

2nd October 2022

PARISH NEWS

Rosary Sunday (Patronal Feast)

The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

Comprising St Mary Magdalene, Town Centre & St Martha's, Little Common

Appeals & Second Collections

This weekend, we welcome Sr. Mary Rose Harbinson from the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions, who with Bishop Richard's permission make the annual missionary appeal in our diocese. Sr. Mary Rose will speak at all Masses, and the second collection supports her congregation's work.

Next Weekend of 8th & 9th October: The second collection is for CAFOD Family Fast Day and is a second opportunity for the parish to support the East Africa Food Crisis. Family Fast Day is Friday 7th October. However, this is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, our Patronal Feast, a day of great Solemnity for us. This does not prevent us from setting aside money to help those in need and **envelopes will be distributed at the end of Masses on 1/2 October for return on 8/9 October.** For more information on this year's appeal visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

We will also have a special second collection for the CAFOD DEC Pakistan Flood on 30th October.

SVP: Would like to offer their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to Warming up the Homeless. Everything has been delivered to the charity and the response we received was: **Thank you very much indeed. A magnificent amount! So very grateful to you and all your parishioners.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy is his name! or Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill-on-Sea

This week is the 3rd Anniversary of our parish being put under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary both as a continuity of what has gone before and to have a powerful intercessor for the future mission of our community. Rosary Sunday affords us an opportunity to celebrate as a parish. We rejoice in our election as the People of God in this part of the Church in Arundel & Brighton: *'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you'*. Through Holy Baptism and the celebration of the sacraments we can make the angel's greeting to Mary our own. That is only possible if we commit to the same response: *'be it done unto me according to thy will'*. God bless, Fr Simon.

Bereavement Support Group: A Ministry of Consolation

As part of our parish ministries, we are working on establishing a Bereavement Support Group under the Arundel & Brighton Diocese Ministry of Consolation initiative. This will be administered by the parish **St Vincent de Paul group**. The intention of the group will be to lend a listening ear and to support people who are experiencing a difficult time due to loss or some other form of Bereavement or difficulty, in total confidence. We are very fortunate in the parish to have two experienced Counsellors and Bereavement Befrienders available, and later in the year, we will be asking parishioners if they would be interested in joining the parish Ministry of Consolation team, with full training given.

Further details to follow.

In the short term, if anyone is in need of support or help, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren on 07880 662341 or David on 07771 757367. You can also contact the parish SVP group on 07783 598238 or by email: popsy57@outlook.com

We pray for those who have died: Mary (Jo) Rabbett, Bonifacio Gano RIP.

We pray for the sick: 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, Ron Harbin, Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Jean Clifford, Maureen Farrant. **Perhaps, you might wish Holy Communion at home? Please see below.**

Liturgy & Prayer

2022 Parish Annual Mass Count: For our annual Parish and Diocesan statistics, we kindly ask our welcome teams to count all parishioners and record on the documents provided, for the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October: 17/18, 24/25 Sept & 1/2 & 8/9 Oct

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass at St Martha's: This is now FULL, but there is a waiting list you can join, after completing the Parental Consent form. **Next session: 2nd October 2022.**

Fr Rajesh Farewell Celebration: The CWL and SVP are planning the farewell celebration following 6pm Mass on Thursday 13th October, with a buffet, in St Martha's Hall. If anyone can add to this with some homemade cakes, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bridget Grant on 01424 845015/ 07749 482033 with any contributions or queries. We are also in need of help on the day in setting up the hall with tables and chairs. If you can help for a short time, please come to the hall at 1pm.

St Bernadette's Relic Tour: St Bernadette's relics will tour the UK and comes to our Diocese: St Dunstan's in Woking (21-22 October), Arundel Cathedral (22-23 October), Worth Abbey (23-24 October). Visitors should register in advance (free of charge) and choose a dedicated time slot for their chosen Church by visiting the relic tour website: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

For those unable to attend any of these dates; there will also be an opportunity the same weekend to venerate a private Relic of St Bernadette, (belonging to a parishioner) at Our Lady of Ransom (Eastbourne), Saturday 22 October at the 10 am Mass through to the end of Adoration at 12pm. All are welcome.

Social & Pastoral

SVP Monthly: "Tea at 3": Next Tea at 3pm in St Martha's Hall will be Monday 17th October. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

Holy Communion for Housebound Parishioners: If you are housebound (even temporarily) and would like an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to visit you with Holy Communion, please let the parish office know. The coordinator of the sick and housebound list can then allocate you with a regular visitor.

