

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

The Assumption:

Holy Day of Obligation:

Fr Simon will celebrate two Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven in St Mary Magdalene Church on Thursday 15th August at 11am and 6.30pm.

Moderated Parish News:

Fr Kevin Dring (Dean) has written to us, giving an overview of the process of being a Moderated Parish from Nov, outlining our involvement in the process.

The letter is available here:

<https://stmmgbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/fr-kevin-letter-to-deanery-moderated-parish.pdf>

Next Church Clean

Weekend of 31st Aug / 1st Sept.

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

or by 01424 210263 opt.4

The best way to contact Fr Simon is by email: simon.dray@abdiocese.org.uk

The email: stmm@btconnect.com is an old address and should not be used.

11th August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Plan Ahead: The Sacrament of Sick (the Anointing)

A highlight of the Lourdes Pilgrimage is the Mass with Anointing, where we commend to Jesus those who are **gravely ill, have a serious or chronic underlying medical condition or have become increasingly frail**, and anoint them with the 'Sacrament of the Sick' so He may strengthen them with his grace. Our Parish Mass of Anointing (hosted by the SVP) is **3pm on Saturday 28th September** at St Martha's. This is an appeal to those with '**next of kin**' responsibilities to bring their loved ones who need the sacraments to Mass on that day. As the 'Sacrament of the Sick' is part of the sacraments of penance, it is administered only by a priest and I will be away from the parish for my summer holiday with my dad from 4th September to 22nd September, and there will be a supply priest for the Sundays, but not the weekdays. In emergencies, we can seek assistance from the Deanery (*the Moderated Parish to be*), but it may be prudent if individuals *and / or* their next of kins consider if a visit from me might be beneficial before I go away. Use this form to request a non-urgent home visit:

<https://stmmgbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/>
or call 01424 210 263 opt 4 (Parish Office)

For those going into hospital, ask for the '*sacrament of the sick*' when you are at Mass the Sunday before you go in, either from me, or from the supply priest. If you find yourself in hospital, contact Hospital Chaplaincy for spiritual support. As the sacraments are for the living (not the dead), it is best if they are administered while the individual is conscious and able to make an act of contrition, and participate in these rites of faith with devotion, which is, naturally, harder (but valid) if the individual is unconscious. [*Last Rites does not mean, last minute*] **'Taste and see that the Lord is good'**! Fr Simon.

We pray for those who have died: Mary Luck, Deidre Edwards, Livia Knoll, Fr Boniface Moran 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, Pat Payne, David Ball, Neal Sheppard, Regino Wahnon, Fr Andrew Pinsent.

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>

Statement from Bishop Richard following the Riots in the UK:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bishop-richard-calls-for-a-renewed-openness-to-peace-as-uk-protests-continue>

Liturgy & Prayer

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**.

(RIP) Funerals in St Mary Magdalene Church: Deidre Edwards MBE, 12noon on Friday 16th August; Livia Knoll, 10.30am on Tuesday 20th August; Dorothy Ramsey, 12noon on Thursday 22nd August.

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Social & Pastoral

Next SVP Tea at 3pm: Monday 12th August, St Martha's Hall. Info: bexhill@svp.org.uk All Welcome.

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), "To all Ladies of the Parish": You are invited to a Diocesan open meeting of the Catholic Women's League on Saturday, 7th September in St Martha's Church, Little Common, Bexhill on Sea, beginning with Mass at 11am. The meeting is expected to close around 3pm. The day will comprise of an information session on the work of the CWL as well as a talk on the work of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee & cakes will be provided. More info: <https://catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk/> We look forward to seeing you on the day.

St Mary Magdalene Celebration: in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene, we are planning a late summer drinks event after 11am Mass on 1st Sept. to celebrate our wonderful community! Pray for dry weather!

