

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

The Communities of St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill & St Martha, Little Common

PARISH NEWS

Temporary Changes to Mass times in the month of June.

As in previous years, there is no 10am Sat. Mass on 8th & 15th June due to the First Holy Communions. Masses on 10th & 13th June are cancelled due to the 'Clergy In-Service' which disrupts Fr Simon's diary. **Additionally**, there is no 10am Mass on Friday 20th June due to the 'Thameslink Pilgrimage' to St Albans. And on **Saturday 22nd June, the Anticipated (or Vigil) Mass of the Sunday is at 7pm** (not 6pm) because of the Ordinations to the Priesthood at Arundel Cathedral at 2.30pm, meaning Fr Simon cannot be back for 6pm.

Next Church Clean

The 'June' clean is on 22nd / 23rd June ahead of the Confirmation Mass.

The Parish Office

Due to our lone working policies, the parish office is open to those with appointments or for pre-arranged groups and events.

For routine administration including the booking of Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office by email:

bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

or by 01424 210263 opt.4

The best way to contact Fr Simon is by email: simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

The email: stmm@btconnect.com is an old address and should not be used.

2nd June 2024

Corpus Christi on Sunday

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

June: The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This Sunday, we celebrate 'Corpus Christi', the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ which is the fruit of the 'Most Sacred Heart of Jesus'. The Feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday after Trinity) is profoundly linked to Good Friday when *'from the pierced side of Christ flows blood and water, the well-spring of the Church's sacramental life'*. The divine life first given to us in Holy Baptism is nourished by *'the Word made flesh'*, and in Holy Communion, Christ nourishes us with his *'body, blood, soul, and divinity'*. If it is just bread, just a symbol, then to hell with it! However, if we believe that the Blessed Sacrament is the fullness of Christ's presence then we should approach the Altar in profound Adoration and receive Holy Communion only when properly prepared and disposed – in a state of grace. Throughout the month of June which is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, our reflections and prayers help *'humble our sinful pride'* so that we might *'imitate Christ in his kindness'*, especially through our application of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In the corporal works we recognize our mission to give material help to those in need: *the hungry, the thirsty, the imprisoned etc.* In the spiritual works, we help people who are living in error, *by counselling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead.* By having a month focussing on the Heart of God we remember that Christ's choice in Baptism has removed us from the world, and rather than celebrate the disordered desires of this passing world, we keep our hearts and minds fixed on the things of heaven that endure, and so *'receive an overflowing measure of grace'*.

With every blessing, Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Minerva Spiteri, Una McGowan, Deacon Robert Mason RIP.

We pray for the sick: Fr Quinn-Morris, Dorothy Smyth, Margaret Hitchman, David Spooner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Veronica Phillips, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, David Meyer, Stephen Doyle, Ron Harbin, Jean Clifford, Margaret McNamara, Leon Barre, Elizabeth Doust, Fr Boniface, Pat Payne, David Ball, Andy Stirk, Neal Sheppard.

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>

Diocesan Pastoral Plan update: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/may-2024-pp-update>

Liturgy & Prayer

6pm (Sat) Stewards: a new Rota from 10th Sunday in OT is available in the porch. It needs to be filled with names please. The 6pm Mass also needs **sacristans**, which Fr Simon is currently doing himself.

Holy Mass, a Liturgy led by the Children: On 23rd of June, at our 9am Mass, the children will lead much of the Mass: singing, signing, instruments, reading, mime and offertory. We invite parents to bring children to the front and sit with them in the reserved benches. After Mass, parents and children are invited into the hall for refreshments and meet one another. After 9am Mass on Sun. 16th June there is a short practice for children (parents to stay with their children). More info: please contact Joe Apicella 07954 095707.

Social & Pastoral

Next SVP Tea at 3pm: Monday 10th June, St Martha's Hall. Info: bexhill@svp.org.uk All Welcome.

Open Garden & Afternoon Tea (tea served in St Martha's Hall from 3.30 pm): At 26 Winston Drive, Bexhill on Sunday 21st July from 2.30 - 5.00 pm. Tickets £5 per person, bookable in advance by contacting Ron on 01424 844177 or Chris on 07783 598238 by 10th July. Open in aid of SVP Bexhill.

Bereavement Support: if you are recently bereaved or still struggling with Bereavement, our Ministry of Consolation Bereavement befrienders are here to offer support. We also have trained counsellors who can offer support. In the first instance, contact our administrator: 07783 598238 or E: bexhill@svp.org.uk

Catholic Women's League (CWL): a women's group, meeting 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month, in St Martha's Hall. At the next gathering on 3rd June, there will be '*Line Dancing*'. Contact: 211717 or 221803.

Parish "Thameslink Pilgrimage" to St Albans: Join Fr Simon & Barrie Wright on pilgrimage to the 'Shrine of St Alban' at St Alban's Cathedral on Friday 21st June. More information:

<https://stmbbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/st-alban-pilgrimage-21.6.24.pdf>

Aylesford Priory (7th July), Celebrating Disability: St Martha's choir leads the music, but if any parishioner wishes to go, the coach leaves Little Common (9.15am) & Bexhill (9.20am) (£5 donation). **At**

Aylesford: 12noon Welcome Service with Bishop Paul Hendrix & Music by the St Martha's choir. Activities: Rosary Way, Sensory Prayer, Art, talk Edith Stein, singing by Anne Ward & Bognor L'Arch. 4pm Mass. 6pm Coach leaves Aylesford. Contact: Joe Apicella (07954 095707) to book a place on the coach.

