

# PARISH NEWS

## The Sacred Paschal (Easter)

Triduum 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April.

### St Mary Magdalene

8pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April:

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

3pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April:

*Commemoration of the Lord's Passion*

8.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April:

*The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

Easter Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April):

11am & 6pm Mass

### St Martha's

10.30am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April:

*Stations of the Cross*

7pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April:

*Good Friday Vespers, with Veneration of the Cross*

Easter Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April):

9am Mass

### Preparation for the Triduum

The Triduum belongs to the whole parish, so we invite many people to be involved in the Liturgy, and now we invite:

**Altar Servers:** If you can serve the Triduum, please speak with Andrew Phillips or contact the parish office.

**Washing of the Feet:** Please speak to or email Mary Carroll if you are willing to have a foot washed during Mass on Maundy Thursday evening:

[marypcarroll33@gmail.com](mailto:marypcarroll33@gmail.com)

**The Lord is compassion and love.**

### The First Scrutiny

On this Sunday, the Church prays 'The First Scrutiny' with the 'Elect of God'. Due to the complexity of four Sunday Masses, it is difficult to gather the catechumen and candidates in one celebration. As we too are preparing to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, the whole community can use the bidding prayers as our 'scrutiny' of our own conversion to the gospel of life, so that we may be strengthened in our resolve to carry our cross and proclaim the gospel of salvation. Please pray for our catechumens and candidates and strive to be with them in this intense period of preparation, standing alongside them during the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Fr Simon.

### CAFOD & DEC: Ukraine Appeal

Last Sunday, was a collection for CAFOD, its annual Lenten Fast Day appeal, with a generous collection of £900.00. If you have forgotten to hand in your donation, you can still do so this weekend, but please ensure it is clearly marked as **FAST DAY**, as this Sunday the second collection is for **CAFOD/DEC Ukrainian appeal**. You can also give online:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

If you have only just returned to Mass, the collection boxes for both the 1<sup>st</sup> (Parish) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Charity) Collections are by the **exit doors to both Churches**, which are separate to the entrance doors. Many thanks for your support. Fr Simon.

### Triduum Music Practices

Singers and musicians for the Triduum are invited to come to the music practices at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on:

**Mondays: 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March & 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

**We pray for those who have died:** Peter Stanley (**Requiem Mass: 10am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**)

**We pray for the sick:** Jim Green, Margaret Hitchman, Martin Stiles, David Spooner, Doreen Turner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Veronica Phillips, Stanley Pryke, Winifred Broughton, Cecilia Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent.

**Easing of COVID Precautions:** Face coverings are a personal choice. Please continue to clean your place. You are advised to wear warm clothing.

**Readers:** If you are a Reader at St Mary Magdalene or St Martha's and you are available to read during the Triduum, please contact Monica Halse: 07946432331 or 01424 810131 or email: [cuinpastelero@icloud.com](mailto:cuinpastelero@icloud.com) and leave your name and a contact phone number and the service/services you will attend. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office on 01424 210263 opt 4 or by email: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) leaving the same information.

**Blessing of Easter Baskets:** 9am on Holy Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> April 2022) in St Mary Magdalene.

**Coffee after 9am Sunday Mass:** Beryl Conner ([berylconner@hotmail.com](mailto:berylconner@hotmail.com)) is coordinating the rota. Please contact her if you are willing to be on the rota or help with setting up of the tables before Mass.

**St Martha's Hall:** with a growing number of hall hires, please do not enter the hall without checking with the parish office that it is free. Please leave the hall how you found it, in line with the COVID assessment.

**Catholic Women's League Lenten Lunch:** The Lenten lunch takes place next Friday 25th March at 12.30 pm in St Martha's Hall. Tickets are £5 each and will be on sale after 9am Mass on Sunday. For catering purposes please purchase a ticket or reserve one by calling Carmel on 211717 or Margaret on 215787 by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**St Richard's PFTA Barn Dance (7.30pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at St Richard's Catholic College):** The dance features the Catsfield Steamers. Tickets are £8 (£5 children and over 60) family of 4 ticket £20. Bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks as well as snacks for sale. All welcome! Tickets can be bought via PayPal: [ptfatreasurer@strichardscc.com](mailto:ptfatreasurer@strichardscc.com) - or cash on the door. More information: [ptfa@strichardscc.com](mailto:ptfa@strichardscc.com)

