

# 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

### Cleaning for Confirmation & June.

Our parish is hosting the Deanery Confirmation Mass at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene Church on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. As our guests will come from near and far; as part of our warm welcome, we want the Church to be clean. This weekend is our monthly Church clean at both sites. As it is a busy weekend, we need *all-hands-on-deck* please. While this task is **essential**, it should not be burdensome. Many thanks indeed!

### This Weekend (22/23 June)

The anticipated (or Vigil) Mass is at 7pm (not 6pm) this Saturday Evening. The 9am Mass at St Martha's will be a liturgy led by the children of the parish, but it is a normal Sunday Mass. After Mass: refreshments and social in the hall.

### 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.

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, B.

O give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures for ever.

### New Translation of the Lectionary this Advent.

In England & Wales (and Scotland), a new Lectionary will be used from Advent. The current Lectionary (*using the Jerusalem Bible Translation*) has been in use since 1981 and while it has served us well it is time for a refresh; and our own copies are falling apart! The new lectionary uses the '*English Standard Version*' (ESV) for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and the Gospel, and the '*Abbey Translation*' for the Psalms. The ESV has been judged as well-suited for '*Proclamation*', as the Sunday readings are proclaimed not read. The new Church Lectionaries will be printed in '*sense lines*' to help the Minister of the Word better convey the meaning of Jesus' Word or the prophet's or apostle's message. Our parish readers are encouraged, as now, to prepare themselves to read each week, having looked at the Sunday readings in advance. This helps us receive God's Word, allowing it to bear fruit in the hearer. For each Church, I have placed a '*pre-order*' for new Lectionaries and a Book of the Gospels (*and study editions for the parish office*). We expect to receive them around October for **mandatory, exclusive and immediate use** from the beginning of Advent for all Sunday and Weekday Masses, including funerals and weddings. If we receive them earlier, the bishop says we may start using them. There is a three-year grace period for the musicians who sing the psalm (as is proper, for they are songs) to allow time for good settings to be composed and learned – although composers are already working on this. The cost to the parish, even with a pre-order 15% discount is £2,200 but the books come with dedication sheets, so if anyone would like to sponsor a lectionary (volume 1-4 & book of the Gospels) and help cover the cost, please contact the office. FAQs: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/> Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr Lawrence Quin-Morris RIP.

**We pray for the sick:** 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, Regino Wahnnon, Mary Luck.

**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>

**From our Future Moderator: Soon to become a new Moderated Parish – What's next?** A talk from Fr Kevin Dring at 7pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July in Our Lady of Ransom Hall in Eastbourne. Fr Kevin will explore with us the plans for the coming months on becoming a new Mega (moderated) Parish, from Eastbourne to Rye! What part will you play in this? Refreshments available. All are welcome.

### **Liturgy & Prayer**

**The Anticipated (or Vigil) Mass at 6pm:** a new Rota from 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT is available in the porch. It needs to be filled with names please. Moving forward, this Mass also needs **sacristans**.

**Canonical Retreat:** Fr Simon is on retreat Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, back for the 6pm Mass.

**People's Personal Missals:** Your current missals will no longer have the correct translation of the readings from 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. New missals will be published by CTS in due course. Meanwhile, the Repository is placing an advance order of St Paul's (London) publication '**GOD'S WORD 2025**'. An excellent book giving the daily Mass readings for 2025. If you wish to reserve a copy (£13), please contact the parish office for your name to be added to the advance-copy list. No payment required until you collect your copy of GOD's WORD from the Repository in Oct / Nov. Book is also useful for Lectio Devina.

### **Social & Pastoral**

**Next SVP Tea at 3pm:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 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 sharing faith and friendship, with many interesting topics & activities. Meet: 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month, in St Martha's Hall. Contact: 211717 or 221803.

**Aylesford Priory (7<sup>th</sup> July), Celebrating Disability (reminder):** 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). More information and to book a place on the coach, please contact: Joe Apicella (07954 095707).

**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.

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.

### 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>

**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 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:** Thank you to all those who made our First Holy Communion celebrations so wonderful. We will now take the usual period of reflection before advertising the 2025 Programme, so please do not apply yet. The post-Communion celebration: after 9am Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> June. This replaces the normal 9am refreshments, as the hall is not big enough to accommodate both events.

**FHC 2025:** applications will not open until the end of July, so please check back here at that time.

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

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

**Peter's Pence:** By tradition, on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, the Catholic faithful throughout the world are asked to contribute to Peter's Pence (although we can now give pounds!). Our retiring collection on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, expresses our love for the Holy Father and helps support his missionary endeavours, especially his support for the poor. This money also helps fund the various dicasteries (departments) that support the Church's mission to spread the gospel to the world. If using the CARD READER please select SECOND COLLECTION.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>Thomas More &amp; John Fisher</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
Arundel Cathedral	2.30pm	Diocesan Ordinations
St Mary Magdalene Church	<b>7.00pm</b>	Deceased Capaldi Families
St Mary Magdalene Church	After Mass	Church Clean for Confirmations.

## TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, B

Job 3:1.8-11, 2 Cor. 5:14-17 & Mk 4:35-41

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Di Mascio Family GE
St Martha's Church	After Mass	Monthly Church Clean
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene Church	After Mass	Church Clean for Confirmations.

**Second collection: SVP Bexhill** (not GA)

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Francis Augustine RIP
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Tuesday in 12<sup>th</sup> Week of OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	John Hartman RIP
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Week of OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Thursday in 12<sup>th</sup> Week of OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Maryam RIP & Sacraments of Jayden & Dulcie-Mae Richards

<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Irenaeus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Mariam Stephen RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	7.00pm	Deanery Confirmation Mass
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration to pray for the Pastoral Plan.
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	Deceased members of Elms/Chapman/Horner Families

## SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

Vigil Mass: Acts 3:1-10, Gal. 1:11-20 & Jn 21:15-19

Mass of the Day: Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18 & Mt 16:13-19

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Transferred from 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>
St Martha's Church	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Mick Hanson RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	12.30pm	Baptism: Amelia Zofia Mitchell
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second Collection: Peter's Pence** (not GA)

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

### 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.