

PARISH NEWS

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A.

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

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

Ignition Weekend

6th – 8th October 2023.

*** save the date***

Just 15 weeks to go to our celebration of our parish's 130th anniversary and the exploration of our future. In this weekend, along with an anniversary Mass, we hope to have a mixture of prayer, formation, and social events, as well as exercises to determine our parish vision going forward. We have called it an '*ignition*' weekend, as a flourishing Catholic community always desires to be on '*fire with the Spirit*'. We live in challenging times, especially as the bishop, with the Deaneries, tries to work through a Pastoral Plan for Diocese. To be able to respond well, will be helped in our '*Ignition Weekend*' by the Sion Community, who are experienced in these events. The Parish Support Group will be meeting with Fr Simon in July to take forward our plans, and no doubt we will be reaching out to the various parish groups to run certain events.

CAFOD

Thank you from Christina Lucy (CAFOD rep) and Jack Doherty (Fairtrade rep) for the 296 signatures on the World Bank petition regarding Seed Autonomy. If you have not yet signed it, please visit:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/117398/action/1>

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.

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

150th Anniversary of Arundel Cathedral

Saturday 1st July is the Feast of the Dedication of Arundel Cathedral, and the Diocese gathers with Bishop Richard and the Papal Nuncio for Holy Mass at 12noon. It is a ticket only event with representation across all the parishes, but it will also be live streamed on the Cathedral website:

<https://arundelcathedral.uk/>

The Mass in the Cathedral (or on the livestream) replaces our parish 10am Mass. However, Fr Simon will be back in time to celebrate the Anticipated (or Vigil) Mass of Sunday at 6pm.

The Church was first dedicated in 1873 as the parish Church for Arundel under the patronage of St Philip Neri and was designed and built under the auspices of the Howard Family, who as Dukes of Norfolk and Earls of Arundel are the most prominent English Catholic family. Henry the 15th Duke of Norfolk commissioned Joseph Hansom to design a new Catholic sanctuary as a suitable counterpart to Arundel Castle. Its size reflects a renewed enthusiasm following Catholic Emancipation in 1829 and the restored hierarchy in 1850. Travelling on the train or by car through West Sussex, the two buildings make a striking vista to the South Downs. When the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton was created in 1965, it made sense for the Arundel Church to become the place to house the Bishop's Cathedra, his seat, hence a Cathedral. In 1971, after the canonization of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales, the Cathedral was re-dedicated to Our Lady and St Philip Howard, and now contains his shrine, his relics buried in the Cathedral. Being Grade 1 Listed, it is expensive to maintain, and so each year there is a collection from all the parishes to help maintain the building for future generations. This collection will be on 19th November 2023. If you get a chance this Sunday, consider visiting Arundel Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Wishing you all a happy anniversary! God Bless. Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Maureen Theobald and Michael 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 Holy Communion at home.**

Liturgy & Prayer

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass at St Martha's: Children who have just made their First Holy Communion are welcome to continue attending Children's Liturgy of the Word for the final sessions of the year (25th June & 9th July). For September 2023, children from Reception, Year 1, & 2, who have not made their First Communion are eligible to register and attend Children's liturgy. We are now preparing registers for the new academic year. If your child is not already on the register and would like to attend, please contact the parish office. The sessions run every 2 weeks during term time. The newsletter will publish dates in due course, so please continue to check the newsletter regularly. Thank you.

Canonical Retreat: Fr Simon will be on his canonical retreat in Edinburgh between Monday 3rd & Friday 7th July. There will be no weekday Masses in the parish while he is away.

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.

Requiem Mass of Maureen Theobald: 10am on Friday 14th July in St Mary Magdalene Church.

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 14th July 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 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:** 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 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.

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.

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 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://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 Communion 2024: Applications are not yet open. Please do not apply until invited via the newsletter. After the 9am Mass on Sunday 9th July, the post-Mass refreshments will be specially orientated to celebrate First Holy Communion 2023, with the promise of plenty of cake! **Please do not submit any applications for First Holy Communion 2024 yet**, as usual we are spending time reviewing our practices and procedures. The newsletter will tell you when and how to apply shortly.

Confirmation 2024. Applications are not yet open. Please do not apply until invited in the newsletter.

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 Summer of 2024.

Other Notices

Off-site Parking: when our Church car parks 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.

Lourdes Fundraising Fashion Show - Thank you: A huge thank you to the models, from our Parish, HUG, and the PTFA, and all who supported this event in any way. It was a great success and we raised £607 for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Special thanks also go to Western Fruiterers, the Syrian Lounge, Cactus Moon, Scatter Box, the Co-Op, Picasso Express who all gave prizes for our raffle.

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 24th June

St Mary Magdalene
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Memorial Garden
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Solemnity

10.00am
10.40am
11.30am
12.30am
5.15pm
6.00pm

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Mr & Mrs Pilard (60th anniversary)
Confessions & Adoration
Burial of Ashes of Winn Yeo RIP
Baptisms of the North Children
Confessions on request
Capaldi Family RIP

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

Sunday 25th June

St Martha's

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

Sunday

9.00am People of the Parish, including Reception & FHC of Frankie & Teddy Field
11.00am McNamara & Bates Families RIP
12.30pm Baptism of Brooke Mannion
[11.00am] [Syro-Malabar Rite Mass]

Second Collection: HUG (Bexhill Homeless Unity Group)

Monday 26th June

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

10.00am

Monday in 12th Week in OT

Dina Green GE

Tuesday 27th June

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

11.00am

Tuesday in 12th Week in OT

Holy Souls

Wed. 28th June

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

St Irenaeus, Bishop, and Martyr No Mass

Thursday 29th June

St Mary Magdalene
Primary School (by invite)
St Mary Magdalene

Holy Day

11.00am
2.00pm
6.30pm

St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

Priests Intentions
Priests Intentions
Peter Chapman RIP

Friday 30th June

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am
4.00pm

First Martyrs of Rome

Mick Hanson RIP
Convalidation of Marriage: Kennedy
Ijebor & Vivian Uzoukwu

Saturday 1st July

St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene
Arundel Cathedral
St Mary Magdalene
St Mary Magdalene

Feast

10.00am
10.30am
12noon
5.15pm
6.00pm

Dedication of Arundel Cathedral No Mass

No Adoration or Confessions

Anniversary Mass – Cathedral Website

No Confessions

Teresa Pinsent RIP

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2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16, Rom. 6:3-4, 8-11 & Mt 10:37-42

Sunday 2nd July

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

Sunday

9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Benedict Varghese GE
11.00am Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

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.