

# 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.

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

**"Go, therefore, make disciples".**

In our homilies, Deacon Simon and I have been reminding the parish of the call to service. In response, many people have shown a willingness to be involved but, in many areas, – especially those running with interim arrangements – we have no one to whom we can sign post them. The first step, then, is to appoint **co-ordinators** who can take responsibility for an area of ministry, maintenance, and mission so that volunteers know who to speak to about getting involved. The co-ordinator takes responsibility, liaises with the parish office, draws up rotas, completes any risk assessments / safeguarding requirements, find appropriate resources, and is a point of contact for enquiries & queries. To start, these are the areas of priority that currently have no **co-ordinator**:

- Coordinator for the Liturgy of the Word for Children,
- Lead Catechist for Baptism Preparation,
- Lead Catechist for First Holy Communion,
- Lead Catechist for RCIA,
- Chair of the Parish Finance Committee,
- Coordinator of Parish Social Life and Fundraising,
- Caretaker / Groundskeeper for St Martha's,
- Caretaker / Groundskeeper for St Mary Magdalene,
- Youth Officer (ages 8-12), Youth Officer (ages 13-17)

Many roles need Parish **DBS** clearance and **CCSA Safeguarding Training**. Some roles are self-explanatory, some are a blank canvas, others need input from other groups or committees, especially the Parish Pastoral Core Group and 'Moderated Parish'. Most roles need my approval as I am the Chief Catechist for the parish and have legal responsibility for Health & Safety. Please pray and discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you to coordinate one of these voluntary roles, then let me know. Many thanks. Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Minerva Spiteri, Canon Michael Spellman, Una McGowan, Maureen Crisp, Patricia Bourner, 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.

**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>

**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 now available and needs to be filled with names. 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 the 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. Thank you for the £145 at the recent '*Sausage Sizzle*' as part of the Marian Procession Day on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**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://stmmmbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/st-alban-pilgrimage-21.6.24.pdf>

**Aylesford Priory Trip (7<sup>th</sup> July) - Celebrating Disability:** The St Martha's choir leads the music at this event, but if any parishioner would like to join the event, the coach leaves Little Common at 9.15am & Bexhill at 9.20am (£5 donation). **At Aylesford:** 12noon, Welcome service led by Bishop Paul Hendrix with Music by the St Martha's choir. Afternoon activities: Rosary Way, Sensory prayer room, Art, spiritual retreat on Edith Stein, singing led by Anne Ward & Bognor L'Arch. 4pm Mass with Bishop Paul. 6pm Coach leaves Aylesford. Please contact Joe Apicella (07954 095707) to book a place on the coach.

**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:** if you wish to receive a Gift Aid statement please email or phone Bonita who will email you your statement. If you still need Gift Aid envelopes, please let Bonita know.

## Formation & Sacraments

**Newman Circle Meeting:** Fr Keving Dring, Dean of Eastbourne & St Leonards, will speak on 'Sexuality and gender issues within contemporary Catholic thought', 7.30pm in St Martha's Hall on Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**Safeguarding Training:** Volunteers working with children & adults at risk must complete safeguarding training online, the CSSA Level 3. Register here: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/courses>

**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://stmmrbexhill.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://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/>

**(Updated) First Holy Communion:** Practices on how to receive Holy Communion: 26<sup>th</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> June, no need to book. The post-Communion celebration will be after 9am Mass at St Martha's on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Confirmation 2024:** Film & Pizza, 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary Magdalene Presbytery.

**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.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Memorial</b> 10.00am	<b>The Venerable Bede</b> Nuptial Mass: Convalidation of Emma & Nicky Burford
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, B</b>		
<i>Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40, Rom. 8:14-17 &amp; Mt 28: 16-20</i>		
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Martha's Church	<b>Sunday</b> 9.00am	Keith Bourne RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Lilian Barlow RIP
<i>St Martha's Church</i>	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass
<b>Second collection: The Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)</b>		
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Feast</b> 10.00am	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b> Sergio Nardone RIP
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Ferial</b> 11.00am	<b>Tuesday in 8<sup>th</sup> Week of OT</b> Edna Herring RIP
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Ferial</b> 11.30am	<b>Wed. in 8<sup>th</sup> Week of OT</b> Latin Mass
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Votive</b> 10.00am	<b>Votive Mass of Corpus Christi</b> Latin Mass
St Mary Magdalene Church	12 noon	Funeral Service Patricia Bourner RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Chibuike & Chinaka GE & Sacraments for Gracie & Alfie Selmes
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Feast</b> 10.00am	<b>The Visitation of the BVM</b> Monica & Anthony Whillson- White (60th Wedding Anniversary) & the Crowning of Our Lady.
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>Memorial</b> 10.00am	<b>St Justin Martyr</b> 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
<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>		
<i>Ex. 24:3-8, Heb. 9:11-15 (Sequence) &amp; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26</i>		
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> St Martha's Church	<b>Solemnity</b> 9.00am	Claire Fitzgerald RIP & Procession
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Bill Parker RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	12.30pm	Baptism: Oluwatamiore Hughes
<i>St Martha's Church</i>	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass
<b>Second Collection: Parish Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)</b>		

**Parking:** when our parish car parks are full, please park legally & respectfully off-site. Please do not move cones which protect pedestrian & fire access. Off-site, please do not park on double yellow lines, obstruct driveways or pavements. Please be considerate to our neighbours. The price of the public car park in Little Common is now £1.30 for 4 hours.

### Diocesan Pastoral Plan Prayer

*Lord, The Word who is Life: May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us, for you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.*

### 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.