities CAFOD works with are already facing unprecedented hardship because of the impact of climate change – as harvests fail, forests burn, and lands flood. Millions of the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers are struggling to survive. As Catholics, we are called to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Pope Francis calls on us to become good neighbours to one another and to care for our world, God's creation, our common home. By donating today **in the second collection** you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. **Ways to give:**

1. By cheque using the CAFOD envelope
2. Online www.Cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis
3. By cash **today's** retiring / second collection

God bless, Christian Lucey (CAFOD parish CAFOD Rep).

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: Hilda Greenfield RIP (Service: 2.30pm on 8th October 2021 at Eastbourne 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 Veronica Phillips.

Celebration of Mass for our Patronal Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (3-8th October)

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

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

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

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

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

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7th October 2021)

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary commemorates the extraordinary victory of European Christians at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 over the Ottomans. On paper, Europe should not have won, being vastly outnumbered in ships and men. The victory was attributed to a Rosary procession through the streets of Rome on the eve of the battle. As we pray the Rosary this October (the month of Our Lady), we will process through the mysteries of the Gospel, the good news of our own salvation from sin and death.

Catholic Women's League (CWL): 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 world-wide 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:** despite all the COVID challenges, we have raised over £1,700 for the Medaille Trust through the Bexhill CWL Sponsored Walk!

Parish Halls (updated): to open St Martha's Hall needs a volunteer team of cleaners to ensure that all the main touch points in the hall are cleaned each day it is open. After speaking with the diocese, we are hopeful that some movement on this guidance will be received soon. At St Mary Magdalene, the new Hall floor will be laid in October. Unfortunately, the damp damage in the kitchen has been declared as '*historic*' and will not be covered by the insurance claim, and so this will need to be repaired before it can reopen.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP): The members of the parish SVP would like to thank parishioners for their kind response to last weekend's appeal, in which over £400 was collected in the second collection. Your kind words and offer of help and support as well as your generosity financially is very much appreciated. We will keep you all in our prayers. ***If you feel you need help or support, please contact our team on 07783 598238, or e-mail popsy57@outlook.com.***

Please get in touch and one of our team will be happy to speak with you.

**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 or by completing the online application form: <https://stmmbboxhill.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 3rd 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://stmmbboxhill.co.uk/we-journey-together-form/>

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

No Saturday Morning Mass or Confessions on 2nd Oct. due to the 2021 First Holy Communion Mass. No 10am Friday Mass on 8th Oct. due to the Patronal Feast & Confirmation Mass at 7pm. No Saturday Morning Mass or Confessions on Sat. 16th Oct. (one priest away & School Form Signing).

Season of Creation: Final Weekend: Pray the Rosary with CAFOD:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Care-of-creation-rosary>

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

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

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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 2nd October

	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	Public Mass: Alice A. O'Donnell RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

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

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

Sunday 3rd October

	Solemnity	3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Martha's	9.00am	Homer & Leek Families (& Jonny RIP)
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Agnes Varghese GE
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

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

Monday 4th October**Facebook Live Mass****Memorial**

St Francis of Assisi,

Michael Halse RIP

Tuesday 5th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Tuesday in 27th Week in OT

Public Mass: Joan Hurley GE

Wednesday 6th Oct.

Presbytery (said privately)

Ferial

Wednesday in 27th Week in OT

No Mass

Thursday 7th October

St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

Our Lady of the Rosary (with Fr Simon)

Public Mass: Mary & Brian Williams GE

Friday 8th October

St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

Our Lady of the Rosary (with +Richard)

No 10am Mass (see 7pm)

No Adoration

Public Mass: Patronal & Confirmations

Saturday 9th October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

Saint John Henry (Cardinal) Newman

Public Mass: Michael Surman GE

St Mary Magdalene

Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

Baptism of Harwin Funtanilla

St Mary Magdalene

Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

Public Mass: Priest's Intentions

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own seat afterwards

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13 & Mk 10:17-30

Sunday 10th October

St Martha's (Fr Desmond)

Sunday

3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)

St Mary Mags. (& Facebook)

Daniel Gilhooley RIP

St Mary Magdalene

Terrance & Josephine Dolan RIP

[St Martha's]

People of the Parish

Second Collection: PACT (Prison Advice Trust)

[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Congratulations to the children who received their 1st H.C. on Sat. 25th Sept. and 2nd Oct. Every blessing to the 'Confirmandi', who are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit during our Patronal Feast Mass at 7pm on Friday 8th Oct. in St Mary Magdalene. Please keep checking the newsletter for details of 2022 programmes: we are not yet ready to start FHC / Confirmation 2022.