Need a non-urgent pastoral visit? Please use the online form: <https://stmbbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone the parish office on 01424 210 263 opt 4 to arrange a home visit.

Parish Team

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Parish Priest: Fr Simon Dray.

Parish Deacon: Rev. Simon Kirkdale.

Administrator: Bonita Osmond.

Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins



Fundraising & Parish Offertory

Mass intentions & other payments: BACs: Name: RCD St Mary Magdalene, Acct No. 21077139, S/C 40-05-20. (Please add a reference). **Contactless Payments:** To give by Card, please use the Dona Contactless Machines, selecting the appropriate category. GIFT AID: Some collections are Gift Aid-able.

Gift Aid Statements: contact the parish office if you need a Gift Aid statement or Gift Aid envelopes.

Barrie Wright's Sponsored Walk for Gaza Christians: Thank you for your prayers and support for Barrie's sponsored walk. £3,790 was raised to be split equally between Anglican, Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic communities in Gaza, and sent to the patriarchs in Jerusalem or other appropriate organisations. Please continue to pray for these beleaguered and forgotten Christian communities.

Formation & Sacraments

General Election Guidance: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> & <https://svp.org.uk/encounter>

Safeguarding Training: Register here: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/courses>

(New Date) Neman Circle Talk: Fr. Kevin Dring on 'Sexuality and gender issues within contemporary Catholic thought' on Thursday 20th June in St Martha's Hall. Entrance Free. 7pm for 7.30pm to 9pm.

Journey in Faith: Adult Formation & RCIA - Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations: Adults seeking Baptism or Reception at Easter 2025 need to complete the 'pre-catechumenate' (attending Mass for regularly for six months prior to the start of the course in October. If this applies to you, please book an appointment to see me by 31st August. Application form: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/rcia/> or email bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk if you have already submitted an online application. Many thanks. Fr Simon.

Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6): Applications submitted via the website: <https://stmbexhill.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://stmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

(Updated) First Holy Communion: The post-Communion celebration: after 9am Mass on 30th June.

Marriage: 12-months' notice required. Please contact the parish office if getting married in summer 2025.

Fairtrade: The stall is available after 9am Mass at St Martha's on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Bexhill's Homeless Unity Group (HUG): are seeking volunteers to serve meals on Saturdays 3-5pm.

Contact: bridget.grant@talk21.com or g_pilard@hotmail.com HUG website: <https://bexhillhug.org.uk/>

A&B Grandparents Pilgrimage (11am to 3pm, Wed. 26th June): To sign up for the annual grandparents' Mass and pilgrimage to West Grinstead please visit: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/h4bozjok>

Sussex Catenians: A Catholic organization for men and their families

in Hastings & Bexhill. More info: <https://sussexcatenians.org/>

or scan the QR opposite, to watch a video:



Saturday 1st June	Memorial	St Justin Martyr
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	John & Mary Hayes RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration to pray for the Pastoral Plan
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CORPUS CHRISTI

Ex. 24:3-8, Heb. 9:11-15 (Sequence) & Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Sunday 2nd June	Sunday	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Claire Fitzgerald RIP followed by Corpus Christi Procession.
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Bill Barker RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	12.30pm	Baptism: Oluwatamilore Hughes
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

Second collection: Parish Maintenance Fund

Monday 3rd June	Funeral	Funeral Rites
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Requiem: Una McGowen RIP
Tuesday 4th June	Ferial	Tuesday in 9th Week of OT
St Richard's	8.45am	Form Mass for 7L & 7I
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Fred Herring RIP
Wednesday 5th June	Memorial	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
St Mary Magdalene Church		No Mass
Thursday 6th June	Solemnity	Vigil Mass of the Sacred Heart
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Maura McElligott RIP
Friday 7th June	Solemnity	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Roel Panagdato
Saturday 8th June	Memorial	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	No Mass
St Martha's Church	12noon	Mass 1: First Holy Communion
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	People of the Parish

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, B

Gen. 3:9-15, 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1 & Mk 3:20-35

Sunday 9th June	Sunday	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Margaret Rafferty GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Mammen Varghese & Aleyamma Varghese
St Mary Magdalene Church	12.30pm	Baptism: Filip Ambarus
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

Second Collection: Foodbank: Schools Summer Picnic Project

When our **Parish Car Parks** are full, please park legally & respectfully off-site. Please do not move cones protecting pedestrian & fire access. Off-site, please do not park on double yellow lines, obstruct driveways or pavements. Please be considerate to our neighbours. Little Common public car park £1.30 for 4hrs.

Moving towards Becoming a Moderated Parish: In the autumn (November) we will formally begin the journey into becoming a **Single Parish** from Eastbourne to Rye, bringing together what are now 8 separate parishes. The clergy are already reflecting on the good resources we can share, how to work closely together, how to collaborate in mission, and identifying good leadership from within our communities. As the journey unfolds, we will all have a part to play. May the Holy Spirit bless and guide us every step of the way.

Fr Kevin Dring, Future Moderator.

Sacrament of the Sick

Urgent Visits

'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"').

Home Visits

Office hours:

bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

01424 210 263 opt 4.

Out of hours:

simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

In Eastbourne or

Conquest Hospital:

Contact the Chaplaincy

on 0300 131 5307 or

5308 who will coordinate

the visits to both hospitals

(out of hours ask the

Ward to call the on-call

Catholic chaplain).

In Bexhill Hospital: ask

the ward to contact the

Parish Office on 01424

210263 opt. 4.

Going into Hospital?

Ask for the Sacrament of

the Sick in Advance at

your usual Sunday Mass.

Care Home Visits:

Please clear the visit with

the Home before

contacting the Parish.