

PARISH NEWS

Fr Rajesh:

"As you are already aware of my move, I would like to tell you where I am going if you have missed the announcement.

After seven years in Bexhill, Bishop Richard has asked me to move to the parish of Haslemere. I will be moving in the beginning of September. I will have the pastoral care of the parish of Haslemere, Hindhead and Chidingfold alongside Fr Jonathan How, parish priest of Godalming, with joint responsibility ('in solidum') for this parish." With love and prayers
Fr Rajesh.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

St Martha's

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes at St Martha's during 9am Mass from 4th September 2022 and will be held every 2 weeks. ***This is aimed at children from Reception to year 3 prior to taking their First Holy Communion.*** The sessions will be held in St Martha's Hall, during the first half of mass. Children are expected to attend without parental support unless there is an additional need. Liturgy Leaders will be supervising the sessions, ensuring correct ratio of adults to children. Therefore, numbers will initially be limited to 20 children. ***Any parent of children wishing to take part will need to have completed a parental consent form.***

The consent forms and covering letter can be found at the back of both Churches, and the Parish Office. Completed forms need to be returned to one of the Children's Liturgy Leaders: Liz Fox, Sarah Surman, Jewel Cole or Ian Smith, prior to attending any sessions. (Or to the Parish Office at St Mary Magdalene church by Thurs 1st Sept 2022). Contact Liz Fox on 07790 894718. For more info.

Dates of Sessions for Terms 1 and 2

4/9, 18/9, 2/10, 16/10, 30/10, 13/11, 27/11, 11/12 and 18/12.

**Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.**

Call to Service – outside of the Sanctuary (part two)

This Sunday is 9th Anniversary of my Ordination. From September, I will be the only priest in the parish, and this places some strain on the pastoral life of the parish. As we move beyond the COVID restrictions, we take our encouragement from Moses, knowing that the challenges are '*not beyond our strength or beyond our reach*'. In part one, I spoke of the need to enhance the membership of the Finance Committee. In part two, we further consider the dignity of the baptized called to service, especially outside of the sanctuary. At the last meeting of the '*Parish Pastoral Care and Support Group*', we spoke of the need to focus on the dignity of our sharing in the three-fold office of Christ: '*priest, prophet, and king*'; but before we do that, we need to get the basics right. For instance, it is time for the parish to fully resume the '*behind-the-scenes*' services of sacristans and those who launder the altar linens, as Fr Rajesh and I have been doing this. Each community needs to establish a team / rota of cleaners, for we cannot pay a contractor to clean the Church. Additionally, we must keep the housebound connected with the Church, and the SVP are kindly coordinating the regular Holy Communion. All parishioners, though, can be attentive to their Catholic neighbours, and families can remember that '*last rites*' does not mean '*last minute*', asking for a visit in time, so that the person may make a confession and receive Holy Communion alongside the Sacrament of the Sick. You may also know your faith sufficiently (or are willing to be formed) to be a catechist for our sacramental programmes. From September, at St Mary Magdalene, enhancement of 11am choir is also needed; they have told me that they wish to recruit new members to offer music worthy of the Mass. Surely, we have many talented musicians & singers out there. Anyway, all this is food for thought. God Bless. Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Kathy Easom.

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, Winifrede Yeo.

Liturgy & Prayer

St Mary Magdalene Primary School (Parish Mass) 17th July 2022: We welcome staff and pupils from St Mary Magdalene Primary School, who will lead the liturgy at 11am Mass on 17th July 2022.

Sunday Evening Mass: With Fr Rajesh having a new appointment this September, Fr Simon will be the only priest in the parish. As such, the 6pm Sunday Evening Mass will end, the last Mass: 21st August.

Readers: If you are a reader, take a look at the 'Wednesday Word' each week: <http://wednesdayword.org/>

Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB): Prayers for Ukraine at St Mark's Church, Little Common, led by the Revd Jonathan Frais (Chair of Churches Together in Bexhill) are held at 8 pm Wednesdays 13, 21 and 27 during July. All are welcome. Poster at back of church.

Social & Pastoral

SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": Next Tea, Monday 25th July from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Martha's Hall. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

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: Applications for 2023 will not open before the autumn. Do not apply yet.

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

Marriage: 12 months' notice is required for weddings, so anyone thinking of getting married in the summer of 2023 is advised to book an appointment to see Fr Simon soon to begin the paperwork and preparation.

Other Notices

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

The Abbot and Monks invite you to the Worth Abbey Festival - 'A Place of Beauty and Joy'. Bank

Holiday Monday 29 August 2022 from 1pm – 4.30pm Admission Free: There will be a guided walk through the Worth estate with pauses for prayers and reflection, tours throughout the day, activities for children and afternoon refreshments. Families welcome – plenty of car parking. For more information: W: worthabbey.net or email E: pilgrims@worth.org.uk or call T: 01342 710370.

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

Polite Notice: Hard copies of the Newsletter: The hard copies of the newsletter are intended for parishioners who do not have access to the newsletter online.

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.

Second Collection: This Sunday, we welcome Deacon Allan Veness from Shoreham Parish, who is also a representative of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), he will preach at the 9am and 11am Mass. The second collection will be for Stella Maris.

Canonical Retreats. Our priests will be taking their Retreats: Fr Rajesh: 18th to 22nd July.

Lourdes Pilgrimage (29th - 4th July 2022): Fr Simon is a Diocesan Chaplain this year.

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

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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 9 th July	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Walter Lada RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
Arundel Cathedral	2.00pm	Ordination of Nick Harden
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Barbara Elms GE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C (SEA SUNDAY) & ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Deut. 30:10-14, Col. 1:15-20 & Lk. 10:25-37

Sunday 10 th July	Sunday	
St Martha's (& Facebook)	9.00am	Fr Simon's 9 th Anniversary
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Ameila Getty
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

Monday 11 th July	Feast	St Benedict, Patron of Europe
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Win Chapman RIP
Tuesday 12 th July	Ferial	Tuesday in 15 th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Rosary at Our Lady's Altar
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Joseph Thomas RIP
Wed. 13 th July	Ferial	Wednesday in 15 th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	All lost souls
Thursday 14 th July	Ferial	Thursday in 15 th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Clare Keegan RIP and Baptism & FHC of Aliya, Yasmin and Leo Freeman
Friday 15 th July	Memorial	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Johnny & Connie Palmer RIP
St Mary Magdalene	7.00pm	Adoration
Saturday 16 th July	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Charlene Cassandra RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Margaret Hargan GE, Michael & Bernadette Price GE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT C

Gen. 18:1-10, Col. 1:24-28 & Lk. 10:38-42

Sunday 17 th July	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Ann Ford RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Robert & Vera Stevens RIP (St Mary Magdalene Primary School are leading the Liturgy)
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Parish Charity Fund

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)