

# 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

### ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

For children approaching the transfer from primary to secondary school, consideration must be given to decisions involved in the transition. With permission of the Headteacher, I extend an invitation to you & your child to attend a presentation at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.30pm where I and some of the Senior Leadership Team, including the Year 7 Pastoral Leader and SENCo will talk about St Richard's Catholic College and admissions process. The St Richard's Open Evening at the College is Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 from 4.30 to 7.00pm. Mr. P Barber, Principal

### Next Church Clean

Weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> September

### 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, B**

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

### This Sunday: St Mary Magdalene Summer Drinks

After 11am Mass, in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene, we have a late summer drinks event

*To facilitate this event, the Church carpark / drive will be closed. Please, park legally off-site.*

*Of the 5 spaces, only 2 will be available to 'blue-badge holders' – follow the stewards' directions*

### After 9am Mass at St Martha's, 22<sup>nd</sup> September:

#### Fairtrade Breakfast

Between 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept is Fairtrade Fortnight & Fairtrade UK 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday where we celebrate CAFOD's great part in reaching out our caring hands, our faith in action. As we know, Pope Francis wants fairness and justice in trade and climate resilience. And so, we need your Fairtrade wrapping/labels to make a Birthday collage - please start buying now! Spread the word, asking your workplace to do a collage and send it to our Facebook page! Fairtrade Breakfast, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, St Martha's Hall, after 9am Mass. We need volunteers to setup the hall and bake cakes (note any allergens on the cakes please). Thank you!

### 3pm, 28<sup>th</sup> September in St Martha's Church:

#### Annual SVP Mass for the Sick and Housebound:

This Mass of Anointing (followed by tea and cake) is hosted by the SVP. We would encourage, next of kin where possible to bring their loved ones who need the sacrament to this mass. If anyone would like to come and may need a lift, please contact Chris Jones on 07783 598238 as soon as possible. Guidance on who should be anointed during this Mass is available at our website, here:

<https://stmm-bexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/svp-mass-of-anointing-guide-on-receiving-the-sacrament-of-the-sick.pdf>

**We pray for those who have died:** Ellen Downs, Regino Wahnon 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, 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>

### **Liturgy & Prayer**

**6pm (Sat) Mass:** A new rota for welcoming and stewarding for the rest of the liturgical year needs to be populated with names please. This ministry is an integral part of our celebration. Thank you very much!

**Sundays in September:** the Parish welcomes Fr Chris Benyon for Sunday Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September and Canon Paul Jennings for Sunday Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September. While Fr Simon is away (4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, inclusive), he would appreciate it if you could refrain from sending him or copying him into unnecessary emails. Please contact [bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bexhill@abdiocese.org.uk) instead. Many thanks.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) elsewhere in the Deanery:** While Fr Simon is away on holiday, you can usually find Confessions at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne after 10am Mass on Saturday mornings or from 5pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonards on Saturday evenings.

### **Social & Pastoral**

**Hastings and Rother Knights of St Columba Council 630:** Charity Quiz, St Martha's Hall, 7.45pm, Saturday 21st September. In aid of HUG, SVP, Bexhill Foodbank. Tickets available at weekend Masses - £6 per person / £20 per family of 4. Donations welcome. Snacks available. See posters in churches.

**Next SVP Tea at 3pm:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, St Martha's Hall. Info: [bexhill@svp.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Canterbury: In the Footsteps of St Augustine Part 2:** An information sheet and application form: <https://stmbbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/application-form-for-canterbury-in-the-footsteps-of-st-augustine-part-2-friday-27th-september-2024.pdf>

This is the second part of our pilgrimage to explore the footsteps of St. Augustine, now concentrating upon Canterbury where he was the first Archbishop (597 – 604).

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.

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

Applications for RCIA 2024/25 are now closed. Those who have completed the 'pre-catechumenate' and have had their interview with Fr Simon will receive a 'welcome letter' shortly. If you were expecting one and have not received one by 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, please contact the Parish Office.

**Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6):** Applications submitted via the website: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/baptism/>

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

**Confirmation:** Applications for 2025 will open on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September and will close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The application form will be found here on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: <https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/confirmation/>

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

**Home Visits:** you need a non-urgent sacramental or pastoral visit, please use the form:

<https://stmmbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone 01424 210263 opt, 4

**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.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book:** To order a special commemorative book with tales of faith, hope, love in action: Cost £20 + postage, ordered here: [forms.office.com/e/fRQkZmDp9D](https://forms.office.com/e/fRQkZmDp9D)

**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 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>St Aidan of Lindisfarne</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Richard (Teddy) Epsom 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	People of the Parish

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

*Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8, Js 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 & Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Lisa & David Young GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Jetwin Stephen GE
St Mary Magdalene Grounds	12noon	Summer Drinks event
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second collection: No scheduled Collection**

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Monday in 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Mary Carroll GE
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>St Gregory the Great, Pope</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Patrick Keegan RIP
St Richard's College	11.05am	Year 7 & 11 Mass (Fr Simon)
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday in 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Richard's College	9-11am	Mass for Years 8-10 (Fr Chris B)
Hastings Crematorium	11.15am	Funeral Edmund Burke RIP
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Thursday in 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Friday in 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>Saturday Memorial of the BVM</b>
St Martha's Church	11.00am	CWL Mass (Fr Chris B)
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30am	<b>Confessions – see page 2</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	<b>Confessions – see page 2</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	Anne Pitt-Payne GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	After Mass	Monthly Church Clean (Transept)

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

*Is. 35:4-7, Js. 2:1-5 & Mk 7:31-37.*

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Martha's Church	After Mass	Monthly Church Clean
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Peter Dolan RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	After Mass	Monthly Church Clean (Nave)
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second collection: Education Sunday (Not GA)**

## 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.

**Christian Voices, the Musical Drama Group:** Next play is "Don't Deceive God", based on story of Ananias and Sapphira. Performances are:

*Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August in Christchurch Methodist Church Hall at 11am.*

*Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September in St Leonards Methodist Church at 10.15 am.*

*Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September in All Saints Church, Sidley at 3pm.*

*Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September in St Peters Community Centre at 10am.*

All performances are in aid of The League of Friends of Bexhill Hospital.

**Catechism in a Year:** if you would like to join Ghislaine and Jacqueline in journeying through Ascension Press' 'Catechism in a Year', please speak with Ghislaine after 9am St Martha's Mass or email [g\\_pilard@hotmail.com](mailto:g_pilard@hotmail.com)