**The Catenians:** Catholic Association for laymen (& their widows) whose purpose is to establish a support network of friends. More info: Robert on 07394 925611. New Website: <https://sussexcatenians.org/>

**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](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com) and they will be happy to speak with you. **SVP Monthly**

**"Tea at 3":** First tea: Monday 4th April from 3pm to 4.30pm, St Martha's Hall. All welcome, especially anyone feeling lonely and isolated who would benefit from meeting new friends and having a chat. Perhaps invite a friend. As the event grows, we will be grateful for support with cakes and helpers. For further details and offers of help, please contact 07783 598238 or email [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com)

**Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Fr Rajesh Minz, Deacon Simon Kirkdale**

**Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young**

**Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins**

### **The Sacraments**

**Adult Baptism (Aged 18+):** new applications can be submitted from September 2022 for Baptism at Easter 2023. Prospective applicants can book an initial appointment to see Fr Simon from Easter 2022.

**Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6):** applications submitted via the website: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/baptism/>

**Children of Catechetical (Aged 7-12):** Children aged 7+ have reached the age of reason and need to be prepared individually. These applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and an initial interview with Fr Simon may be necessary before accepting your application. Applications can be submitted via the website: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/> (*Please also use this form for children baptized in the Anglican Communion now seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.*)

**Young Adults (Aged 13-17):** Please book an appointment to see Fr Simon to discuss your needs. It is likely that we will prepare you using the Confirmation Course which begins in the autumn of 2022.

**First Holy Communion:** First Confessions are underway: **10.30am on Saturdays 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> March.** After 1<sup>st</sup> Confession, continue working on Chapters 5-9 and book in for your 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Celebration at 12noon on either 11<sup>th</sup> June or 18<sup>th</sup> June in St Martha's Church.

**Marriage:** those getting married in 2023 should see Fr Simon soon, as 12 months' notice is required.

**Appointments:** email the parish office: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

**One-off, non-urgent pastoral visits:** <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/>

**A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage:** There are a number of pilgrims who require assistance, but the pilgrimage is currently short of helpers, nurses, and doctors. Please consider applying if you are able. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions prior to applying. The application form they should use is available on our website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**Lost Property:** a ring (*found at St Martha's*) and a crucifix (*found at St Mary Magdalene*) have been handed into the parish office. Please contact the office if you think it may be yours.

**Good Counsel Network:** Day of Prayer and Fasting on 24<sup>th</sup> March to end abortion and euthanasia in this Country and in the UK, to fast and pray for an end of the DIY abortions at home. More information and to join in, please visit: [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**Fairtrade:** Our Fairtrade breakfast raised £265, which goes directly to Fairtrade producers. Thanks to our Deputy Mayor who presented both Churches with a certificate for achievements with the Climate Bunting.

The Parish Office is open **by appointment only**. Please contact using:

E: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) or T. 01424 210 263 opt 4. Hours: M-F: 09:15 and 4:45pm.

**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.

#### **Office hours**

[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)  
01424 210 263 opt 4

#### **out of hours**

[simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk) &  
[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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## **Parish Mass Diary and Intentions**

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>St Joseph, Husband of the BVM</b>
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	10.00am	Thomas Moran
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Parish & First Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Francis Steele GE

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT C**

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12 & Lk. 13:1-9

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's	9.00am	Peter Vail RIP
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stevens RIP
St Mary Mags	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

#### **Second Collection: CAFOD UKRAINE APPEAL**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Funeral</b>	<b>Monday in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Requiem: Peter Stanley RIP
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Tuesday in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Maureen Grace RIP
<b>Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Lost Souls
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ferial / Sol</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Annunciation</b>
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Patricia Connearn RIP
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Terry Elms RIP
St Mary Magdalene	c. 10.45am	Stations of the Cross
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine</b>

*[there will also be a school Mass for St Mary Magdalene Children]  
[NO FASTING or ABSTINENCE REQUIRED TODAY]*

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Saturday in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Johnny Southren RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Parish & First Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Winne Bradbury
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Hugh Stewart GE

### **FOURTH (LAETARE) SUNDAY OF LENT C**

Josh. 5:9-12, 2Cor. 5:17-21 & Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's	9.00am	Florence Raey RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Sr Imelda GE for services to the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

#### **Second Collection: Flowers for Easter**

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)