

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June due to the First Holy Communions. Masses on 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June are cancelled due to the 'Clergy In-Service' which disrupts Fr Simon's diary. Additionally, there is no 10am Mass on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June due to the 'Thameslink Pilgrimage' to St Albans. And on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk)

The email: [stmm@btconnect.com](mailto:stmm@btconnect.com) is an old address and should not be used.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> June, St Martha's Hall. Info: [bexhill@svp.org.uk](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> June. More information:

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

**Aylesford Priory (7<sup>th</sup> 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://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone the parish office on 01424 210 263 opt 4 to arrange a home visit.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> August. Application form: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/rcia/> or email [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bridget.grant@talk21.com) or [g\\_pilard@hotmail.com](mailto:g_pilard@hotmail.com) HUG website: <https://bexhillhug.org.uk/>

**A&B Grandparents Pilgrimage (11am to 3pm, Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> 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:



<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Justin Martyr</b>
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

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
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: Oluwatamiore Hughes
<i>St Martha's Church</i>	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

#### Second collection: Parish Maintenance Fund

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Funeral</b>	<b>Funeral Rites</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	<b>Requiem:</b> Una McGowen RIP
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Tuesday in 9<sup>th</sup> Week of OT</b>
<i>St Richard's</i>	8.45am	<i>Form Mass for 7L &amp; 7I</i>
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Fred Herring RIP
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Sacred Heart</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Maura McElligott RIP
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Roel Panagdato
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
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

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
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
<i>St Martha's Church</i>	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](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk)

01424 210 263 opt 4.

#### Out of hours:

[simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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.