

# PARISH NEWS

## FOURTH (LAETARE) SUNDAY OF LENT, A.

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

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

### St Mary Magdalene Church Clean

Volunteers to clean St Mary Magdalene on Thurs. 30th March (9am - 12 noon).

*Refreshments provided.*

### St Martha's Church Clean

Please can the community discuss when their pre-Easter Church clean will be, so it can be advertised in the newsletter.

### St Martha's Car Park

Thank you for not '**double parking**' down the middle of the car park or in any coned off area, thus allowing access for emergencies and a safe space for parishioners on foot. The gates will be closed and locked after services.

### From the Finance Committee

The Easter Collection (8/9 April) is your gift to Fr Simon, who does not receive a salary but relies on your generosity in the Christmas & Easter collection and offerings you give for Masses and sacramental celebrations. The Easter Collection makes up 25% of his income. If you have a standing order with the parish, this is your parish offertory and cannot be transferred to Fr Simon. If giving online, please make a separate payment, with the reference '*Easter*'. Alternatively, you can use a '*Green Envelope*' on the day. Thank you! (BACs information, bottom of page 4).

The **Parish Office** is open by appointment only. Please contact the parish office by email: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) or on 01424 210263 (opt 4) Office hours: Mon – Fri 9.15am to 4.45pm.

The Lord is my Shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

On this Sunday the Church prays, '*with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten towards the solemn celebrations to come*'. And there is no greater celebration than our participation in the Sacred Paschal Triduum: ***the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night***. These events are the pinnacle of the liturgical year, the Church's equivalent of '*the cup final*' or the '*last night of the proms*'. Hopefully, we will want to make these liturgies a priority in our diaries and help those who find attending evening events difficult, to come and take part.

### Triduum in St Mary Magdalene Church

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> April) followed by watching until Compline at 10.45pm.

3pm The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (7<sup>th</sup> April).

8.15pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night and 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Easter (8<sup>th</sup> April), starts after dark with the blessing of the new fire.

### Other important prayer events in our parish:

10am CWL Stations of the Cross (St Martha's), Good Friday

9am Blessing of Easter Baskets, (St Mary Magdalene) on Holy Saturday (8<sup>th</sup> April).

9.30am Confessions in St Mary Magdalene on Holy Saturday.

God Bless. Fr Simon

### Washing of the Feet, Maundy Thursday x 12 people

The following are asked to nominate a person for the washing of the feet and let the parish office know who that person is: *RCIA, CWL, SVP, the Catenians, Mother's Prayers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Charismatic Prayer, Altar Servers, Choir, Welcomer, or other parishioners who wish to volunteer as reserves.*

**We pray for those who have died:** Thomas “Tommy” Lake RIP, Shelagh Rolland, Rachel Clohosey RIP

**We pray for the sick:** Dorothy Smyth, Mary Nash, Mary McElligott, Margaret Hitchman, 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, Jean Clifford, Juliet Duffey, Roy Mitchell, Margaret McNamara, Keith Bourne. **Please contact the Parish Office if you wish Holy Communion at home.**

## Liturgy & Prayer

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass at St Martha’s:** is held during the 9am Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> Mar and 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr. As you arrive at Mass, collect your child’s name stick, and they should bring it with them to the hall. This liturgy is aimed at children in school years R, 1 & 2, who have pre-registered.

**Short Lent Talk:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> talk follows 10am Mass on 25th March: *‘we have the light of the world to see by’*.

**10am Good Friday (St Martha’s), Stations of the Cross (led by the CWL):** The stations are provided by the Prison Charity ‘PACT’ with whom the CWL have a 3-year initiative, providing prisoners with a pack on release as well as making a ‘Cross in my Pocket’ for all Catholic/Orthodox prisoners.

**Triduum Music Group (Singers & Instrumentalists):** 2<sup>nd</sup> practice for the Triduum music group is Thursday 30th (after 6.30pm mass) preparing for the Easter Vigil. Venue: St Mary Magdalene’s Church

## Social & Pastoral

**SVP Tea @ 3pm:** The next ‘Tea @ 3’ is 3pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome and do bring a friend. For more info, please email the SVP: [bexhill@svp.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@svp.org.uk)

**Bereavement Support Group:** If you require Bereavement Support, we can offer 6 one-hour sessions on a 1-2-1 basis with one of our Bereavement Team. Contact Lauren: 07880 662341, David: 07771 757367 or you can speak with a member of the SVP: 07783 598238 or by email: [bexhill@svp.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@svp.org.uk)

**Monthly Bereavement Group:** begins on Thursday 16th March, 7pm - 8.30pm in St Martha’s Hall. An opportunity to meet informally with other bereaved people. It does not matter when your loss occurred, but you may benefit by exploring your feelings with others going through a bereavement. The grieving process can be complex, but having the chance to speak about your feelings and how your life has changed can be helpful and a vital part of acceptance and recovery. The sessions are led by an experienced facilitator.

**Catholic Women's League (CWL):** a group for women who meet at 7.30pm on 1st Monday of the month. More info: 211717 or 221803. Also, see the poster about tickets for the Lent Lunch: 12.30pm on Friday 24th March at St Martha’s Hall: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/cwl-lenten-lunch-poster.pdf> £5 Tickets on sale before Vigil Mass and 9am Mass.

