

14th November 2021

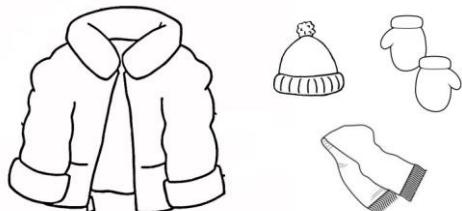
Remembrance & 33rd Sunday in OT B.

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

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

PARISH NEWS

Autumn: Ventilation is necessary to reduce COVID particles, so even when the time comes for the heating, warmer clothing is recommended:



REMINDER!



We strongly recommend that Face Coverings **continue** to be worn in the Church **and** Subsidiary Buildings. Hand sanitiser and Track & Trace is recommended on entry.

Sanitizing & Cleaning

Please continue to sanitize your place after each Mass, Liturgy or Service.

'Supplementary Information Forms' (St Mary Magdalene Primary School)

Following the Open Afternoons on 15th & 18th November, Fr Simon will be available to sign your Supplementary Information Forms at 9am on Sat. 20th & 27th Nov. 2021 at the Presbytery. More information:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/st-mary-magdalene-primary-school-supplementary-information-form-for-admission-in-september-2022.pdf>

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Requiem Mass for those Fallen in War

11am in St Mary Magdalene

We gather in the Church for 11am for the Last Post and Silent Reflection. Mass will then be celebrated for those fallen in war. After Mass, we lay our wreaths at the 'Peace Memorial', before moving to the 'Memorial Garden' to bless the Ashes Plots of those buried there. At other Sunday Masses (33rd OT B) there will be an opportunity for remembrance: '*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*' Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen. God Bless, Fr Simon.

Two weeks until 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

All things being equal with the course of the current pandemic, the obligation to be at Mass on a Sunday is due to be restored in two weeks on 28th November. And we, therefore, invite you to read and reflect on the document from the Bishops' Conference: "Sunday: It is our Day":

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-it-is-our-day/>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022:

Applications for Confirmation 2022 are now **open**, and close on Friday 19th November. Application forms can be found here: <https://stmmmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/>

Fr Desmond Baker

Please pray for Fr Desmond who had a fall recently and is in hospital. He often 'supplies' Mass in our Deanery and is a great friend to the parish. He was due to cover Battle and Northiam this weekend. To cover the eight Masses in Bexhill & Battle, Fr Simon will celebrate Battle's Vigil Mass and Fr Rajesh their two morning Masses. To lighten our load, Fr Chris Benyon will celebrate the 9am Mass at St Martha's.

We pray for those who have died: Peter Andrews RIP (Requiem Mass: 11.30am in St Martha's, Little Common on Tues. 7th December 2021) and Peter Koe RIP who died unexpectedly on Thursday 11th Nov.

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, and Vera Stevens.

Parish Pastoral Support Team

Fr Simon is grateful to a group of parishioners from across the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, with a wide range of experience in the parish, who have approached him and offered themselves as a pastoral support team. They will meet on 1st Sunday of Advent to begin forming their remit to help revitalise the pastoral life of the parish and to help Fr Simon form our pastoral direction moving forward. We will introduce them to you soon after the first meeting but many of them will be well known to you. Like Fr Simon, they recognize that there are no quick fixes, but they will start with the reflections from "Something to Celebrate" that Fr Stephen Ortiger began with us at the end of 2019, so that we can all be assured that their remit is grounded in the people's hope and dreams for the parish. ***The parish can support this endeavor, and during Advent we ask you to pray the Rosary for the Pastoral Mission of the Parish.***

Catholic Women's League (CWL): CWL 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. Contact: 211717 or 221803 for more details.

"ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH": Talks at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Eastbourne.

Tuesday, 16th November: 'The Good Life: can you be a good, moral person and have a fulfilled life - without God?' (Fr Kevin Dring). **Tuesday, 30th November:** 'Jesus: who do people say I am? What the New Testament tells us - also the Early Church' (John de Waal). **Monday, 6th December:** 'Gaudete! and the gift of Christian Joy.' (Fr Tristan Cranfield). **Tuesday, 14th December:** 'COP 26 and its aftermath.' (Barbara Echlin). Sessions will be in the Parish Centre (accessed from the church car park) from 7.30 – 8.30pm - with a break halfway for refreshments. All are welcome to all or any of the talks!

