

PARISH NEWS

Restoration of the Sunday Obligation:

The in-person Sunday Obligation is now restored from this Sunday

Parish Mission & Vision

The Parish Pastoral Care & Support Group will meet on Mon. 6th June to further consider our Parish mission & vision.

Prayer for H.M. The Queen

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come before you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil, and, being, blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

The Parish Office is open by appointment

only. Please contact using:

E: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

01424 210263 opt. 4 - M-F

09.15-4.45pm

Closed 2 & 3 June for the Spring & Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth**

'You shall renew the Face of the Earth'

For seven weeks we have been celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost is the reversal of the incident at the Babel, when in punishment for building a tower to reach heaven, the people have their language confused and are then dispersed to the corners of the earth. The Apostles are given the gift of tongues and are sent out to gather the nations back into the peace of God's Kingdom. Through the proclamation of the Gospel and the handing on of the Catholic Faith, we continue this mission, until Christ's return. Wishing you all a happy Feast of the Holy Spirit. Fr Simon.

Message from the Bexhill Parish SVP

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners

Fr Simon has asked the SVP to organise this important ministry. If you are housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. Also, if you know of anyone who might like to benefit from this ministry then do make them aware of it and this is also available on a temporary basis due to accident or long illness.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners who have previously taken Holy Communion to the housebound, who are willing to resume visits are also asked to contact the parish office with their contact details. The SVP coordinator will then contact you to discuss and allocate you to a home communicant. Many thanks. SVP.

Cleaning v. Sanitisation

Thank you for cleaning your place after each Liturgy. The strict sanitization of benches with the virus wipes can now stop. However, each Mass community needs to establish a Rota for a general clean of the Church after each Sunday Mass to ensure a satisfactory level of cleanliness, without which, Mass may not be able to be celebrated.

We pray for those who have died: Fr Louis Rieunier RIP

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, Winifred Broughton, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, Fr Andrew Pinsent, David Meyer and Stephen Doyle.

Liturgy & Prayer

Saturday Morning Masses: There will be no 10am Mass or morning Confessions on Sat 11th and Sat 18th June due to the First Holy Communion Masses at St Martha's on these two dates.

Sacred Heart of Jesus: For Catholics, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (24th June), Masses at 10am and 7pm in St Mary Magdalene.

Feast of St Richard (16th June), Secondary Patron of the Parish: there will be a short procession of the Blessed Sacrament after 6.30pm Mass in St Mary Magdalene, as this would have been Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi (Sunday 19th June): there will be a short procession after the 9am Mass at St Martha's.

St Peter and St Paul (Wednesday 29th June): With the obligation restored, this will be a '*Holy Day of Obligation*'. Fr Simon will alter his day off to celebrate 3 schools Masses and Fr Rajesh will celebrate two parish Masses at 10am and 7pm in St Mary Magdalene Church. The Syro-Malabar Catholics usually celebrate a 5pm Mass (in their own rite) on Wednesdays in St Martha's.

Readers: it was good to have readers at all Sunday Masses last weekend. If you are a reader, you might like to check out the 'Wednesday Word' each week: <http://wednesdayword.org/>

Social & Pastoral

Reminder SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": Next Tea, 27th June from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

SVP Pilgrimage to Aylesford: There are still a few places on the coach for day pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Tuesday 14th June 2022, leaving Bexhill at 09.30 with pick-ups in Little Common and Bexhill. Cost: £15 per person. More info and to book, contact: 01424 602914 / 01424 844177 or by email popsy57@outlook.com There will be prayer baskets in each Church for your petitions to take to the shrine.

Grandparents Day at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead is on Wednesday 8th June from 10.30am to 3pm. More info and sign-up details can be found on the Diocesan website under events W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Catholic Women's League (CWL): CWL, a group for women in the parish to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community and keeping the needs of the Church in our hearts. Invited speakers enrich and entertain us and we go on pilgrimages and outings. CWL meets at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of each month in St Martha's Hall. Contact: 211717 or 221803 for further information.

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

Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young

Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins

Sacraments

Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023: If you are thinking of Baptism, or being Received as a Catholic, or a Catholic seeking Confirmation, the next RCIA course begins in the autumn of 2022. Applications can be submitted from September 2022. However, if you would like to chat through whether this might be for you, please book an appointment with Fr Simon (bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk).

