

PARISH NEWS

The Sacred Paschal (Easter) Triduum 14th -16th April.

St Mary Magdalene

8pm on Thursday 14th April:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

3pm on Friday 15th April:

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

8.30pm on Saturday 16th April:

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday (17th April):

11am & 6pm Mass

St Martha's

10.30am on Friday 15th April:

Stations of the Cross

7pm on Friday 15th April:

Good Friday Vespers, with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday (17th April):

9am Mass

Other Liturgy:

Blessing of Easter Baskets: 9am on 16th April 2022 in St Mary Magdalene Church.

COVID Precautions

Face coverings are personal choice. Please continue to clean your place. You are advised to wear warm clothing.

The Parish Office is open **by appointment**

only. Please contact using:

E: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

or T. 01424 210 263 opt 4. Hours: M-F: 09:15 and 4:45pm.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Laetare Sunday

It is good to remind ourselves that our Lenten Penances are little acts of love, not acts of torture. Today, we are invited to 'rejoice' and remember the hope we have in Christ's death and resurrection, so that the grim reality of Good Friday and Holy Saturday do not overwhelm us, allowing us to take station with Christ before passing-over with him into the garden of the Resurrection. Today, is also 'Mothering Sunday', a day to celebrate and rejoice in Holy Mother the Church who gave spiritual birth to us at the baptismal font. By extension, we also pray for the 'good estate' or 'repose of the soul' of our own mothers who play such an important role in our formation in the faith. With every blessing, Fr Simon.

The Second Scrutiny: The Power of the Spirit.

On this Sunday, the Church prays 'The Second Scrutiny' with the 'Elect of God'. Again, 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 how we allow the Holy Spirit to free us from sin, to give us strength and courage to dispel our fear in times of persecution and struggle, before cooperating with grace to bring the gospel to the world. 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.

Triduum Music Practices

We have a great parish music group coming together for the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Music practices at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene on: **Mondays: 28th March & 4th April.**

We pray for those who have died: Carmel Hall RIP (**Requiem Mass:** 2pm on Thursday 31st March in St Mary Magdalene Church).

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, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent.

Preparation for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Readers: If you a Reader at St Mary Magdalene or St Martha's and you are available to read during the Triduum, contact Monica Halse: 07946 432331 or 01424 810131 or email: cuinpastelero@icloud.com leaving your name and contact number & the service/services you will attend.

Altar Servers: If you can serve the Triduum, please speak with Andrew Phillips.

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

Welcomers: one or two extra welcomers are needed for the Easter Vigil. Please contact Monica Halse contact details above in the Readers section.

Flowers: if you can help with Easter Flowers, Helga will be leading the arrangements at 10am on Holy Saturday (16th April 2022) and would appreciate offers of help.

Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office to assist with any of the above on 01424 210263 opt 4 or by email: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk leaving the same information.

Social & Pastoral

Coffee after 9am Sunday Mass: Beryl Conner (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.

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/>

Catholic Women's League (CWL): CWL is the only group for women in the Parish who share faith, skills and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the Parish and worldwide Church in our hearts. We invite speakers to enrich and entertain us, go on pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets on the first Monday of each month@ 7-30pm. Please contact 01424 211717 or 01424 221803 for more details.

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

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>

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: Last chance for 1st Confessions at 10.30am on **Saturday 26th March** in St Mary Magdalene Church. With 1st Confessions complete, the Children should be working on Chapter 5 & 6. Please book your 1st Holy Communion Celebration: 12noon on either 11th June or 18th June in St Martha's Church. If you have not made a 1st Confession, please contact the office to discuss support required.

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

Outreach & Other Notices

St Vincent de Paul (SVP): if you feel you need help or support, please contact our team on 07783 598238 or email popsy57@outlook.com and they will be happy to speak with you.

One-off, non-urgent pastoral visits from the parish clergy: If you would like a visit from one of the clergy team, please use this form: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/>

CAFOD/DEC Ukrainian appeal. Last weekend's second collection: £784. You can still give online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

Fairtrade: A big thank you to everyone who organized and supported the Fairtrade Breakfast in St Martha's Hall, raising £236 going straight to the producers, directly improving their lives and children's futures. While Fairtrade forms part of our Lenten discipline, hopefully it is habit forming, and we continue the practice of seeking out and promoting fairtrade products all year round. At the breakfast, our deputy Mayor, presented each Church with a certificate for our 'Fairtrade Climate Bunting' efforts. Well done!

Don't be late for Mass! Clocks go forward one hour this weekend. British Summer Time begins.

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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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.

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 26th March

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial	Thursday in 3rd Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am		Johnny Southern RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm		Parish & First Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm		Baptism of Winnie Bradbury
St Mary Mags (& Facebook)	6.00pm		Confessions & Adoration

Ferial

Thursday in 3rd Week of Lent

Johnny Southern RIP

Parish & First Confessions & Adoration

Baptism of Winnie Bradbury

Confessions & Adoration

Hugh Stewart GE

FOURTH (LAETARE) SUNDAY OF LENT C

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

Sunday 27th March

St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	Sunday	Florence Raey RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am		Sr Imelda GE for services to the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	12noon		Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine
St Mary Mags	6.00pm		People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]		[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Sunday

Thursday in 3rd Week of Lent

Florence Raey RIP

Sr Imelda GE for services to the Parish

Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine

People of the Parish

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Flowers for Easter

Monday 28th March

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial	Monday in 4th Week of Lent
			Jo Driscoll RIP

Ferial

Monday in 4th Week of Lent

Jo Driscoll RIP

Tuesday 29th March

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial	Tuesday in 4th Week of Lent
			John Mackie RIP

Ferial

Tuesday in 4th Week of Lent

John Mackie RIP

Wed. 30th March

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial	Wednesday in 4th Week of Lent
			Holy Souls

Ferial

Wednesday in 4th Week of Lent

Holy Souls

Thursday 31st March

St Mary Magdalene	2.00pm	Funeral	Thursday in 4th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm		Requiem Mass of Carmel Hall RIP

Funeral

Thursday in 4th Week of Lent

Lauren White RIP

Friday 1st April

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial	Friday in 4th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	c. 10.35am		Debbie Davidson RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm		Stations of the Cross

Ferial

Friday in 4th Week of Lent

Debbie Davidson RIP

Stations of the Cross

Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine)

Saturday 2nd April

St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Ferial	Saturday in 4th Week of Lent
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am		Sandy Verbish RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm		Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm		Baptism of Harrison Erleigh
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm		Confessions & Adoration

Ferial

Saturday in 4th Week of Lent

Sandy Verbish RIP

Confessions & Adoration

Baptism of Harrison Erleigh

Confessions & Adoration

Dominic & Italia Capaldi RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C (Passiontide)

Is. 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14 & Jn 8:1-11

Sunday 3rd April

St Martha's	9.00am	Sunday	Sunday
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am		Keith Bourne GE
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm		Michael Halse RIP
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]		People of the Parish

Sunday

Sunday

Keith Bourne GE

Michael Halse RIP

People of the Parish

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Lenten Alms

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)

9th / 10th April: Palm Sunday

Including the reading of the Passion according to Luke. This Mass always takes a little longer to celebrate, so please plan ahead if you rely on taxis or public transport.