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.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS: the SVP will be selling Christmas cards after all weekend Masses from the weekend of 6/7th November. The cards are priced at £4.00 or less, for a pack of 12. Please bring your purses and wallets to church. Suitable change would be helpful. Cheques can be accepted if needed.

Three Churches in Little Common: (Little Common Methodist Church, St Mark's and St Martha's):
After a long break during lockdown, Rev. Tricia Williams has invited us to meet at Little Common Methodist Church on Wednesday, 17th November at 11.00am.
(We shall consider when and where we might meet in the New Year)

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

Sacramental Programmes

RCIA: This course has now begun, and registration is now closed for 2022.

Christian Initiation (Baptism) of Children of Catechetical Age (7+) (CICCA):

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

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

CONFIRMATION: Applications for Confirmation 2022 are now **open**, and close on Friday 19th November.

Application forms can be found here: <https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/> The first session will be at 4pm in the Presbytery on Sunday 21st November 2021. **If you live outside of the geographical boundaries of the Bexhill Parish** (e.g. St Leonard's, Hastings, Eastbourne and Battle) we may send you to your parish priest for his permission for you to join our Bexhill course. If you are part of the 'St Thomas More' Syro Malabar Mission, we may send you to the S.M. Chaplain for his permission to join the course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: following the completion of the 2020 & 2021 First Holy Communions, we are taking 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.

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.

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). **Pastoral Facilities:** any parish group wishing to use St Martha's Hall should contact the Parish Office (*before restarting*) to complete their individual risk assessment. St Mary Magdalene Hall remains closed.

PACT: Operation Elf: *'In the last part of this difficult year, we can begin to look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. For those families where a parent is in prison, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. Through Pact's Operation Elf, parishes and individuals can support prisoners to give a gift to their child, sharing a little love and joy and strengthening the family bond. This simple act can nurture the hope that redemption and a fresh start is possible.'* Bishop Richard Moth. (Register at parishaction@prisonersadvice.org.uk, buy a Gift card with the value of £10, and post to PACT. Full guidance and details at www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

Repository: the first steps in re-opening the repository begin on Saturdays, opening after the 6pm Vigil Mass. If people would like to see the Repository open at other times, it needs a volunteer to step forward.

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

simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk & 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.

PARISH NEWS**Page 4****Parish Mass Diary and Intentions**

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmmbexhill

Saturday 13th November**Opt. Mem****Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Public Mass: Noreen Corness RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Music Conference until 12noon.
<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>No Adoration or Confessions (see 5.15pm)</i>
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Effie Brown
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Public Mass: Holy Souls

No stewards, maintain social distance and clean own bench afterwards

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

(33rd Sunday in OT B: Dan 12:1-13, Heb 10:11-14, 18 & Mk 13:24-32)

Sunday 14th November**Sunday****3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**

St Martha's	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Requiem Mass: For those fallen in War
Memorial Garden	11.45am	Blessing of Ashes Plots
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Joseph Thomas RIP

Second Collection: Holy Souls Mass Fund

[St Martha's]

[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

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

Monday 15th November**Facebook Live Mass****Ferial****Monday in 33rd Week in OT**

10.00am Benefactors

Tuesday 16th November**Ferial****Tuesday in 33rd Week in OT**

10.00am **Public Mass: Sebastian Stewart GE**

Wednesday 17th Nov.

Presbytery (said privately)

Ferial**Wednesday in 33rd Week in OT**

N/A Luck, Yeo & McEniry Families RIP

Thursday 18th November

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial**Thursday in 33rd Week in OT**

6.30pm **Public Mass: Eileen Mullens RIP**

Friday 19th November

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial**Friday in 33rd Week in OT**

10.00am **Public Mass: Eileen O'Neil RIP**

St Mary Magdalene

7.00pm

Adoration

Saturday 20th November

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

10.00am **Public Mass: Joy Laundy RIP**

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

Adoration & Confessions

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

Public Mass: Halina & Leszek Slazak RIP

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dan 7:13-14, Apoc (Rev) 1:5-8 & Jn 18:33-37

Sunday 21st November**Solemnity****3 Public Masses (first-come, first served)**

St Martha's

9.00am

Elizabeth O'Brien RIP

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

Lilian Barlow RIP

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

People of the Parish

Second Collection: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Online Offertory 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)

Sunday 28th November 2021 – Sunday Obligation Resumes