

Ignition Weekend: 6th – 8th October 2023.

16 weeks to go to our celebration of our parish's 130th anniversary and the exploration of our future.

*** save the date***

Celebration of the Sacraments

Congratulations to the children who have received their First Holy Communion last weekend and this weekend. After the 9am Mass on Sunday 9th July, the post-Mass refreshments will be specially orientated to celebrate First Holy Communion, with the promise of plenty of cake! Prayers for our 'Confirmandi' sealed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral on 18th June 2023.

Day for Life (Second Collection)

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

Life begins at conception, to be protected to natural death. This Sunday is the Church's 'Day for Life'. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact it has, especially on women. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent, but the hope is we can break this silence and offer opportunities for healing and reconciliation. The message:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl23-message/>

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.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

CAFOD – Fix the Food System

This weekend, we are invited to sign a letter to the World Bank urging them to protect the rights of farmers around the world to use their seeds, which are the foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds. These laws, supported by global financial institutions overwhelmingly favour large agribusinesses. Instead of being able to choose their own seeds, small farmers must purchase commercial seeds, something that is good for big business profits but not so good for the farmers who grow the majority of the world's food. It's clear that our current global food system is in crisis, and at the heart of this crisis is a struggle over control of the world's seeds. Protecting the freedom of farmers to choose seeds is a right we must stand up for if we are to tackle global hunger while responding to the cry of the earth and the poor. Is there an alternative? Yes! Seed sovereignty is the right for farmers to save, use, exchange and sell their own seeds. It is about farmers having the power to choose the seeds they plant, rather than that power belonging to corporations or international institutions. Small farmers are using seeds banks to let them choose what crops are most appropriate for them. Such methods allow them to grow healthier, more sustainable food, providing for their families, going for higher prices at local market. This organic system can flourish on a grander scale but requires UK government to speak out at the World Bank to create sustainable environment for farmers that trusts their knowledge and empowers them.

We pray for those who have died: Michael Coles, Maureen Theobold, Michael John Frost 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, Leon Barre, Margaret Smythe. **Please contact the Parish Office if you wish for Holy Communion at home.**

Liturgy & Prayer

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass at St Martha's next sessions: 25 June, 9 July.

Three Churches in Little Common: The next meeting of this informal group will be at St Mark's Church Hall on Wednesday 21st June at 11am. All are welcome.

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

Holy Day of St Peter & St Paul (29th June): As usual for a Thursday, our parish Mass will be at 6.30pm in St Mary Magdalene. Fr Simon has arranged his diary to celebrate Mass at 2pm for the Primary School, and an extra Mass for the Parish at 11am in St Mary Magdalene.

Monday 10th July: the weekday Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene instead of 10am. It will be the Anniversary of Priesthood for Fr Simon, his 10th anniversary.

Social & Pastoral

Social & Pastoral SVP Tea @ 3pm: The next 'Tea @ 3' is 3pm on Monday 10th July, St Martha's Hall.

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. **SVP day pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory**, Shrine of Our Lady on Thursday 22nd June. Pick up in Little Common at 9.30am and Bexhill at 9.35am. Cost £15. Contact Chris Jones 07783 598238 or email: popsy57@outlook.com or Ron Brazier 01424 844177. **SVP Open Garden and Tea:** Sunday 16th July 2.30pm to 5pm at 26 Winston Drive, Bexhill. Afternoon tea 3.30pm St Martha's Hall. Tickets for garden and tea £5 (proceeds to SVP). Contact Chris Jones or Ron Brazier. **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

Parish Grandparent Group: Are you a mature adult who cares about the spirituality of our young people today? We are thinking of starting a new group for like-minded people who will meet for prayer, discussion, inspiration, support, and fun in others company. Please look out for the yellow flier at the back of the churches. Contact Barbara 01242 217659.

The Newman Association: Our next meeting will be in the parish room at Christ the King, Princes Road, Eastbourne BN23 6HT on Monday 19th June from 7.30 to 9pm. Sheila Kesby and Barbara Echlin from the United Nations Association (Bexhill and Hastings Branch) will facilitate a 'UN Treasure Hunt Quiz' around an exhibition. Tea and Coffee etc – All Welcome to come and find out about the United Nations.

