

PARISH NEWS

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

Please continue to sanitize your place after each Mass, Liturgy or Service. Thank you for donating virus wipes and cloths. Each Community also needs to arrange (as needed) 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 and completes this weekend (9/10 Oct).

'Supplementary Information Forms'

Signing by Fr Simon

St Richards: see link:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/09/st-richards-catholic-college-supplementary-information-form-for-admission-in-september-2022.pdf>

St Mary Magdalene

As usual, Fr Simon will complete the form signing for St Richard's before announcing dates for primary school SIFS, the deadline for which is 15th January 2022.

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

"What about us?

We have left everything and followed you".

A rich man, near death, begged his guardian angel to be allowed to bring his great wealth with him to heaven. He pleaded and pleaded, until the angel said, 'Ok, just to stop you asking, you can bring one case'. Overjoyed, he piles his gold bars into his case. On arriving in heaven, St Peter says, 'open the bag and show me what's inside'. As the case opens, the gold bars tumble out. St Peter looks up and says, 'oh that's just what we need, more pavement'.

King Solomon was a great king because he desired wisdom above all else, even wealth and power. As Our Lord says, in the Sermon on the Mount 'seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness', and the rest shall be added for you. To have 'wisdom' is to allow ourselves to be guided by God and be aware that He holds our life in His hands. The secular world dismisses this, telling us that we're in charge of our destiny, however, as Christians, we do not see faith and reason in opposition. The world should be observed, analyzed, and assessed. Faith does not suppress reason, but rather adds meaning to how our life develops and unfolds.

Scripture is not just ancient fable; no, it is 'alive and active'. God is not an impersonal force (c.f. Star Wars); rather He is made manifest through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, the Word made flesh, through whom all things were made. Fulfilling the Father's will, Jesus stretches out his hands on the cross and in doing so breaks the bonds of death and manifests the resurrection, the repayment to all those, who in taking up their cross, leave everything for the sake of the gospel. With every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: William Wickens RIP

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, Veronica Phillips, Stanley Pryke & Winifred Broughton.

CONFIRMATION: *Congratulations to our new 'Confirmati':* with thanks to Bishop Richard who celebrated Mass for our Patronal Feast on 8th October and for confirming 5 members of our community in the faith providing them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As the 1st Reading from the Book of Wisdom says, '*I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the Spirit of Wisdom came to me*'. We will now take the usual period of review, reflection, and discernment before announcing the start of the 2022 programme, details of which will be found in the newsletter in due course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *Congratulations to our First Communion Children:* this year we have admitted nearly 80 children to the Eucharist. Our thanks to them for their patience as some celebrations were delayed and rescheduled. Now that these celebrations have been completed, we will pause and take the usual period of review, reflection, and discernment about moving forward. This means we will not be starting the 2022 First Communion Programme just yet. ***Applications will open on 1st Sun. of Advent (28th Nov. 2021).*** This will allow families time to return to Mass before beginning their preparation.

Music in the Liturgy: thank you to the small parish choir who provided music for the First Holy Communion Masses and for our Patronal Feast. We have a provisional date for our mini conference on Music in the Liturgy: ***10am Mass on Saturday 13th November 2021*** in St Mary Magdalene, followed by liturgical musical formation until 12noon by Catherine Christmas, Diocesan Liturgy Adviser. We are very grateful for her time. This session is for anyone who currently provides Music in our parish, has previously provided Music for our parish and those who are interested in being involved in parish Music.

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: 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.

**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://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 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://stmmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together-form/>

Infant Baptism (aged 0-6 years): applications via: www.stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptismal-form/

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)**.

CAFOD Harvest Fast: many thanks for the £300 in the Second Collection, along with any monies sent direct either by post or via CAFOD's website. Please consider signing the COP 26: Petition to the Prime Minister: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP): If you feel you need help or support, please contact our team on 07783 598238, or e-mail popsy57@outlook.com and they will be happy to speak with you.

Parish Office: the office is open in-person only to those with pre-booked appointments, otherwise the administrators can assist you by email or telephone (Mon-Fri, 9.15am to 4.45pm).

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

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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 9th October

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Feast St John Henry (Cardinal) Newman
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Michael Surman GE
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Baptism of Harwin Funtanilla
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Adoration & Confessions

Public Mass: Gladys Elma Rowe RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench 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 (<i>Fr Desmond</i>)	9.00am	Sunday 3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)
St Mary Mags (<i>& Facebook</i>)	11.00am	Daniel Gilhooly RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Terence & Josephine Dolan RIP

Second Collection: PACT (Prison Advice Trust)

[*St Martha's*]

[11.00am] [*Syro-Malabar Rite Mass*]

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

Monday 11th October

[Facebook Live Mass](#)

Ferial Monday in 28th Week in OT

No Mass: Diocesan Meeting in Lewes

Tuesday 12th October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial St Wilfrid (A&B Secondary Patron)

Public Mass: Joseph Thomas RIP

Wednesday 13th Oct.

Presbytery (said privately)

Opt. Mem St Edward the Confessor, King.

No Mass

Thursday 14th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial Thursday in 28th Week in OT

Public Mass: Michael Halse RIP

Friday 15th October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor

Nuptial Mass of

Ray Ford & Kay Moggridge

St Mary Magdalene

7.00pm

Adoration

Saturday 16th October

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem Saturday Memorial of the BVM

No Mass

St Mary Magdalene

No Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

Baptism of Poppy Ruth Hopkins

St Mary Magdalene

Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

Public Mass: Elsie Dadswell RIP

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own seat afterwards

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16 & Mk 10:35-45

Sunday 17th October

St Martha's (*Fr Desmond*)

Sunday

3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)

St Mary Mags. (*& Facebook*)

9.00am

People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

Ernest & Lily Whitehead RIP

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

Neil Jenkins RIP

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

[*St Martha's*]

[11.00am]

[*Syro-Malabar Rite Mass*]

No 10am Mass on Friday 15th October, due to a Wedding Mass at 12noon

No Sat. Morning Mass or Confessions on Sat. 16th Oct.

(one priest away & School Form Signing).

No 10am Mass on Fri. 22nd Oct., due to Clergy Safeguarding Training (all day)