

# PARISH NEWS

## Rosary & Twenty-Sixth 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

### 130th Parish Anniversary Weekend (Updated)

#### Saturday 7th October

10.15am Confessions

11am Mass of the 'Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary' in St Martha's Church.

12noon Lunch in St Martha's Hall

#### Sunday 8th October

9am Holy Mass of 27th Sunday OT A  
at St Martha's Church

10am Fairtrade Breakfast  
in St Martha's Hall

11am Holy Mass of 27th Sunday OT A  
at St Mary Magdalene Church

2pm-3.30pm

#### "WHY THE ROSARY? LET'S FIND OUT."

Children's Event in St Martha's Hall

4pm-6pm 'Our Parish: Letting our Light Shine through Togetherness & Community' (Family Event)  
in St Mary Magdalene Church

6pm Adoration & 6.30pm Vespers &  
Benediction in St Mary Magdalene Church

#### Celebrating who we are!

Please continue to post parish 'memories' on the notice boards, adding the permission on the back: **I, N. give permission for this photo to be included in a public display and will collect/leave for archive.**

**Parish Office** Open by appointment only.

Please contact the parish office by email:  
[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01424

210263 (opt 4) Office hours:

Mon – Fri 9.15am to 4.45pm

Remember your mercy, Lord.

#### CWL- led Parish Harvest Festival

This Sunday, the CWL facilitate our Annual Harvest Collection for the Foodbank. Please bring donations of:  
**tins, jars, packets of pasta, rice, cereals etc.**  
before 9am Mass at St Martha's Church.

[Or in the Foodbank box in St Mary Magdalene Church].

After 9am Mass, in St Martha's Hall the CWL will be selling hot dogs and there will be a cake sale, all proceeds to Foodbank.

#### CAFOD – HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL

At all Sunday Masses, there will be the annual CAFOD Harvest Day **Appeal**. As you arrive at Mass this weekend, you will be given a CAFOD envelope to bring back to Mass next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> October) for the Annual Harvest Day **Collection**.

More info: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/harvest-appeal>

When flooding hit Pakistan, Dr Nasha's mobile team of healthcare professionals travelled hundreds of miles to treat people who needed help. You can help inspirational local experts like Dr Nasha to reach people in times of crisis this Harvest. People like Meera. Watch her story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rbKLDKBn0I&t=3s>

Thank you for your generosity. Fr Simon.

#### Supplementary Form Signing

#### for St Richard's Catholic College

Fr Simon will be available in the Presbytery / Parish Office at 7pm on Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October. Forms will be signed on a first-come, first-served basis. He will stay until the queue has finished. Please remember to bring your completed SIF, copies of your sacramental certificates. Replacements certificates from the Bexhill Parish Office are charged at £10.

**Those who attend the Syro-Malabar Mass should ask**

**Fr Mathew to sign their SIF form.**

(The priest's signature on the St Mary Magdalene SIF forms is not required for September 2024 Admissions).

**We pray for those who have died:** Julliet Duffy, Jerry Edouard, Julie Mackrell RIP.

**We pray for the sick:** Dorothy Smyth, Mary Nash, Margaret Hitchman, David Spooner, 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, Roy Mitchell, Margaret McNamara, Keith Bourne, Leon Barre, Margaret Smythe, Elizabeth Doust

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News: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news> & Events: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

## Liturgy & Prayer

**Clergy ongoing formation retreat (3-6 Oct):** No Mass Tues - Fri while Fr Simon is at Douai Abbey.

### 130th Anniversary – More Details of the Events

**Fairtrade Breakfast, 10am on Sunday 8th October in St Martha's Hall:** We celebrate being a Fairtrade Parish! Your help is needed – cakes are needed, please use (where possible) Fairtrade ingredients/recipe (try a google search), such as Fairtrade Banana cakes! Also needed are helpers on the morning to set up, serve, or clear away. Please sign up on list in either church by 2nd Oct or [jackdoherty@sky.com](mailto:jackdoherty@sky.com) Most important, please come along and keep up the witness to Fairtrade in the Parish and Town communities.

**"WHY THE ROSARY? LET'S FIND OUT."** Calling all children of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish! Come with your grown-ups to a Special Rosary Afternoon, to celebrate our Parish Anniversary: St Martha's Hall, Sunday 8th October from 2pm till 3.30pm. This will be a practical Discovery Session, exploring why and how we share the Rosary with Our Lady. We can provide rosaries and refreshments! Do email Bonita at the Office, or see Sarah Surman, if you are joining us. All are welcome!

**'Our Parish: Letting our Light Shine through Togetherness & Community' (Family Event):** On Sunday 8th October from 4pm till 6pm in St Mary Magdalene Church there will be an event shining a light on the various groups of the community and the incredible work they do, with short, interesting talks from a wide range of parish groups so that we may learn more about parish life and how to get involved.