Canterbury Day Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of St Augustine Part 2 (UPDATED INFO):

Thank you for your feedback on the length of the proposed day trip. We have amended the plans to make the day shorter. An updated information sheet & application form can be found here:

<https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/application-form-for-canterbury-in-the-footsteps-of-st-augustine-part-2-friday-27th-september-2024.pdf>



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.

2023 Parish Accounts and Parish Priest Statement: Please read our statement and update:

<https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2024/07/2023-parish-accounts-and-parishpriest-statement.pdf>

Formation & Sacraments

Journey in Faith: Adult Formation & RCIA - Adult Baptisms, Receptions & Confirmations:

Final call for adults seeking Baptism or Reception at Easter 2025 and who have completed the period of the 'pre-catechumenate' (i.e. you have attended Mass regularly for at least six months) to have booked & attended an appointment with Fr Simon by 31st August, so we can send out the 'welcome letters.' Application form: <https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/rcia/> or email bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk

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/>

First Holy Communion: Applications are now open (closing date: Monday 30th September). The course begins with two parents' sessions 1) 4th (7pm) or 5th (9am) October & 2) 18th (7pm) or 19th (9am) October. The application form can be found here: <https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/first-holy-communion/>

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.

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 & ever.

Fairtrade: The stall is available after 9am Mass at St Martha's on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

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:



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| Saturday 10th August St Martha's Church | Feast 12.30pm | St Lawrence, Deacon Nuptial Mass: Thomas Lyons & Chloe Seal |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | 5.15pm | Confessions on Request |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | 6.00pm | People of the Parish |

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1 Kings 19:4-8, Eph. 4:30-5:2 & Jn 6:41-51

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| Sunday 11th August St Martha's Church | Sunday 9.00am | Pamela Bourne GE |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | 11.00am | Joe (Jack) Horner RIP |
| <i>St Martha's Church</i> | 11.00am | Syro-Malabar Mass |
| Second collection: Church Flowers (Gift Aid) | | |
| Monday 12th August | | |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | Ferial 10.00am | Monday 19th Week of OT Thressiamma Joseph RIP |
| Tuesday 13th August | | |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | Ferial 11.00am | Tuesday 19th Week of OT Eoghain & Marie Ollerenshaw Golden Wedding Anniversary |
| Wednesday 14th August | | |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | Memorial | St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr No Mass |

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Apoc. (Rev) 11:19, 12:1-6, 10, 1 Cor. 15:20-26 & Lk 1:39-56

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| Thursday 15th August St Mary Magdalene Church | Solemnity 11.00am | The Assumption Vocations to the Priesthood |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | 6.30pm | Tony & Anne Campbell 50 th Golden Wedding Anniversary |
| Friday 16th August | | |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | Ferial 12noon | Friday 19th Week of OT Requiem: Deidre Edwards RIP |
| Saturday 17th August | | |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | Opt. Mem 10.00am | Saturday Memorial of the BVM Elizabeth Jean Green 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 | Joseph & George Family RIP |

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Prov. 9:1-6, Eph. 5:15-20 & Jn 6:51-58

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| Sunday 18th August St Martha's Church | Sunday 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | 11.00am | Sr Imelda RIP Services to the parish |
| St Mary Magdalene Church | 12.30pm | Baptism Edward Gardener |
| <i>St Martha's Church</i> | 11.00am | Syro-Malabar Mass |

Second collection: Parish Sacramental Resources (Gift Aid)

Thank you: to all who contributed to our successful celebration of St Martha's Feast Day. Special thanks to the Cleaning Team, the bakers of cakes, the Refreshment Team in the kitchen, to Hazel on Fair Trade, to Ian our Steward, to the contributors to St Martha's Table (back soon) and an extra thank you to our artists with their winning pictures of St Martha.

New Lectionary from Advent: please contact the parish office if you would like to sponsor one of the volumes of the new lectionary or gospel book and have it dedicated in memory of a loved one. More info: newsletter 23rd June:

<https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/12th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-23rd-june-2024.pdf>

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.