

PARISH NEWS

EASTER SUNDAY & DIVINE MERCY (LOW) SUNDAY.

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

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

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).

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)

With the impending closure of HSBC Bexhill, we are now paying the offertory in at the Post Office. **Paying in coins is especially problematic**, so please try to round up your coins and give only notes in the collection baskets or consider setting up a standing order. Thank you.

The **Parish Office** is open by appointment only. Please contact the parish office by email: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk or on

01424 210263 (opt 4)

Office hours: Mon – Fri 9.15am to 4.45pm.

The Parish office will be **closed** Good

Friday 7th April through to 14th April.

EASTER VIGIL

Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully;
we shall draw water joyfully from the well springs of
salvation.

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is
yearning for you, my God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

EASTER SUNDAY

This Day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.

DIVINE MERCY (LOW) SUNDAY

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dear brothers and sisters, *'this day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad'*. Fr Simon, Deacon Simon, and The Parish Office team wish you a Happy and Holy Easter. *'Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast, then, in the Lord'*; and for the next 8 days we celebrate Easter Sunday, and for the next 50 days the season of Easter to Pentecost. Many congratulations to those who receive the sacraments this Easter: Carly North, Shantel Orkoz, Jessica Richards, Lee Watts, Emma Bastin, Emma Cooksey, Chloe Field, Stacey Ingamells (and Rebecca Waters at Pentecost).

Mass Intentions

With only one priest in the parish, Mass Intentions get booked up three months in advance. To make an offering our contact & bank details are in the side panel. While it is possible to request certain dates, this can only ever be indicative because of funerals, diocesan requirements, and other unforeseen events. We can also only accept one intention per Mass, so for multiple intentions, you can also send your intentions to the Missions: e.g., <https://missio.org.uk/mass-offerings/>

We pray for those who have died: Winifred Yeo, Joan Saunders, Ann Tomlin, Fr David Russell, +Chris Budd 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, 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: next sessions: 23 April, 7, 21 May.

Divine Mercy: There is a Divine Mercy service at 3pm in St Mary Magdalene Church on 16th April. Confessions will only be available if someone leads the Chaplet, thus freeing up Fr Simon.

Social & Pastoral

After Mass @ St Martha's: Tea, Coffee & Cake are available in the hall. Thanks to those who provide it.

SVP Tea @ 3pm: The next 'Tea @ 3' is 3pm on Monday 17th April. Everyone is welcome and do bring a friend. For more info, please email the SVP: bexhill@svp.org.uk

SVP Visit to Holy Cross Priory: 12th April, 1.20pm to 5.30pm. Only **10** places left on the coach: Mass & Tea at the Priory. £10pp. Contact : SVP 07783 598238.

Friday Morning Pop In: Starting on Friday 21st April (then monthly), St Martha's Church Hall, 10am – 12noon. No need to book, just come along, meet new friends, and enjoy yourself. Opportunity to play board games, table tennis, learn new crafts or just have a chat. Free event run by the Bexhill SVP group.

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

Monthly Bereavement Support Group: Next meeting: **Saturday 29th April**, 10am - 11.30am in St Mary Magdalene Presbytery. Led by an experienced facilitator, 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 speaking about your feelings and how your life has changed can be helpful and part of acceptance and recovery.

Catholic Women's League (CWL): meets 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month. Contact: 211717 or 221803.

Parish Outing to St Augustine's Ramsgate and Minster Abbey on 13th July, 8am to 8pm): See: <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/in-the-footsteps-of-st-augustine-pilgrimage-13th-july-2023.v2-002.pdf> Please return booking form to the parish office.

Other Notices

Homeless Unity Group (HUG): £190.47 was donated to HUG Bexhill in memory of Tommy Lake RIP, raised from our second collection for Parish Charity Fund last weekend. Thank you for your generosity. Volunteers required to support the homeless with appointments, forms, budgeting, and also if you have legal expertise. Contact Pauline: bexhillhug@gmail.com or 07881642331

Parish Census: Please return your census forms to: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk or in the box provided. <https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/02/parish-2023-census-form-pdf-version.pdf>

Parish Clergy: Fr Simon Dray, Deacon Simon Kirkdale
 Administrator: Bonita Osmond
 Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins



Sacraments

Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023: After Easter, Fr Simon will begin preliminary interviews for adults desiring to receive the Sacraments in 2024. More details to follow.

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

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Now that First Confessions are complete, the children should be working on Chapters 5-10 of the I Belong Course book ahead of their First Holy Communion Mass. Confirmation: Next session is 5pm on Sun. 23rd April (Presbytery)

Need a non-urgent pastoral visit? Please use the online form: <https://stmmboxhill.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 April 2024.

