

PARISH NEWS

Save the Dates: Key events in the Pastoral Life of the Parish

7pm on Wednesday 2nd November: All Souls Day Mass in St Mary Magdalene.

2pm on Saturday 5th November: Blessing of Graves by Fr Simon at Turkey Road (Bexhill) Cemetery.

11am on Tuesday 8th November: Deceased Clergy Mass at OL, Ransom Eastbourne.

11am on Sunday 13th November: Requiem Mass for the war dead, followed by the blessing of the STMM Memorial Garden.

10am on Saturday 19th November: Bereavement Mass at St Martha's Church, followed by coffee in the hall.

During 11am Mass on Sunday 27th November, St Mary Magdalene's: RCIA Service of Acceptance

2.30pm on Sunday 11th December, St Martha's: Christingle Advent Service "Let your Light Shine", followed by refreshments.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: LISBON

31st July to 7th August 2023

Expressions of interest via the Diocese:

https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fw_epegrg Join Pope Francis and 2 million other young Catholics for a huge festival of

faith: catechesis, Mass, concerts etc. The Diocese plans to take a group of 18–35-year-olds. There is a mini festival event for 14–17 year olds years at Worth Abbey on 23

rd August 2023 which will also introduce the Lourdes Pilgrimage. More info for both events: Lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

'Increase our Faith, Hope and Charity'

Since January's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which began Christ's Pastoral Ministry, I have been meeting with a small group of parishioners representing both communities, along with close liaison with others such as the SVP and Musicians. This model of the parish priest and deacon leading through a small group of pastoral counsellors is one that other parishes in the diocese have adopted and like them, I have certainly valued their advice as we, together, welcome home more people to in-person worship after months of pandemic restrictions. Since September, as we experienced further change to our liturgical and pastoral provisions, there certainly feels a greater sense of cohesion in our parish, not least a restoration of some of the key aspects of parish life: *welcomers, readers, servers, communion and pastoral visits to the housebound, liturgical music, teas and more, including the recent Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Rajesh.* The Parish Pastoral Support Group, assisted by others, have played an instrumental part in this post-pandemic recovery. However, the Group's primary focus is longer term, and so, we have been discussing our parish-wide vision and mission which was presented in draft form at Pentecost. Now that the summer break is over, we plan to launch and consolidate our vision and mission so that all parishioners can '*let their light shine*' in support of the proclamation of the kingdom and pray, as Sunday's Collect asks, for an increase in '*faith, hope and love*'. '*Letting our light shine*' fits nicely with Advent, especially our Christingle Advent Service on Sunday 11th December at 2.30pm in St Martha's Church and Hall, which will help explore further our parish mission and vision. God Bless. Fr Simon.

World Mission Sunday

Today's Second Collection will be in support of MISSIO (formerly the Association for the Proclamation of the Faith and Aid to the Church in need): <https://missio.org.uk/>

We pray for those who have died: Fr Michael Perry, Bishop Howard Tripp, Tony Pryor 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, Stephen Doyle, Winifrede Yeo, Ron Harbin, Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Jean Clifford, Juliet Duffey. **Perhaps, you might wish Holy Communion at home? Please see below.**

Liturgy & Prayer 2022

Who are MISSIO? They are the Pope's charity for World Mission who through the **Red Boxes** and Second Collections in 2021 helped 20,000+ of the world's poorest children and helped fund 1,500 Seminarians prepare for priesthood. Other help included providing priests with a motorbike to reach remote villages or providing communities with a simple hall and helping to administer vital vaccines. Wherever MISSIO ministers, they share the joy of the Gospel as they go: <https://missio.org.uk/>

Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints): Fr Simon will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 7pm in St Martha's on Monday 31st Oct (*the best way for Catholics to celebrate Halloween*) and Mass of the Day at 11am on Tuesday 1st Nov. in St Mary Magdalene. And school Masses: 2pm Vigil Mass at St Richards on Monday, 9am Mass at St Richards on Tuesday & 1.30pm Mass at St Mary Magdalene Primary School on Tuesday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass at St Martha's: Next session: 30th October 2022. With more volunteers available, we have contacted those on the waiting list and offered them a place. Many thanks.

