

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

7th 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 7th and 14th 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 3rd July to Friday 12th July.

During this time:

Urgent items only should be sent to bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk which Fr Simon will attend to between Monday 8th and Friday 12th July.

Emergency items only should be sent to simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

(The Answerphone will not be monitored between 3rd July & 14th July)

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

7th & 14th July 2024 (Double Edition)
Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sunday in OT B

14th Sunday in OT B:

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

15th 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 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 18th 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 10th July, at the Convent in Loughborough.

The Anticipated (or Vigil) Mass at 6pm: a new Rota from 10th 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 1st 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 Divina

Social & Pastoral

Next SVP Tea at 3pm: Monday 8th July, St Martha's Hall. Info: 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 21st 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 10th 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

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 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.



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 31st August. Application form: <https://stmbexhill.co.uk/rcia/> or email 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/>

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://stmbexhill.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



Saturday 6th 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 10th B'day

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, B

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

Sunday 7th 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 8th July

St Mary Magdalene Church
 Hastings Crematorium

Ferial

10.00am
 10.15am

Monday in 14th Week of OT

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

Tuesday 9th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Ferial

11.00am

Tuesday in 14th Week of OT

Jone Gore RIP

Wednesday 10th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Ferial

10.00am

Wednesday 14th Week of OT

No Mass

Thursday 11th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Feast

6.30pm

St Benedict, Abbot

Holy Souls

Friday 12th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Ferial

10.00am

Friday in 14th Week of OT

Hubert & Rachel Alton RIP

Saturday 13th July

St Mary Magdalene Church
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Votive

10.00am
 10.30am
 12.30pm
 5.15pm

Anniversary Weekend

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

131st 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 14th July

St Martha's Church
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Sunday

9.00am
 11.00am
 12.30pm
 11.00am

15th 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 15th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Memorial

10.00am

St Bonaventure, Bishop

Daphne Newcastle RIP

Tuesday 16th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Opt. Mem

11.00am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ann Ford RIP

Wednesday 17th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Ferial

6.30pm

Wednesday 15th Week of OT

No Mass

Thursday 18th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Ferial

6.30pm

Thursday 15th Week of OT

Jimmy Leek RIP

Friday 19th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Ferial

10.00am

Friday in 15th Week of OT

Geraldine & Eric Carvalho RIP

Saturday 20th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

Opt. Mem

10.00am

Saturday Memorial of the BVM

Regino Wahon GE

St Mary Magdalene Church

12.30pm

Baptism: Maeva Dolly Mitchell

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

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

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

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

01424 210 263 opt 4.

Out of hours:

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.