## Social & Pastoral

**SVP Tea @ 3pm:** Next Tea is Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, St Martha's Hall. More info from the SVP: [bexhill@svp.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@svp.org.uk)

**Bereavement Support:** offering 6 one-hour 1-2-1 sessions with one of our Bereavement Team. Lauren: 07880 662341, David: 07771 757367 or contact the SVP: 07783 598238 or by email: [bexhill@svp.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@svp.org.uk)

**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 [www.sussexcatenians.org](http://www.sussexcatenians.org) and follow us on [www.facebook.com/HasBex](https://www.facebook.com/HasBex)

**St Richard's Catholic College Open Evening for prospective Year 7s:** 6pm, Wed. 4th October.

**Hastings & Rother Interfaith Forum:** On Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct from 7pm – 9pm in the Garden Room at St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill, TN38 0LB, the Hospice Spiritual Coordinators invite you to come and hear from them about their day to day encounters they have with families and patients.

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



## Sacraments

**Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations 2023:** Welcome letters have now been sent to those who have been accepted on this year's RCIA course, with the 1st session on Wed. 11th October.

**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/>

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED for First Communion 2024:** For those accepted, we now have two 'Parents Sessions': 7pm on Friday 29th September or 9am on Saturday 30th September (St Martha's Hall) AND 7pm on Friday 13th October or 9am on Saturday 14th October (St Martha's Hall).

**Confirmation 2024:** Applications are now open for those in school years 10, 11 & 12. You will find the application form here: <https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/> Closing date: 13th October 2023.

**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 Autumn of 2024.

## A Call to Service

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you to the Syro-Malabar community for cleaning St Martha's Church on the Feast of the Assumption in August, and the volunteers who generously offered their time in September to clean St Mary Magdalene Church. Please do not leave it till Christmas to do it again! Ideally, each Church community would appoint a cleaning coordinator, to schedule regular cleaning.

**Update on Children's Liturgy of the Word:** For this to resume, the first step is for a DBS cleared coordinator to be appointed. Are you this person? Then, we can recruit DBS cleared team members.

**Welcomers & Stewards:** The fire drill last month showed we need to increase the number of welcomers and stewards at all Sunday Masses and for Funerals. Are you this person? Please contact the office.

**St Martha's:** A contractor does the main gardening, but we still need volunteer(s) to grit the paths, prune the roses, clip the hedge when it blocks the public path & be on call for minor issues that might arise.

**Marriage Preparation:** The Parish & Deanery urgently needs parishioners to help run a short Diocesan designed and approved Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples, now a mandatory part of their preparation. It is run over four 2-hour sessions on dates and times you would choose, and all materials are provided. Volunteers can be couples or individuals and all training would be given. It is an enjoyable course and one where you, with your experience of marriage, have a great deal to offer the couples looking to spend the rest of their lives together. To join this ministry, please contact Deacon Simon

**Finance Committee:** Committed parishioners with finance, fundraising, maintenance experience etc are invited to consider joining the Finance Committee. Are you this person? Please speak with Fr Simon.

**Parish Office**  
Remains closed to  
casual callers.  
All enquiries:  
[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)  
01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours  
[simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>
St Martha's Hall	9.00am	First Communion Parents Session
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	<b>No Adoration or Confessions</b>
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

### **TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A (& ROSARY SUNDAY)**

*Ez. 18:25-28, Phil. 2:1-11 & Mt 21:28-32*

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha	09.00am	Peter McGuckin RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Joseph Bates RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Heidi Morales
St Martha's	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass

**No Second Collection: CWL HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE FOODBANK & THE ANNUAL CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL TALK**

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Irene & David Herring RIP & Children & Mary Herring RIP

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
Douai Abbey: Clergy on-going formation / retreat

### **130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary, Patronal Feast</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	<b>No Adoration or Confessions</b>
<b>St Martha's</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>St Martha's</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Agnes Varghese GE
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Confessions on Request
		People of the Parish

### **TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A**

*Is. 5:1-7, Phil. 4:6-9 & Mt 21:33-43*

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Joan Horner RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Margaret McNamara GE
St Martha's Hall	2.00pm	Children's Rosary Event
St Mary Magdalene	4.00pm	Let Your Light Shine Event
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Adoration & Evening Prayer (6.30pm)
St Martha's	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass

**Second Collection: THE ANNUAL CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY COLLECTION**

**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)

**Off-site Parking:** when our carparks are full, please park legally off-site.

**SVP:** Members of the parish SVP conference would like to thank fellow parishioners for their generosity for the second collection last weekend.

Your support is very much appreciated.