

PARISH NEWS

130th Anniversary Weekend & 27th Sunday in OT, A.

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

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

Supplementary Form Signing for St Richard's Catholic College

Fr Simon will be available in the Presbytery / Parish Office at 7pm on Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th 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).

The Catenians

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 and follow us on www.facebook.com/HasBex



Parish Office Open by appointment only. Please contact the parish office by email: bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk or 01424 210263 (opt 4)
Office hours: Mon – Fri 9.15am to 4.45pm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

130th Parish Anniversary Weekend

Saturday 7th October

10.15am Confessions in St Martha's Church.

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

While you may not be able to attend all events, set yourself a worthy aim to be at one extra event above and beyond fulfilling your Sunday Obligation.

Happy Anniversary. Fr Simon.

CAFOD – HARVEST FAST DAY COLLECTION

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

When flooding hit Pakistan, Dr Nasha's team of healthcare professionals travelled miles to treat people in need. You can help 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.

We pray for those who have died: Jerry Edouard, Julie Mackrell, Richard (Teddy) Epsom, Winifred Broughton RIP.

We pray for the sick: Dorothy Smyth, Mary Nash, Margaret Hitchman, David Spooner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Veronica Phillips, 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.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/>

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

Liturgy & Prayer

Requiem Masses: Jerry Edouard RIP, 12noon on Friday 13th October at St Mary Magdalene Church & Julie Mackrell RIP, 10.30am on Friday 20th October at St Martha's Church. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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 contact 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. 9th Oct, St Martha's Hall. More info from the SVP: 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

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. CWL would like to thank the Parishioners for supporting the CWL Harvest Collection for The Foodbank. £471.70 was raised and 165 Kgs of food was collected.

Hastings & Rother Interfaith Forum: On Tues 10th 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://stmmboxhill.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://stmmboxhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW CLOSED for First Communion 2024: For those accepted, we now have the second of our Parents Session: 7pm on Friday 13th Oct. or 9am on Sat. 14th October (St Martha's Hall).

FINAL CALL Confirmation 2024: Friday 13th October 2023 is the deadline for submitting applications. Applications are welcome from those in school years 10, 11 & 12. You will find the application form here: <https://stmmboxhill.co.uk/confirmation/> First session: 5pm on Sunday 15th October 2023.

Need a non-urgent pastoral visit? Please use the online form: <https://stmmboxhill.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 Winter 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

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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Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

Saturday 7th October

St Mary Magdalene

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Solemnity

10.00am

10.30am

10.15am

11.00am

5.15pm

6.00pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Patronal Feast

No Mass

No Adoration or Confessions

Confessions

130th Anniversary Mass

Agnes Varghese GE

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

Sunday 8th October

St Martha

St Mary Magdalene

St Martha's Hall

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Martha's

Sunday

09.00am

11.00am

2.00pm

4.00pm

6.00pm

11.00am

Joan Horner RIP

Margaret McNamara GE

Children's Rosary Event

Let Your Light Shine Event

Adoration & Evening Prayer (6.30pm)

Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: THE ANNUAL CAFOD HARVEST COLLECTION

Monday 9th October

St Mary Magdalene

Feast

10.00am

St John Henry (Cardinal) Newman.

Moncy Thomas RIP

Tuesday 10th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

11.00am

Tuesday in 27th Week in OT

Reg Chapman RIP

Wednesday 11th October

St Mary Magdalene

Ferial

Wednesday in 27th Week in OT

No Mass

Thursday 12th October

St Mary Magdalene

Memorial

6.30pm

St Wilfrid, Diocesan Patron

Joseph Thomas RIP

Friday 13th October

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

Opt. Mem

10.00am

12noon

St Edward the Confessor & OL Fatima

No Mass

Requiem: Jerry Edouard RIP

Saturday 14th October

St Martha's Hall

St Mary Magdalene

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Solemnity

9.00am

10.00am

10.30am

5.15pm

6.00pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Patronal Feast

First Communion Parents session

No Mass

No Adoration or Confessions

Confessions on Request

People of the Parish

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

Is. 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 & Mt 22:1-14

Sunday 15th October

St Martha's Church

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene

St Martha's

Sunday

9.00am

11.00am

12.30pm

11.00am

Ray & Kaye Ford GE

Gerard Noel McNamara RIP

Baptism of Zinachimere Ofoh

Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: PACT – Prisoners Sunday

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 car parks are full, please park legally off-site.