

# 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

### Thank You!

A massive thank you to our cleaners, welcomers, stewards, musicians, flower arrangers, servers, administrators, parishioners and families who made both our parish First Holy Communion and Deanery Confirmation celebrations so wonderfully prayerful and full of faith. Applications for First Holy Communion 2025 will open in August, and applications for Confirmation 2025 will open in September – always check the newsletter for relevant updates.

### The Parish Office: Holiday Closure

The Parish Office is closed from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

#### During this time:

**Urgent items** only should be sent to

[bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) which

Fr Simon will attend to between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Emergency items** only should be sent

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

*(The Answerphone will not be monitored between 3<sup>rd</sup> July & 14<sup>th</sup> July)*

The Parish Office reopens for routine email / telephone traffic or in-person to those with appointments on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Items for inclusion in a Double Edition Newsletter for 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July need to be sent by 12noon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles.

#### Proper Vigil Mass:

Their word goes forth through all the earth

#### Mass of the Day:

From all my terrors the Lord set me free **or**

The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him

#### Rome, not Jerusalem, is our focus.

At the end of our seminary formation, my year had a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land, walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. This is something that probably cannot happen again for some time. The Acts of the Apostles records the rapid progress of the Apostles in fulfilling the Lord's command: '*go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation*'. For this to happen, the Gospel must reach Rome, the secular centre of power and governance. In AD64, both Peter and Paul lay down their lives for the sake of the Gospel, the Basilica of St Peter and the Basilica of St Paul built over their place of martyrdom / tombs. Eucharistic Prayer 1, the '*Roman Canon*', lists the next bishops of Rome: '*Linus, Cletus, Clement and Sixtus...*' and Pope Francis would be number 266 if all the popes were read out in the Mass, maintaining this Petrine Succession and Primacy over the College of Apostles which is promised to Peter: **presented** to us in the Gospel of the Mass of the Day and **restored** to him in the Gospel of the Vigil Mass. Those who receive Holy Communion in this Church do so (*providing they are properly prepared and disposed*) because they have been baptised into the Church of God and are in communion with the Church Catholic: '*with Francis our Pope and Richard our own bishop and apostle, and all those who teach and hand on the Catholic and Apostolic Faith*'. As the Collect for the Mass of the Day says, may the '*Church, in all things, follow the teaching of those [the Apostles] through whom she received [from Christ] the beginnings of right religion*'. Happy Feast Day. Fr Simon.

**We pray for those who have died:** Fr Lawrence Quin-Morris, Mary Luck, Sr. Imelda Holley RIP. Sr Imelda served our parish so faithfully for many years. Details of the funeral to follow, when received.

**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, Neal Sheppard, Regino Wahnon.

**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. This 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.

**Peter's Pence:** By tradition, on the Feast of St Peter & St Paul, the Catholic faithful throughout the world are asked to contribute to Peter's Pence (or Pounds!). Our retiring collection this Sunday, 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. If using the CARD READER please select SECOND COLLECTION.

### **Formation & Sacraments**

**General Election 2024:** At 10.15am on Monday 1st July in St Martha's Hall, Jack Doherty is hosting a session that allows parishioners to explore the general election guidance provided by the Bishops Conference and the SVP. This is a chance to explore the issues that affect us as Christians but will in no way suggest to you, which party, or candidate to (or not to) vote for.

**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 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/>

**Post Communion Celebration:** This Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, '*during the coffee after the 9am Mass*' the FHC children and families are invited to gather for refreshments and cake. This replaces the normal 9am refreshments, as the hall is not big enough to accommodate both. Thank you for your understanding.

**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.

**Churches Together in Bexhill (CTiB) Open Air Summer Hymn Singing:** Sundays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, at 4pm at The Coronation Bandstand, De La Warr Parade, Bexhill-on-Sea (posters at back of church).

**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 29<sup>th</sup> June**St Mary Magdalene Church  
St Mary Magdalene Church**Opt. Mem**10.00am  
10.30am  
  
5.15pm  
6.00pm**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**Priests Intentions  
Confessions & Adoration to pray  
for the Pastoral Plan.  
  
Confessions on Request  
Deceased members of the Elms,  
Chapman & Horner Families.**SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES**

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

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**St Martha's Church  
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St Mary Magdalene Church**Solemnity**9.00am  
11.00am  
12.30pm  
11.00am**Transferred from 29<sup>th</sup> June**People of the Parish  
Mick Hanson RIP  
Baptism: Amelia Zofia Mitchell  
Syro-Malabar Mass**Second collection: Peter's Pence – see page 3 (not GA)****Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Feast**

10.00am

**Dedication of Arundel Cathedral****No Mass****Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

11.00am

**Tuesday in 13<sup>th</sup> Week of OT****No Mass****Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Feast****St Thomas, Apostle****No Mass****Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

6.30pm

**Thursday in 13<sup>th</sup> Week of OT****No Mass****Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

10.00am

**Friday in 13<sup>th</sup> Week of OT****No Mass****Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Opt. Mem****Saturday Memorial of the BVM****No Mass**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**No Confessions or Adoration.**

St Mary Magdalene Church

Confessions on Request

St Mary Magdalene Church

Benedict Varghese GE10<sup>th</sup> B'day**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, B**

Ez. 2:2-5, 2 Cor. 12:7-10 &amp; Mk 6:1-6

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

St Martha's Church

**Sunday**

People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene Church

9.00am

Jane Chapman RIP

St Mary Magdalene Church

11.00am

Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second Collection: HUG (not GA)****Parking:** When our parish Car Parks are full, please park legally off-site.

Please do not move cones protecting pedestrian &amp; 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; please do enter the public car park via the exit which is marked with "no-entry signs".

**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.