Catholic Women's League (CWL): next meeting is on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm, with guest speaker Lauren Whiting on 'how I swam the channel'. Contact: 211717 or 221803 for further information.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are always welcome and needed in all areas of the parish day to day life. If you have any talents you would like to share with your parish community, please contact the parish office.

Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Deacon Simon Kirkdale

Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young

Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins

Sacraments

Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023: Welcome letters have been sent to those who have applied and met with Fr Simon. If you were expecting a letter and have not received one, please contact the parish office asap as the course begins on Wednesday 12th October 2022.

Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6): applications submitted via the website: <https://stmmbehill.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://stmmbehill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

First Holy Communion: The advertised deadline for First Holy Communion applications has now passed. Please submit any remaining applications ASAP, by the end of this week please. For more information and to access the application form: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/first-holy-communion/>

Confirmation: applications for Confirmation 2023 are now open. Deadline: 31st October. For more information and to access the application form: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/confirmation/>

Need a non-urgent clergy, SVP of other pastoral home visit? Please use the online form: <https://stmmbehill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone the parish office on 01424 210 263 opt 4 and we will allocate to the appropriate person to arrange a home visit.

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

Other Notices

Repository: at present the repository shop is only open at the Saturday Vigil Mass. A volunteer(s) is/are sought to open the repository for 11am Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help. The repository will be closed: 1, 8 October.

Foodbank: At year's end (31st March 2022), the Foodbank help 6,369 people, distributing 7000Kg of food. Thank you for your support. Specific needs: biscuits, jars of coffee and carrier bags.

St Richard's Catholic College School Forms: Fr Simon will be available to sign Supplementary Information Forms at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery on three consecutive Fridays: 7pm on 7th, 14th, and 21st October. No booking is required. He will open the presbytery door at 7pm and sign forms on a first-come, first-served basis and will remain until the queue has ended. ***If you regularly attend the 11am Syro Malabar Mass at St Martha's please ask Fr Jose to sign your form.***

Foundation Governor for St Richard's Catholic College: The Governing body of St Richard's Catholic College in Bexhill is looking to recruit a Foundation Governor; we come from a variety of backgrounds and have different skills, knowledge, and experiences, and are keen to ensure Catholic education is supported. More information: abdiocese.org.uk/educationservice/governance and/or strichardscc.com Alison Horan, Chair of Governors for an informal chat ahoran@strichardscc.com

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

simon.dray@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**: ask the ward to contact the Parish Office 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 Fr Simon may be otherwise engaged.

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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 1st October

St Mary Magdalene
Southwark Cathedral

Memorial

10.00am
11.30am

St Therese of the Child Jesus

No Mass of AM Confessions

Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Deacon Mark Wharton
Confessions & Adoration
People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm
6.00pm

ROSARY SUNDAY (PATRONAL FEAST)

Proper Readings: Acts 1:12-14, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 & Lk 1:26-38

Sunday 2nd October

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

Sunday

9.00am
11.00am
[11.00am]

Patrick Keegan RIP
Lillian Barlow RIP
[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Congregation of Missionary Sisters (England & Wales)

Monday 3rd October

St Mary Magdalene
St Richard's College

Opt. Mem.

10.00am
5.00pm

Blessed Martyrs of Sussex

Agnes Varghese GE
Deanery Teachers Mass

Tuesday 4th October

SRCC (School only)
OL's Altar
St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

8.40am
10.30am
11.00am

St Francis of Assisi

Form Service
Rosary
Walter Lada RIP

Wed 5th October

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem.

St Faustina Kowalska
No Mass

Thursday 6th October

St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

6.30pm

Vigil Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary

Len Chapman RIP

Friday 7th October

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

10.00am
7.15pm

Our Lady of the Rosary

The holy souls
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8th October

St Mary Magdalene
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St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem.

10.00am
10.30am
5.15pm
6.00pm

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

All lost souls
Confessions & Adoration
Confessions & Adoration
Robert & Vera Stevens RIP

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN OT C

2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Tim. 2:8-13 & Lk. 17:11-19

Sunday 9th October

St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene

Sunday

9.00am
11.00am

People of the Parish
Gary, David & Bernardine McNamara & Family GE

[St Martha's]

[11.00am]

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: CAFOD: Family Harvest Fast Day

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)

Parish Office: open by appointment only.

Please contact by phone / email: 01424 210 263

bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 9.15am to 4.45pm