

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend & 27<sup>th</sup> 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

# PARISH NEWS

## 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).*

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



**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

**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 13<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary Magdalene Church & Julie Mackrell RIP, 10.30am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](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. 9th 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. 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://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 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/> First session: 5pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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](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  
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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 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	09.00am	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)
<i>St Martha's</i>	11.00am	<i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>

#### *Second Collection: THE ANNUAL CAFOD HARVEST COLLECTION*

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>St John Henry (Cardinal) Newman.</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Moncy Thomas RIP
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Tuesday in 27<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Reg Chapman RIP
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday in 27<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Wilfrid, Diocesan Patron</b>
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Joseph Thomas RIP
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>St Edward the Confessor &amp; OL Fatima</b>
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene	12noon	<b>Requiem:</b> Jerry Edouard RIP
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary, Patronal Feast</b>
St Martha's Hall	9.00am	<i>First Communion Parents session</i>
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- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

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

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Ray & Kaye Ford GE
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Gerard Noel McNamara RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Zinachimere Ofoh
<i>St Martha's</i>	11.00am	<i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>

#### *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 carparks are full, please park legally off-site.