

PARISH NEWS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, A.

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

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

Pastoral Visit of Bishop Richard

St Mary Magdalene Primary School

On Monday 22nd May, Bishop Richard makes his 1st pastoral visit to his primary school in Bexhill. He will celebrate Holy Mass with the staff and pupils, visit classrooms, meet the governors, and bless various new prayer areas.

Deanery Confirmation Mass

We would love to have a group of singers and musicians from across the Deanery for the Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 18th June 3pm (arrive 2pm) at Arundel Cathedral. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday 3rd June at 11am in Eastbourne. All who wish to be involved contact Marylou Cockshoot by 27th May, email: marylou.cockshoot@gmail.com

Gift Aid Donor Statements

2022-2023

These are now available in the porch of St Mary Magdalene church. They will remain there for two weeks, and then moved to St Marthas. If you would in future prefer to receive via email, which is more sustainable, please contact the parish office to update your records. Thank you. Gift Aid Envelopes: these are still available for collection from St Martha's.

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.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

St Augustine of Canterbury – 27th May 2023

Saturday 27th May is the Feast (*in England*) of St Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury, and an important saint for England, having been sent by Pope St Gregory the Great to unite the English Churches under the patronage of Rome. Unfortunately, for various other pastoral and liturgical reasons, we are unable to celebrate his Mass on Saturday.

In the Footsteps of St Augustine

Parish (Day) Pilgrimage to Ramsgate – 13th July 2023

However, the parish is organising a day pilgrimage to Ramsgate, to the place where St Augustine landed in England and founded a Monastery. We have organized a coach to take us to Ramsgate for 12noon Mass (celebrated by Fr Simon). More details of the day, including the **booking form** can be found here at the parish website.

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/in-the-footsteps-of-st-augustine-pilgrimage-13th-july-2023.v2-002.pdf>

We have a 48-seater coach booked and there are still plenty of space available – it would be good to fill it! Please do not let money be the only reason you do not come – we can find the money, if necessary, from various pastoral funds, it being consistent with the diocese's three pastoral priorities of prayer, formation, and mission. We will also visit **Minster Abbey** with an opportunity to venerate St Mildred's relic, on her feast day.

For now, this week, we wait again with Our Lady and the Apostolic Church for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit afresh upon us. God Bless our parish. Fr Simon.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation West Grinstead Wed 14th June, 11am - 3pm. With Bishop Richard. Bring a picnic. To book:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fazlomt9>

We pray for those who have died: Michael (Mike) Boakes RIP, Deborah Blower 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: 21 May, 11, 25 June, 9 July.

Pentecost: On Saturday 27th May, the 6pm Vigil Mass of Pentecost will be celebrated in its 'Extended Form', which will take longer than the 45 mins we might expect. Please plan any taxis / lifts as required.

Social & Pastoral

Parish Pentecost Sunday (Buffet) Lunch (organised by the Catenians): The Catenians invite all parishioners to join them for a buffet lunch at 1pm on Sunday 28th May in St Martha's Hall. As well as a social occasion, you can meet the Hastings & Bexhill Catenians and find out more about their mission.

SVP Tea @ 3pm: The next 'Tea @ 3' is 3pm on Monday 12th June. Everyone is welcome and do bring a friend. For more info, please email the SVP: bexhill@svp.org.uk **The next Friday Pop-In** is 16th June in St Martha's Hall, 10am to Noon. No need to book, just come along, meet new friends, and enjoy yourself. Tea, Coffee, have a chat, play board games, and just relax.

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 27th May, 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): a group for women who meet at 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month, to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community. Contact: 211717 or 221803.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we have c.40 people receiving Communion at Home. If you were previously commissioned as an EMHC and not currently taking Communion to the housebound, we would love to hear from you. If you are a practicing Catholic (with no impediment to receiving Holy Communion) and are willing to take Communion to the housebound please contact Fr Simon or the Office.

Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage fundraising – Female Fashion Show: (7pm on 13th June). A parish event held at St Richard's, run by 'Travelling Trends'. Women and teenagers accompanied by an adult woman will be able to buy discounted high street clothes. Models are from the Parish Community. Tickets cost £6 (entry and complimentary glass of Bucks Fizz or soft drink) must be bought in advance from St Richards, the Parish office, the SVP, the CWL, or at the end of Sunday Masses, ideally a week in advance. Please phone/ text Ghislaine on 07491477773 for information.

