

PARISH NEWS

Parish Pentecost Lunch: 1pm on Sunday 28th May.

This Pentecost Sunday at 1pm the Catenians invite us to a parish buffet lunch in St Martha's Hall to celebrate Pentecost and also to find out more about the Catenians and their mission. All are welcome.

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 please 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 Martha's church. 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.

At the Day Mass:

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

At the Extended Vigil Mass (6pm):

There are four readings and psalms, as this Extended Vigil is celebrated as a mirror to the Easter Vigil.

'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love'

Pentecost Sunday, the day on which our hearts are ablaze with the Holy Spirit, is a good day to announce a weekend to celebrate the **130th Anniversary of the Parish of Bexhill** (1893 to 2023) and to ignite a fresh hope and passion for the next stage in our parish's life and purpose. This '**Ignition**' weekend will be held, **Friday 6th October to Sunday 8th October 2023**, thus coinciding with our Patronal Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary (7th Oct). We invite you to '*block out*' this weekend in your diary, and over the next five months we will paint a more detailed picture on how the weekend will pan out; it will be a mixture of liturgy, formation and social activity which celebrates who we are as a parish, but also seeks to build a future vision for our parish. Certainly, the weekend will need to be a parish-wide affair, calling upon the resources and talents of the various parish groups, to make it a weekend full of faith, hope and love, for adults, families, children, and those who may be on the periphery of our community. The parish is being supported by the '**Sion Community**', who are well established and experienced in running weekends of this nature. They will help us put flesh on the bones of our vision, '*let your light shine*'. Indeed, '*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!*' God bless you and our parish community. Fr Simon.

Mike Boakes RIP

The Requiem Mass for Mike Boakes will be celebrated in St Mary Magdalene Church at 1pm on Monday 12th June 2023. '*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.*'

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

Saturday morning Mass: the next Saturday 10am Morning Mass will be 24th June.

Social & Pastoral

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 24th June, 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

In the Footsteps of St Augustine: Parish (Day) Pilgrimage to Ramsgate – 13th July 2023:

More information and 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>

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: Mass for First Communions are celebrated at 12noon on Saturday 10th and 17th June at St Martha's. These Masses replace the 10am Parish Mass at St Mary Magdalene.

Confirmation: The Confirmation Mass takes place at 3pm on Sunday 18th June in Arundel Cathedral.

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 June 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.

Grandparents Pilgrimage: Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation West Grinstead, Wed 14th June, 11am - 3pm. Bring a picnic. To book: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fazlomt9>

Day of Celebration at Aylesford Priory: Sunday 2nd July. Welcome service at 12 noon. Activities throughout the afternoon. Picnic or lunch in the café. 4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendrix. Music led by the St Martha's Church Choir. The coach taking the choir has a few spaces left for parishioners not in the choir, free of charge. Leaving St Martha's at 9.15am, or Bexhill collection possible. If you are interested, please contact Joe Apicella josephapicella01@gmail.com or 07954 095707.

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 27th May	Feast	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	No Adoration or Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	1.00pm	Wedding Service: Jack Mathews and Megan Rumble

THE EXTENDED VIGIL OF PENTECOST

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

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

Sunday 28th May	Sunday	
St Martha's	9.00am	Rene Baker RIP (including Receptions of Rebecca, Archie and Austin Waters).
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Edna Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Eva Cooksey
St Mary Magdalene	1.00pm	Parish Lunch courtesy of the Catenians
[St Martha's]	[11.00am]	[Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: Maintenance for 5yr electrical works

(At our last collection we covered 4% of our £30,000 repairs)

Monday 29th May	Memorial	Mary, Mother of the Church
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Mrs Claire Kelly RIP
Tuesday 30th May	Ferial	Tuesday in 8th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	F.G. Ranjo RIP
Wed 31st May	Feast	The Visitation of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene		No Mass
Thursday 1st June	Feast	Christ the Eternal High Priest
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Mrs Mary Magdalene Joseph RIP
Friday 2nd June	Ferial	Friday in 8th Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Angela Strachan RIP
Saturday 3rd June	Memorial	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	No Mass
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	No Adoration or Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Amelia Ahari
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	No Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Fred Herring RIP

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9, 2 Cor. 13:11-13 & Jn 3:16-18

Sunday 4th June	Sunday	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Lilian Barlow RIP
St Martha's	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Parish Maintenance**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)