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.

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://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/>

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, please contact us if marrying in Summer of 2024.

Other Notices

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. You can also send your intentions to the Mission, supporting missionary priests.

Day of Celebration at Aylesford Priory, Sunday 2nd July: Welcome service at 12 noon Activities taking place throughout the afternoon, such as Sensory prayer, Rosary Way, Drama workshops, Art activities, opportunities for picnic on the grass, or lunch in the cafeteria. 4 pm. Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendrix. Music led by the St Martha's Choir. Because our choir is leading the music, we were able to secure funding to pay for our coach. We have some free places on the coach if any parishioners not in the choir want to join us for the day, no charge. Depart St Martha's at 9.15 am. Possible pick up in Bexhill. If you are interested, please contact Joe Apicella josephapicella01@gmail.com 07954 095707.

Hastings & Rother Interfaith Forum: Next meeting is a visit to the Christian Bruderhof (place of brothers) Community in Robertsbridge for a tour, lunch, and discussion; on Saturday 24th June from 11am until 14pm. The location is Brightling Rd, Robertsbridge TN32 5DR. Full details on poster at back of church.

GBGW, Great big Green week. Please visit Pope Francis' Laudato Si website, quiet reading and <http://www.greatbiggreenweek.com> and do something each day to cut down our carbon destructive footprint by using less energy everywhere, for justice and peace in our damaged global village climate....pray for discernment as Francis asks, to renew the face of the earth practically, not only a prayer. *Jack Doherty.*

Hastings and Bexhill Catenians: A Catholic Organisation for men and their families who support each other and the Church. With 10,000 members worldwide, Catenians have been active locally for more than 100 years .Visit us at sussexcatenians.org and follow us on www.facebook.com/HasBex

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

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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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St Mary Magdalene
St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

10.00am
12noon
5.15pm
6.00pm

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

No Mass or Confessions
First Holy Communion Mass
Confessions on request
Holy Souls

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

Ex. 19:2-6, Rom. 5:6-11 & Mt 9:36-10:8

Sunday 18th June

St Martha's
St Mary Magdalene
Arundel Cathedral
[*St Martha's*]

Sunday

9.00am
11.00am
3.00pm
[11.00am]

Norah Eileen Moran RIP
People of the Parish
Confirmation Mass
[*Syro-Malabar Rite Mass*]

Second Collection: Day for Life**Monday 19th June**

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Monday in 11th Week in OT

No Mass

Tuesday 20th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Martha's

Memorial

11.00am
1.45pm

St Alban, 1st Martyr of England

No Mass

Requiem

: Michael Coles RIP

Wed. 21st June

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial**St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

No Mass

Thursday 22nd June

St Mary Magdalene

Feast

6.30pm

St John Fisher & St Thomas More

Mae Pinsent RIP

Friday 23rd June

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Friday in 11th Week in OT

Mark Taylor RIP

Saturday 24th June

St Mary Magdalene

Solemnity

10.00am

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Mr & Mrs Pillard GE (60th Wedding Anniversary)

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Adoration & Confessions

Memorial Garden

11.30am

Burial of Ashes: Winn Yeo

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

Baptisms of the North Children

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

Confessions on Request

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

Deceased members of the Capaldi Families

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

Jer. 20:10-13, Rom. 5:12-15 & Mt 10:26-33

Sunday 25th June

St Martha's Church

Sunday

9.00am

People of the Parish – Inc. The

Receptions & FHC of Frankie & Teddie Field.

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

McNamara & Bates Families RIP

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

Baptism of Brooke Mannion

St Martha's

11.00am

Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: HUG (Bexhill & Rother Homelessness Unity Group)**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)

Churches Together in Bexhill: Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 28th June, St Mark's Church Hall, Green Lane, Little Common at 7.30 pm. Our Parish is a member church of CTiB, and all are welcome to the AGM.