

# 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

### 7<sup>th</sup> July: Aylesford Priory:

#### Celebrating Disability

Prayers for the St Martha's Choir (and other parishioners who have joined them) who are on pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory and are leading the music for the 'celebrating disability pilgrimage'.

### Churches Together in Bexhill 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).

### 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.

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Double Edition) Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sunday in OT B

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT B:

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT B:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,  
and give us your saving help.

### Priests, Prophets and Kings: 7th July 2024

A significant moment at Baptism is the '*post-baptismal anointing*' when the newly baptised is anointed and receives a share in the three-fold office of Jesus Christ who is '*priest, prophet and king*'. The dignity of the baptised takes shape in the '*dismissal*' given by the Deacon: '*Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord*'. With around 500 people coming to Mass in the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Bexhill, there should be no-one in Bexhill and Little Common who does not '*know that there is a prophet among them*'. Whether or not they choose to listen is, of course, up to them, but all of us should consider how we will make the gospel we have heard known to our community. Surely, we do not think the '*dismissal*' means that our religious duties are over for the week?!

### Sea Sunday: 14th July 2024

#### 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'

<https://stellamaris.org.uk/>  
<https://stellamaris.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Sea-Sunday-Parish-Booklet-2024-web.pdf>

Every year the Church celebrates '*Sea Sunday*'. It is a day for people to come together to pray for those who work at sea and thank them for the vital role they play in our lives. Stella Maris (formally '*Apostleship of the Sea*') is the largest ship-visiting network in the world. They improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through their network of chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support. Our retiring collection this Sunday is for Stella Maris; on the card reader select: SECOND COLLECTION.

**We pray for those who have died:** Mary Luck, Sr. Imelda Holley 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, Neal Sheppard, Regino Wahnnon.

**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**

**Requiem Mass of Sr Imelda Holley RIP**, who served our parish so faithfully for many years, will be: 11am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, at the Convent in Loughborough.

**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**.

**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.

**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.

**Lourdes Raffle:** the four St Richard's pupils thank you for supporting their Raffle - £835 was raised!

### Formation & Sacraments

**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://stmmbexhill.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://stmmbexhill.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://stmmbexhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

**First Holy Communion:** Applications for 2025 will open in August. Check back here then.

**Confirmation:** Applications for 2025 will open in September. Check back here then.

**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://stmmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone the parish office on 01424 210 263 opt 4 to arrange a home visit.

**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; 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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church  
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**Opt. Mem**

10.00am  
10.30am  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

**No Mass**  
**No Confessions or Adoration.**  
Confessions on Request  
Benedict Varghese GE 10<sup>th</sup> B'day

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, B**

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

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

St Martha's Church  
St Mary Magdalene Church  
St Martha's Church

**Sunday**

9.00am  
11.00am  
11.00am

People of the Parish  
Jane Chapman RIP  
Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second collection: HUG (Not GA)**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church  
Hastings Crematorium

**Ferial**

10.00am  
10.15am

**Monday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

Chris Varghese GE (B'day)  
Funeral: Anna Bridger RIP

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

11.00am

**Tuesday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

Jone Gore RIP

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

**No Mass**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Feast**

6.30pm

**St Benedict, Abbot**

Holy Souls

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

10.00am

**Friday in 14<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

Hubert & Rachel Alton RIP

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church  
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**Votive**

10.00am  
10.30am  
12.30pm  
5.15pm

**Anniversary Weekend**

Fr Simon's 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Confessions & Adoration.  
Baptism: Harry & Freddy Aston  
Confessions on Request

**131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of Bexhill (Sunday Readings)**

St Mary Magdalene Church

6.00pm

Hubert & Rachel Alton RIP

*Amos 7:12-15, Eph. 1:3-14 & Mk 6:7-13*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

St Martha's Church  
St Mary Magdalene Church  
St Mary Magdalene Church  
St Martha's Church

**Sunday**

9.00am  
11.00am  
12.30pm  
11.00am

**15<sup>th</sup> Sun. in OT B / Sea Sunday**

Parish Music Groups  
People of the Parish  
Baptism: Poppy Laibach-Knight  
Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second Collection: Stella Maria (Formerly: Apostleship of the Sea) Not GA**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Memorial**

10.00am

**St Bonaventure, Bishop**

Daphne Newcastle RIP

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Opt. Mem**

11.00am

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Ann Ford RIP

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

**No Mass**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

6.30pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

Jimmy Leek RIP

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Ferial**

10.00am

**Friday in 15<sup>th</sup> Week of OT**

Geraldine & Eric Carvalho RIP

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

St Mary Magdalene Church  
St Mary Magdalene Church

**Opt. Mem**

10.00am  
12.30pm

**Saturday Memorial of the BVM**

Regino Wahon GE  
Baptism: Maeva Dolly Mitchell

**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.

**Co-principal Patrons of our Parish – Transferred to Nearest Sunday**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: The Feast of St Mary Magdalene (Readings: 16<sup>th</sup> OT B)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July: The Feast of St Martha (Readings: 17<sup>th</sup> OT B).