

19th November 2023

PARISH NEWS

Thirty-Third 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

Church Heating

The central heating is working in our Churches, but please wear warm clothing.

Advent - Christingle Service

2.30pm on Sunday 17th December

St Martha's Church followed by

Festive Refreshments in the Hall

Our Parish Advent Christingle Service includes our **Parish Nativity Play** and lots of young actors are needed!

Recruitment: after Sunday Masses on Sunday 3rd December or phone Sarah Surman on 07926 514784

Rehearsal 1: St Martha's Church after 9am Mass on Sunday 10th December.

Rehearsal 2: St Martha's Church after 9am Mass on Sunday 17th December.

Performance: during the Christingle Service, arrive in costume by 2.10pm

(Costumes can be provided if required)

Due to Staff Holiday, the Parish Office is Closed until Monday 4th December 2023.

Emergency / Urgent Issues

Please email:

simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

Routine admin will be dealt with when Bonita returns from holiday.

The Parish Answerphone will not be monitored during this time.

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O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Invited: Diocesan Advent Reflections



The Invited Program begins on Thursday 30th November, and runs for 4 Thursdays up to and including 21st December. This season is designed to inspire and engage, challenging people to make Christ the centre of everything we do.

If you are looking to join a parish group, you are 'invited' to join the **Parish Charismatic Group** on Thursdays from 30th Nov. who meet in St Mary Magdalene Presbytery at 7.15pm, after the 6.30pm Parish Mass in St Mary Magdalene.

If you cannot make the in-person session, you can sign up for the Diocesan-wide Zoom conversations:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fmu1lcx0>

The Invited Films will be released on the preceding Mondays: 27 Nov, 4, 11 and 18th December. Films can be accessed at:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> or at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AandBcommunications>

To have the films emailed directly to your inbox:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/bv7fmdc9>

Week One's topic is 'Incarnation'. The Guest Speaker is Barnabas Mercer, A&B Seminarian, and testimony from Julia Wingfield, Family, Children's Minister, East Brighton Parish.

Retiring Collection: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance.

This year, the Mother Church of our Diocese, Arundel Cathedral celebrated its 150th Anniversary. We have a wonderful Cathedral Church, and all parishes share a responsibility to contribute to its upkeep. Therefore, this weekend the retiring collection is for 'Cathedral Maintenance.'

We pray for those who have died: Winifred Broughton, 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, Margaret McNamara, Keith Bourne, Leon Barre, Elizabeth Doust, Fr Boniface.

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>

CAFOD: Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate to CAFOD's Crisis Appeal on 0303 303 3030 or at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal> Your donation is given to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who work alongside communities most in need, ensuring aid workers can provide humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need.

Liturgy & Prayer

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

Short Advent Talk: Following 10am Mass on Saturday 9th December in St Mary Magdalene, Fr Simon will give a short Advent Reflection titled, '*Prepare a way for the Lord*', with Confessions following at 11am.

Day of Reflection with Bishop Richard: Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Readers: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9vii0inm> Sacred Heart, Cobham (20th Jan. 2024)

EMHC: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/diqacwgd> St Michael's, Worthing (10th Feb. 2024)

Social & Pastoral

SVP Tea @ 3pm: Next event is Mon. 11th Dec, St Martha's Hall. This will be our Christmas Lunch.

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

Advent Coffee & Chat (via Zoom) with Fr Kevin Hughes MHM (MISSIO): Starting at 10.30am on Friday 1st December, Fr Kevin shares a simple Advent reflection, with a chance to chat. To get the link please:

E: redbox@missio.org.uk to visit 'your page' on the MISSIO website: <https://missio.org.uk/LS/>

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.

Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle: Bob Clarke will speak about "Street Pastors" at 7.30pm on Monday 20th Nov. at Christ the King Catholic Church, Eastbourne. Street Pastors are volunteers from local churches who listen and care for vulnerable people who are out on the streets late at night.

Hastings & Rother Interfaith Forum: Next meeting, Tues. 21st Nov. 7pm – 9pm at Hastings Unitarian Church, 7 South Terrace, TN34 1SA. 7pm to 7.45pm: "Why am I a Buddhist?" by Naga Siddhi, Spiritual Coordinator at St Michael's Hospice. 7.50pm to 9pm: AGM. See posters at Church.

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. Those on the 2023/24 RCIA Course seeking Baptism, are admitted to the catechumenate during our 'Service of Acceptance' as part of 11am Mass on 1st Sunday of Advent (3rd December 2023). In this Mass, we also welcome Christians baptised in other ecclesial communities, who ask to be accepted as Candidates for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for them.

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/>

First Holy Communion: 'Tour of the Church': after 9am Mass (St Martha's) after 11am Mass (St Mary Mags), Sun. 19th Nov. 'Session for Children in non-Catholic Schools' to help prepare for 1st Confession, 12noon on Saturday 9th December 2023 in the Presbytery at St Mary Magdalene.

Confirmation 2024: Next Session is 5pm on Sunday 3rd December 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

St Martha's Flowers: Suzanne is looking for additional members to join her in the flower team. If you can help, please call 07827 292024

Welcomers: more volunteers please for all Masses, and a coordinator required for the 6pm Sat. Mass

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.

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. More information: contact Deacon Simon.

Arrangements for 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve / Day

Fr Simon will celebrate 1 Mass in each Church for 4th Sun. of Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day:

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

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

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

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

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01424 210 263 opt 4

out of hours

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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 18th November	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Martha's	9.15am	Confessions
St Martha's	10.00am	Parish Bereavement Mass

St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	Pauline Byrne RIP

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Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thess. 5:1-6 & Mt 25:14-30

Sunday 19th November	Sunday	
St Martha	09.00am	Michael & Jo Rabbet RIP
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Martha's	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance (Gift Aid)

Monday 20th November	Ferial	Monday in 33rd Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Joseph Thomas RIP

Tuesday 21st November	Memorial	The Presentation of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Alice & Albert Whatling RIP

Wed. 22nd November	Memorial	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
St Mary Magdalene		No Mass

Thursday 23rd November	Opt. Mem	St Clement I, Pope, and Martyr
Eastbourne Crematorium	1.00pm	Funeral Service: Michael Lingwood RIP
St Mary Magdalene	6.30pm	Mark Ferdinand Ranjo RIP

Friday 24th November	Memorial	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Joseph & Thomas Families RIP

Saturday 25th November	Opt. Mem	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Irene & David Herring RIP
St Mary Magdalene	10.30am	Adoration & Confessions
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptisms Ramsey & Delilah Broom
St Mary Magdalene	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene	6.00pm	People of the Parish

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28 & Mt 25:31-46

Sunday 26th November	Sunday	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Deceased Cronin & Dreland Families
St Mary Magdalene	11.00am	Michael Halse RIP
St Mary Magdalene	12.30pm	Baptism of Bunny Whitaker
St Martha's	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Bexhill Foodbank

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.

St Mary Magdalene Church Clean: Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned the Church on 7th Nov. The next **'sweep and dust'** will be after 10am Mass on Mon. 27th Nov. The **'Big Clean for Christmas'** will be after 10am Mass on Mon. 18th December, followed by Christmas Refreshments.