**Parish Outing:** Our Parish, in partnership with St Augustine’s Bexhill, is visiting Ramsgate on Thurs. 13th July 2023, 8am to 8pm. More details: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/in-the-footsteps-of-st-augustine-pilgrimage-13th-july-2023.doc> Return forms to the Parish Office, please.

**The Bexhill SVP Visit to Holy Cross Priory (12<sup>th</sup> April, 1.20pm to 5.30pm):** Mass & Tea at the Priory. Cost is £10 per person. More information: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/olr-parish-svp-visit-to-holy-cross-priory.pdf>

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



### **Sacraments**

**Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023:** We pray for the 'Elect' & 'Candidates' who now 'scrutinise' their readiness for the Sacraments. They are: Carly North, Shantel Orkoz, Jessica Richards, Lee Watts, Emma Bastin, Emma Cooksey, Chloe Field, Stacey Ingamells and Rebecca Waters.

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

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** First Confessions continues on Mondays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm at St Mary Magdalene. Once 1st Confession is complete, you may contact the office to book your First Holy Communion Mass. Confirmation: 5pm on Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> March (Presbytery)

Need a **non-urgent pastoral visit**? Please use the online form: <https://stmmbexhill.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, please contact us if marrying in 2024.

### **Other Notices**

**CAFOD, Lent Big Walk Challenge (200km / 40 days):** Our OLR team welcomes more walkers, sign up at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk> and sponsor here: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/olr-bexhill>

The **Deanery CAFOD team** invite you to a workshop 'Catholic Social Teaching' in Concordia Hall, St Leonard's Parish on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 11am – 1pm. Hot Cross buns and hot drinks provided.

**Men's Nighttime 'Way of the Cross' along the hills of Beachy Head (Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023):** Join the Catholic Community of Eastbourne for a 5-6 hour 'way of the cross' over the hills of Beachy Head. Gather at Christ the King. 9pm: Registration, Adoration & Confessions. 10pm: Mass. 11pm: Drive to 'Station 1' by the Cliffs. Before Midnight: Walk. 6am Breakfast. [www.menswayofthecross.co.uk](http://www.menswayofthecross.co.uk)

**Homeless Unity Group (HUG):** volunteers required to support the homeless with appointments, forms, budgeting, and also if you have legal expertise. Contact Pauline: [bexhillhug@gmail.com](mailto:bexhillhug@gmail.com) or 07881642331

**Parish Census:** Please complete and return your parish census forms:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/parish-2023-census-form-pdf-version.pdf>

Please place your completed census forms in the boxes provided or by email: [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

**OL, Ransom Eastbourne Parish: New Secretary Post:** This role of 16 hours per week at £12 ph (Mon-Thurs. 9.30am to 1.30pm) to begin on 24<sup>th</sup> April is to provide efficient secretarial service, personal assistance to the parish clergy, along with good communication and parish administration. More info. and to apply: contact Fr Kevin Dring: [kevin.dring@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kevin.dring@abdiocese.org.uk) . Closing date: 9 am on Friday 31st March.

## Parish Office

Remains closed to casual callers.

All enquiries:

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## 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](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Hospital Visits

For **DGH Eastbourne & Conquest Hastings** you must contact the Conquest Chaplaincy on 0300 131 5307 or 5308 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 18<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene  
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### Ferial

10.00am  
10.30am  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

### Saturday in 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Hugh Donnelly RIP  
Adoration & Confessions  
Confessions on Request  
People of the Parish

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1 Sam. 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Eph. 5:8-14 & Jn 9:1-41  
& the Second Scrutiny

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Sunday

9.00am Peter Lindsay Vail RIP  
11.00am Thomas Moran RIP  
12.30pm Baptism of Roman Samuel  
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

### Second Collection: Easter Flower Fund

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene

### Solemnity

10.00am

### St Joseph, Husband of the BVM

Sheila Kennedy RIP

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

11.00am

### Tuesday in 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Mel Doidge RIP

### Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

### Wednesday in 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent No Mass

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

6.30pm  
7.05pm

### Thursday in 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Margaret Lacey RIP  
Lent Confessions

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

10.00am  
10.30am  
7.15pm

### Friday in 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Joseph Grimes RIP  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene  
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St Mary Magdalene

### Solemnity

10.00am  
10.40am  
11.00am  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

### The Annunciation of the Lord

John Epsom GE  
Adoration & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent Talk  
Confessions  
Confessions on request  
Gerardo Di Mascio RIP & Gerardo Nardone RIP

## FIFTH (PASSIONTIDE) SUNDAY OF LENT, A

Ez. 37:12-14, Rom. 8:8-11 & Jn 11:1-45

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

St Martha's  
St Mary Magdalene  
St Martha's

### Sunday

9.00am People of the Parish  
11.00am John Wimsey & Ellen Ripley RIP  
11.00am Syro Malabar Mass

### Second Collection: Lenten Alms

*Although the heating is working, before we can say it is fixed, we have some further investigations to complete, so always check the newsletter so you know where Mass is being celebrated. Facebook will keep you up to date daily.*

### Online Offertory via Diocesan Website

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/donate/>

For Mass intentions & other payments: BACs: Name: RCD St Mary Magdalene, Acct No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20. (Please add a reference)