

5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

# PARISH NEWS

**Thirty-First 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

## Ministry of Welcome & Stewarding

Last Sunday, at 11am Mass, we had a rather boisterous visitor come into Mass, who was '*managed*' effectively by the welcoming and stewarding team, backed up by other attentive parishioners. Thank you to all those who volunteer to welcome and look out for Mass while we are at Mass. Over the past few weeks, there have been some flyers to invite more people to join these teams; are you able to be on the rota for Mass, say once a month, where you come earlier and ensure people are greeted, being available throughout Mass to help people in need, with a special outlook for visitors and new parishioners. If so, please contact the parish office to express interest.

## 6pm Mass on Saturday.

This Church provides the faithful with the opportunity to fulfill their Sunday Mass by anticipating their obligation on the evening before. This Mass is currently **deficient** in its welcoming teams, having no-one to perform this essential ministry. This must change! We also need people who regularly attend this Mass to get together and put a team of welcomers together. More Readers (see page 2) are needed at 6pm, as is an additional Sacristan.

**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

**Keep my soul in peace, before you, O Lord.**

## November: The Month of the Holy Souls

This Month, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially those in our funeral books of remembrance: '*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen*'. We invite you to place a photograph of a loved one you are grieving for on the Pieta Side Altar (St Mary Magdalene) or Our Lady's Side Altar (St Martha's) up until 17th November so we can pray for them.

The photographs from St Mary Magdalene will be transferred to St Martha's where we will celebrate our Annual Bereavement Mass at **10am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. If you are housebound and wish a photograph placed on the altar, the SVP can collect one from your home by contacting: 07783 598238 or by email: [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com) Please attach contact details on the back of the photograph/frame in case you cannot collect it following the Bereavement Mass.

On **12<sup>th</sup> November, at 11am** (as the time suggests), we shall have our annual Requiem Mass for the those fallen in War, and at other Masses there will be an opportunity to mark Remembrance Sunday. After the 11am Mass, we will have the blessing of the Ashes plots in the Memorial Garden at St Mary Magdalene, and then at 2.30pm the blessing of graves at Bexhill Cemetery in Turkey Road. I will be walking through the graveyard, so please invite me over to bless a family grave.

On **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, at 12noon** there will be the Annual Deceased Mass for the Deanery Clergy & Religious at St Mary Star of the Sea, Hastings. This Mass replaces the 11am Mass, and if you normally come to weekday Masses, please do try and come to Hastings to pray for the repose of the souls of those who have served us so well over the years.

This month when you come to Mass, try and offer your intention for the Holy Souls, a fulfilment of the Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the dead. '*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace*'. Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Winifred Broughton, Patrick Newbery, James Trimby, Fr Gerald Vann, Margaret Smythe RIP.

**We pray for the sick:** Fr Quinn-Morris, 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, 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>

**5<sup>th</sup> November - Diocesan Retiring Collection: Retired Priest's Fund:** This Sunday's retiring collection supports Diocesan Priests in retirement, the largest cost is the provision of accommodation to priests who, having reached the age of 75, retire from the burden of parish administration. Many retired priests continue to offer 'supply' ensuring parishes still get a Sunday Mass when the Parish Priest is away.

## Liturgy & Prayer

**Central Heating:** As we begin to turn the heating on, we will need to use gas sparingly; so, we would suggest you always come to Mass wearing appropriate, warm clothing: hats, coats, etc.

**New Readers at St Mary Magdalene:** Anyone who is interested in becoming a Reader of the Liturgy at the 6pm Vigil and 11am Day Sunday Masses (from January 2024) please contact Barrie: [bfrp@live.co.uk](mailto:bfrp@live.co.uk)  
We especially need at least two new readers for the 6pm Saturday evening Mass.

**Parish Bereavement Mass - 10am on Saturday 18th November at St Martha's:** The Parish prays for the Bereaved, fulfilling the Beatitude: *'Blessed are thou who mourn, they shall be comforted'*. Refreshments after in St Martha's Hall. This Mass replaces the usual 10am St Mary Magdalene Mass.

**Parish Funerals:** James Trimby RIP, Requiem Mass in St Mary Magdalene Church at 11am on 10<sup>th</sup> November & Patrick Newbery RIP, Service at Eastbourne Crematorium at 1pm on Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## Social & Pastoral

**Bonita will be on holiday between 18th Nov & 3rd Dec:** as such the Parish Office will be closed.

Fr Simon will deal with urgent administrative matters only (by email): [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

**SVP Tea @ 3pm:** Next Tea is Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, St Martha's Hall. 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, meeting at 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month, to share faith, skills, and friendship, while supporting the local community. Contact: 211717 or 221803. At our next meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, Deacon Simon will give us a spiritual talk (St Martha's Hall).