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



Sacraments

Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023: Fr Simon begins preliminary interviews for adults desiring to receive the Sacraments in 2024. You can book your appointment by emailing the Parish Office.

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 & Confirmation: The children are now booked in for their First Holy Communion Mass and each family has received an email update managing expectations for the celebration; please check your junk / spam folder as required. **Confirmation:** Next session: 5pm on Sun. 21st May.

Need a non-urgent pastoral 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 to arrange a home visit.

Marriage: 12 months' notice is required for weddings, please contact us if marrying in May 2024.

Other Notices

St Mary Magdalene Church Flowers: Help is urgently needed by the flower team – now down to one permanent person. If anyone is interested in joining the team on a permanent basis, and would like further details, please call Helga 01424 848504.

Off-site Parking: when our Church carparks are full, please ensure you park legally off-site and do not block people's driveways, bus stops or junctions, otherwise you may be liable for a parking ticket.

Mass Intentions: These get booked up six months in advance. To make an offering, our contact & bank details are on the back page, please remember to reference Mass Intention. You may request certain dates, but these are only indicative because of funerals, diocesan requirements, and other unforeseen events. We can only accept one intention per Mass, so for multiple intentions, you can also send your intentions to the Missions. **Fr Simon's Diary:** we are now experiencing the effects of being a one priest parish. Fr Simon is still happy to see parishioners for the full range of pastoral, spiritual and liturgical needs, but to manage expectations, at times, his diary can get booked up three weeks in advance.

Faith Enrichment programme in conjunction with the Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle: John de Waal will be speaking on the life of Cardinal Manning who was a 19th century contemporary of St John Henry Newman, on 22nd May, 7.30pm to 9pm, at Our Lady of Ransom church hall, Eastbourne.

Thank you: to CWL for donating £200 to the Parish, raised from the Sausage Sizzle Event on 7th May.

World Communications Sunday: Pastoral Message from Pope Francis:

<https://catholicparishofbexhill.files.wordpress.com/2023/05/pope-francis-message-for-world-communications-sunday.pdf>

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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Saturday 20th May	Ferial	Saturday of 6th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Edward Newman RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Convalidation Service: Liz & Dean Fox
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions on request
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Antonelli Family

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, A World Communications Sunday

Acts 1:12-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16 & Jn 17:1-11

Sunday 21st May

St Martha's	Sunday	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	9.00am	Fred Herring RIP
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: World Communications Sunday**Monday 22nd May**

St Mary Magdalene	Ferial	Monday of 7th Week of Easter
	10.00am	David Storrs RIP

Tuesday 23rd May

St Richard's (students only)	Ferial	Tuesday of 7th Week of Easter
St Mary Magdalene	8.45am	Form Service for 8F & 8R

Wednesday 24th May

St Mary Magdalene	Ferial	Wednesday of 7th Week of Easter
	11.00am	Rony Stephen GE (18 th Birthday)

Thursday 25th May

St Mary Magdalene	Memorial	No Mass – Clergy Formation Day
	6.30pm	St Bede the Venerable, Priest

Friday 26th May

St Mary Magdalene	Memorial	No Mass – Clergy Formation Day
	10.00am	St Philip Neri, Priest

Saturday 27th May

St Mary Magdalene	Feast	No Mass
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	St Augustine of Canterbury, Priest
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	No Mass

St Mary Magdalene	1.00pm	Wedding Service of Jack Mathews & Megan Rumble

THE EXTENDED VIGIL OF PENTECOST

St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions on request
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

Allow additional time for this Vigil Celebration, with its 4 OT Readings, Psalms and Prayers, including the Mass with music to support the Liturgy.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13 (Sequence), Jn 20:19-23

Sunday 28th May

St Martha's Church	Sunday	Rene Baker RIP
	9.00am	including Receptions of Rebecca, Archer, and Austin Waters.
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Edna Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Eva Cooksey
St Martha's Hall	1.00pm	Parish Lunch courtesy of the Catenians
St Martha's	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Maintenance for 5yr Electrical Works**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)

Cheques payable to: St Mary Magdalene