

PARISH NEWS

St Mary Magdalene Primary School

Catholic Schools Inspection Report

"Outstanding"

On 16th May, our parish primary school had its Catholic Schools Inspection, and we are now able to share the report with you. Firstly, you can read here a letter from Mr McKeever, the Headteacher:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/06/catholic-schools-inspection-st-mary-magdalene-primary-school-letter-from-headteacher.pdf>

And here, you can find the Inspection Report

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2022/06/catholic-schools-inspection-st-mary-magdalene-primary-school-inspection-report.pdf>

Many congratulations on an 'Outstanding' Assessment.

Cleaning v. Sanitisation

The strict sanitization of benches with the virus wipes has now stopped. 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 celebrated.

The Parish Office

is open by appointment only. Please contact using: E:

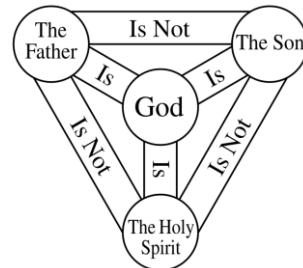
bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

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M-F 09.15-4.45pm

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.



The Trinity is difficult to explain (*esp. in a few words*), as they are not the product of our reasoning but of God's revelation, gradually through the scriptures (*rather than a specific reference*) and most clearly implied in the Gospel of the Incarnate Son. To understand the Trinity, we need to know about the inner life of God, but we will not know this fully until after death. Perhaps I should stop here, as every analogy (e.g., *Shamrocks and Water, Ice, Steam*), falls short, usually into heresy (*c.f. above: partialism and modalism*). If you asked each person of the Trinity in turn 'who are you?', they might answer '*I am the Father*', '*I am the Son*', '*I am the Holy Spirit*', but if you asked, in turn, 'who does that make you?', each person would equally say, '*I am God*' (not I am a God). In the Nicene Creed we confess belief in one God but in three persons, using the word '*consubstantial*' to say that the Son (and the Spirit) are of '*one essence or substance*'. Whatever it is that makes the Father 'God' also makes the Son 'God' and makes the Spirit 'God'. That essence is an equality of glory and majesty, with each individual retaining their uniqueness as a person. 1 John 4:8, says, '*God is love*', so is love the true essence of God's inner life? If so, the Father is '*the lover*', the Son '*the beloved*', and the Spirit is '*the love*' expressed between them (*but even this analogy falls short, seemingly denying the Spirit's personhood*) I'll stop here, as my head hurts, and instead wait for heaven! Fr Simon.

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

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, 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: If you are a reader, take a look at 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: Prayer baskets in each Church to take your petitions to the shrine. For those unable to go on the pilgrimage, the 10am Mass on Tuesday will be a Votive Mass of Our Lady.

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners: With thanks to the SVP, Holy Communion visits are resuming. If you are housebound and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. If you know of someone who might benefit, please make them aware of this ministry, which is also available on a temporary basis due to accident or long illness. Parishioners who have been Extraordinary Ministers who are willing to resume visits may 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.

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.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): Highly recommended for catechists and inspiring catechists, as the course, explores our faith. This begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Jon Harman E:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

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://stmmrbexhill.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://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

First Holy Communion: 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://stmmrbexhill.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.

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.

St Richard’s PTFA Summer Fayre: At St Richards on Saturday 18th June, between 11am and 2pm.

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>

Young Adults (18-35) North Downs Walk – Saturday 2 July 11.30-3pm: Mass at St Joseph’s in Dorking, then a walk exploring the local area, joined by members of the Diocesan Vocations Team. Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

theASCENT programme: Bookings are open for teenagers in school year 10 to 12 to help them explore what it means to be Catholic. Visit: www.theascentuk.co.uk for more information.

Bexhill Foodbank: Shopping List Poster at the back of both Churches; to help you with your donations. Congratulations to Lisa Young in being awarded a Platinum Champions Award for her voluntary work.

CAFOD: Reminder: Visit www.cafod.org.uk/food to learn about the *Fix the Food System* campaign.

FAIR TRADE: Volunteer needed to take over fortnightly stall in St Martha’s Hall after Mass on Sundays. Bridget Grant 07749 482033 for more details.

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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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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Saturday 11th June

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Sunday 12th June

St Martha's (& Facebook)
St Mary Mags
St Mary Magdalene
[St Martha's]

Sunday
9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Joseph Bates RIP
6.00pm Joseph Thomas RIP
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

Monday 13th June

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial **St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor**
10.00am Reg Chapman RIP

Tuesday 14th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Votive **Votive Mass of Our Lady**
9.30am Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
10.00am Robert, Claire & David Ryan RIP

Wed. 15th June

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial **Wednesday in 11th Week in OT**
10.00am Robert & Vera Stevens RIP

Thursday 16th June

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial **St Richard of Chichester, Bishop**
6.30pm The Harman Family GE & RIP (With Corpus Christi Procession, weather permitting).

Friday 17th June

St Mary Magdalene
Memorial Garden
St Mary Magdalene

Ferial **Friday in 11th Week in OT**
10.00am Norah Eileen Moran
10.45am Burial of Charlene Cassandra's Ashes
7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 18th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem **Saturday Memorial of the BVM**
10.00am **No 10am Mass or Confessions**
12noon First Holy Communion Mass
5.15pm Confessions & Adoration
6.00pm Deceased members: the Capaldi family

CORPUS CHRISTI

Gen 14:18-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, (Sequence) & Lk 9:11-17

Sunday 19th June

St Martha's

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
[St Martha's]

Sunday
9.00am Joe (Jack) Horner RIP (With Corpus Christ Procession, weather permitting)
11.00am Nick Ryan RIP
6.00pm People of the Parish
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Day for Life

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)

NB: 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.

St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Vacancy for Clerk to the Governors.
More Info: Alison Horan ahoran@strichardscc.com