Social & Pastoral

SVP Monthly "Tea at 3": Next Tea at 3pm in St Martha's Hall will be Monday 14th November. More information: 07783 598238 / popsy57@outlook.com

Bereavement Support Group: If anyone needs 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 draw to your attention the Parish Bereavement Mass at 10am on Saturday 19th November in St Martha's Church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

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): 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.

Church clean: With no 10am Mass on Monday 31st October due to the Vigil Masses of All Saints later in the day, there will be a clean of St Mary Magdalene Church, followed by refreshments in the presbytery.

Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Deacon Simon Kirkdale
Administrators: Bonita Osmond-Maher & Lisa Young
Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins

Sacraments

Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023: Please pray for those who have begun their period of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or be received into full Communion with the Church.

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

First Holy Communion: Closed to new applications. Children should now be on Chapter 1 of 'I Belong.'

Confirmation: We have had the first session, but we will still accept applications up to the next session which is 13th November at 5pm at the Presbytery. Application form: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/>

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

Supplementary Information Forms for St Mary Magdalene Primary School: Fr Simon will sign Supplementary Information Forms for St Mary Magdalene Primary school at 7pm at the presbytery on Friday 25th November and at 7pm on Friday 9th December. No booking is required. He will open the door at 7pm and sign forms on a first-come, first-served basis and will remain until the queue has ended. If you attend the 11am Syro Malabar Mass at St Martha's please ask Fr Jose to sign your form.

St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill.

1. Foundation (Catholic) Governor Required: Contact Alison Horan ahoran@strichardscc.com (More info at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/educationservice/governance and/or www.strichardscc.com)
2. A Teacher of Science is required for a January start. A TLR is available for additional responsibilities. More info: <https://www.strichardscc.com/about-st-richards-catholic-college/vacancies/>

Mental Health Awareness course: Sat 5 Nov, 10am-3pm in St Martha's Hall. Ideal for anyone involved in parish ministry, any role that requires you to work with people. It is a government accredited certificate. It costs £35.00 which is a subsided offer from the diocese. The course usually costs £125.00, so it is great value. More info & to book contact: Lizzie Wakeling. E: Lizzie.Wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk or via the Diocesan website: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8kqzbiz5>

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 22nd October

St Mary Magdalene
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Opt Mem

10.00am John De Freitas RIP
10.30am Confessions & Adoration
12.30pm Baptisms: Kacie McKeon & Lani Collins
5.15pm Confessions & Adoration
6.00pm Gilbert & Pattison Families RIP

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

John De Freitas RIP

Confessions & Adoration

Baptisms: Kacie McKeon & Lani Collins

Confessions & Adoration

Gilbert & Pattison Families RIP

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN OT C

Eccl. 35:12-14, 16-19, 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18 & Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 23rd October

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

Sunday

9.00am Henry Chapman RIP
11.00am People of the Parish
12.30pm Baptism of Elwin Funtanilla
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: MISSIO

Monday 24th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am **Monday in 30th Week in OT**

All lost souls

Tuesday 25th October

SRCC (School only)
St Mary Magdalene
Southwark Cathedral

Ferial

8.40am **Tuesday in 30th Week in OT**
Half Term
11.00am **No Mass**
11.30am *St John's Association Mass*

Wed 26th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Wednesday in 30th Week in OT

No Mass

Thursday 27th October

St Martha's (Fr Chris Spain)
St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Thursday in 30th Week in OT
Requiem Mass of Tony Pryor RIP
Gerry Coyle RIP

Friday 28th October

St Mary Magdalene
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Feast

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
10.00am Mary Carroll GE
7.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 29th October

St Mary Magdalene
St Clements, Ewell
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Opt Mem

10.00am N/A
5.15pm *Fr Simon has a family baptism today.*
6.00pm Confessions & Adoration
Beltane Alton RIP

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

No AM Mass or Confessions

Fr Simon has a family baptism today.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN OT C

Wisdom 11:22-12:2, 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2 & Lk 19:1-10

Sunday 30th October

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

Sunday

9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Thomas Callaghan RIP
12.30pm Baptism of Nathan Frank Parda
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: CAFOD: Pakistan Flood Appeal

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 24th October.