**Fairtrade Advent Calendar:** Order now from [jackdoherty@sky.com](mailto:jackdoherty@sky.com) or see notice board order form.

**A&B "Lighthouse" Charismatic event, 2.30pm – 6.30pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** The A&B Charismatic community gathers at St Wilfrid's school, Crawley, RH11 8PG for Mass, Worship, Prayer, and a talk by Joe Livingston (international evangelist from Glasgow) on healing and deliverance.

**Sussex Catenians:** A Catholic organization for men and their families in Hastings & Bexhill

For more information: <https://sussexcatenians.org/> or scan the QR opposite, to watch a video:



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



## Sacraments

**Adult Baptisms & Receptions & Confirmations:** Applications for the Oct. 2024/25 open after Easter.

**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/>

**FHC 'Tour of the Church':** after 9am Mass (St Martha's) after 11am Mass (St Mary Mags), Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Confirmation 2024:** Next Session is 5pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery.

**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 (updated)

**Fairtrade Group:** A volunteer is sought to manage a Fairtrade Stall once a month at St Martha's and / or St Mary Magdalene. More info: speak with Bridget Grant, Bridget Schofield, or Jack Doherty.

**Church Cleaning (updated):** With no 11am Mass on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, this would be a good opportunity to give St Mary Magdalene a clean. All it needs is a volunteer to unlock and open the doors and for people to come with their mops, brushes etc. Are you able to help, please let the office know. Perhaps, St Martha's parishioners could have a 'wiz round' after the 9am Sunday Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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

**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 needs parishioners to help run the Diocesan designed Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples. It is an enjoyable course and training is given, and you can also bring your experience of marriage into the course. More information: contact Deacon Simon.

## Planning of Liturgical Rotas for Christmas

*Fr Simon celebrates 1 Mass in each Church for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day:*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent:** 6pm on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec in St Mary Magdalene & 9am on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec in St Martha's.

**Christmas Mass (of 'Midnight'):** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4pm in St Martha's & 6pm in St Mary Magdalene.

**Christmas Day Mass:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9am (Dawn) in St Martha's, 11am (Day) in St Mary Magdalene.

## **St Richard's Christmas Fayre, 12noon to 3pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

A family event, featuring crafts, games, raffles, cakes, food, drinks, and an opportunity to have your photograph taken with Santa Claus. Entertainment provided by St Richard's choir and dancers.

## 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.

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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

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Memorial

10.00am

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

**St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**No Mass**

**No Adoration or Confessions**

Confessions on Request

People of the Parish

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A

*Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10, 1 Thess. 2:7-9, 13 & Mt 23:1-12.*

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

St Martha

### Sunday

09.00am

St Martha

After Mass

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

St Martha's

11.00am

Peter Lindsay-Vail RIP

Volunteers for Church Cleaning

Denis, Mary, Johanna O'Sullivan RIP

Baptism of Evie Marie Gardener

Syro Malabar Mass

**Second Collection: A&B Retired Priests Fund**

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

10.00am

**Monday in 31<sup>st</sup> Week in OT**

Frank Horner RIP

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

11.00am

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

**Tuesday in 31<sup>st</sup> Week in OT**

**No Mass**

Volunteers for Church Cleaning

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Ferial

**Wednesday in 31<sup>st</sup> Week in OT**

**No Mass**

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Feast

6.30pm

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Kenneth Bradshaw RIP

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Memorial

11.00am

**St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**

**Requiem:** James (Seamus) Trimby RIP

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary Magdalene

### Memorial

10.00am

St Mary Magdalene

10.30am

Memorial Garden

11.15am

St Mary Magdalene

12.30pm

St Mary Magdalene

5.15pm

St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm

**St Martin of Tours, Bishop.**

Joseph Thomas RIP

Adoration & Confessions

Burial of Ashes Doreen Turner RIP

Baptism of Guy Fermor

Confessions on Request

Joseph & Thomas Families RIP

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A & Remembrance Sunday

*Wis. 6:12-16, 1 Thess. 4:13-18 & Mt 25:1-13*

*The Last Post – 2 minutes silence - Reveille*

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

St Martha's Church

### Sunday

9.00am

St Mary Magdalene

11.00am

Memorial Garden

After Mass

Bexhill Cemetery

2.30pm

St Martha's

11.00am

Bartolomeo Visconti RIP

**Requiem:** Those fallen in War

Blessing of the Ashes Plots

Blessing of Graves

Syro Malabar Mass

**Second Collection: Holy Souls**

*For every £10 placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection enables a Mass for the Holy Souls to be celebrated*

**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.

The **public car park** in Little Common is only £1 for 4 hours.