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

Children of Catechetical Age (7+): These children must be individually prepared, and we will assess your needs on a case-by-case basis. Applications: <https://stmmgbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

First Holy Communion: the children should have completed their '*I Belong*' book. Each family has been emailed a letter from the parish office advising about the First Holy Communion Mass. We ask you to acknowledge receipt (*check your spam folders*).

Need a non-urgent clergy home visit? Please use the online form: <https://stmmgbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone the parish office on 01424 210 263 opt 4

Other Notices

Worth Retreats: please visit <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/retreat-progammme-2022/> for retreat opportunities.

Worth Abbey Mother's Prayers Day: Unity Room, Saturday 11th June 1.45pm – 5pm. Info: Janet Desmond 07985 989533.

Talk by Mgr Pat Kilgarriff, "Five Hopkins Sonnets". Fri. 17 June. 7.30pm. St Martha's Church Hall:

Open to all. Fr Pat has a passion for literature and an appreciation for nature which is echoed in the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. For more information call 01424 219788.

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning, Sat. 25 June at 11.30am: +Richard will host a morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst. All welcome. Sign up for your free place: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

Bexhill Foodbank: Shopping List Poster at the back of both Churches; to help you with your donations.

CAFOD: The paradox of abundance: 800 million people go hungry each day, but the world produces 4 billion tons of food, and we need 3.7 billion tons to feed everyone. A third of all produced food is wasted, which St John Paul II calls '*the paradox of abundance*.' The current global food system is not working, but Pope Francis says, "*each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet.*" CAFOD's new campaign '*Fix the Food System*', allows us to respond to his call. Let us respond to his call! See www.cafod.org.uk/food for an invitation for parishes to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

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

Thursday 2nd June **Ferial** **Thursday in 7th Week of Easter**
St Mary Magdalene 6.30pm Walter Lada RIP

Friday 3rd June **Memorial** **St Charles Lwanga & Companions**
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am Fred Herring RIP
Prayers for HM The Queen at the end of Mass

Saturday 4th June **Ferial** **Saturday in 7th Week of Easter**
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am Jim Gordon RIP
St Mary Magdalene 10.30am Confessions and Adoration
St Mary Magdalene 12.30pm Baptism of Nell Grace Donoghue

EXTENDED VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST

St Mary Magdalene 5.15pm Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Mags ([& Facebook](#)) 6.00pm Gladys Paul GE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11, Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 (Sequence), Jn 14:15-16,23-26

Sunday 5th June **Sunday**
St Martha's 9.00am Chris Jones GE
St Mary Mags ([& Facebook](#)) 11.00am Stuart Gerard, Susan McNamara RIP
St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm H.M. The Queen GE

Prayers for HM The Queen at the end of Sunday Masses
[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance

Monday 6th June **Memorial** **Mary, Mother of the Church**
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am Martin Murphy RIP
Eastbourne Crem 11.00am Funeral Madeline Roberio RIP

Tuesday 7th June **Ferial** **Tuesday in 10th Week in OT**
St Mary Magdalene 9.30am Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am Walter Lada RIP

Wed. 8th June **Ferial** **Wednesday in 10th Week in OT**
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am Foundation

Thursday 9th June **Feast** **O.L. Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**
St Mary Magdalene 6.30pm Mass with Baptisms & FHC of
Evie Mae Constable & Indy-Rae Burke

Friday 10th June **Ferial** **Friday in 10th Week in OT**
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am Fr Louis Rieunier RIP
St Mary Magdalene 7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 11th June **Memorial** **St Barnabas, Apostle**
St Mary Magdalene 10.00am No 10am Mass or Confessions
St Martha's 12noon First Holy Communion Mass
St Mary Magdalene 5.15pm Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm Beltane Alton RIP

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Proverbs 8:22-31, Rom. 5:1-5 & Jn 16:12-15

Sunday 12th June **Sunday**
St Martha's 9.00am People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene 11.00am Joseph Bates RIP
St Mary Magdalene 6.00pm Joseph Thomas RIP
[St Martha's] [11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Charity

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)