Maintenance Update

Last week, we replaced the office photocopier (*which was on its last legs*) at a cost of £4k, and recently a very generous offering from a parishioner paid off the £3k cost of repairing the boilers at St Mary Magdalene Church. It would be very expensive to replace these boilers at this time, and so, we want to nurse these boilers through at least another year, if possible. Using a Diocesan approved contractor and following Diocesan guidance, the gates installed at St Martha's cost £2k, but the value of having control of the car park has proved invaluable. (*Please remember not to double park down the middle of the carpark, allowing access for emergency vehicles or in areas reserved for pedestrians*). Moving forward, every five years the parish must inspect its electrical systems, a kind of an electrical OFSTED. What was acceptable five years ago, especially with the age of our buildings, is often now listed as '*requires improvement*.' This means we have significant remedial works to complete, at a cost of c.£30K. This work has been approved by the Diocesan Finance Committee using an approved contractor and has begun. Fortunately, we have the funds available, but we will have a **second collection on Sunday 16th April to begin off-setting some of this cost. Please give generously to this collection, and it will be the first of many.** The Finance Committee has begun the laborious task of working through the Quinquennial Report and has appointed a Quantity Surveyor to map out our repair costs. Again, due to the age of the buildings and the '*listed*' and '*historic*' status at St Mary Magdalene, coupled with cost-of-living increases, post-Brexit and post-COVID impacts on global supply chains, the works will not be cheap, and so, significant fundraising will be required. The Sale of Sidley has not yet completed and so the funds cannot yet be allocated, and we cannot be sure what the proceeds will be, but they are unlikely to cover the costs involved. We will keep you updated, and we aim to release the accounts for 2022, as usual, this summer and hope, then, to provide a clearer picture on our repair needs. As always, please be generous with your offertory giving.

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 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 8th April

St Mary Magdalene

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Triduum

9.00am

9.30am

10.00am

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Confessions

Volunteers for Easter Flower Arranging

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT & 1st MASS OF EASTER

St Mary Magdalene

8.15pm

RCIA Group

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col. 3:1-4 (Sequence) & Jn 20:1-9

If booking taxis or arranging lifts, be aware Mass may be a little longer.

Sunday 9th April

St Martha's

St Mary Magdalene

[St Martha's]

Sunday

9.00am

11.00am

[11.00am]

Priest's Intentions

People of the Parish

[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

One Collection Only: Easter Gift to Fr Simon

Monday 10th April

St Mary Magdalene

Octave

10.00am

Easter Monday

No Mass

Tuesday 11th April

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Octave

11.00am

6.30pm

Easter Tuesday

No Mass – April Deanery Meeting

Evening Mass: Mary Lawford RIP

Wed 12th April

St Mary Magdalene

Eastbourne Crematorium

Octave

10.30am

11.00am

Easter Wednesday

Requiem Mass: Winifred Yeo RIP

Funeral Service of Julie Tracey RIP

Thursday 13th April

St Mary Magdalene

Octave

6.30pm

Easter Thursday

Charles Pinsent RIP

Friday 14th April

St Mary Magdalene

Octave

10.00am

Easter Friday

Harriot Gilley RIP

Saturday 15th April

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial Garden

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Octave

10.00am

10.30am

11.15am

12.30pm

5.15pm

6.00pm

Easter Saturday

Kay Ford GE

Adoration & Confessions

Burial of Ashes: Anna Grahame RIP

Baptism of Marie Elizabeth James

Confessions on Request

Michael Gilhooly RIP

Sunday 16th April

St Martha's Church

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Martha's

Octave

9.00am

11.00am

3.00pm

11.00am

Divine Mercy (Low) Sunday

People of the Parish

David Herring RIP

Divine Mercy Service

Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Maintenance for 5-year Electrical works

Monday 17th April

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Monday in 2nd Week of Easter

Joseph Thomas RIP

Tuesday 18th April

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

11.00am

Tuesday in 2nd Week of Easter

Fr Andrew Pinsent GE

Wed 19th April

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Wednesday in 2nd Week of Easter

No Mass

Thursday 20th April

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

1.00pm

6.30pm

Thursday in 2nd Week of Easter

By invite: Primary School Easter Mass

T.D. Joseph Thariyil RIP

Friday 21st April

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am

St Anselm of Canterbury

Margaret Rafferty GE

Saturday 22nd April

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Ferial

10.00am

10.30am

12.30pm

5.15pm

6.00pm

Saturday in 2nd Week of Easter

Mary Herring RIP

Adoration & Confessions

Baptism of Michelle Ijebor

Confessions on Request

Rowe & Callaghan Families