

# 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

13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, B.

### St Richard's Supplementary Forms:

Fr Simon signs SIFs at 7pm on Mon. 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October. He will stay as long as there is a queue, then go home. Being week 2, the queue will be shorter and get progressively week-by-week. Please bring baptism / FHC certificates in support of your application. If you need a replacement, please contact the parish where you received the sacraments. **Fr Mathew signs Syro-Malabar Catholic forms.**

### Learn to Know and Pray the Rosary – Free Rosary (13<sup>th</sup> Oct)

At 3pm in St Martha's Church, children and parent / carer are invited to come to a Rosary Session. Newcomers and those who came last year are welcome.

### 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.

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

### Fr Simon writes... 'Our Lady of Fatima'

This Sunday is also the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the place where Our Lady appeared to the Shepherd Children between 13<sup>th</sup> May & 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917, warning us of the harm we inflict on ourselves by our sins. Wars, famines, plagues and persecution all find their root in our disordered desires and lead many souls astray: ***O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, leads all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.*** In November, we remember the faithful departed and it is a 'spiritual work of Mercy' to pray for the Holy Souls, never assuming that our loved ones went straight to heaven, and that they may be in need of our prayers as they completed their purification in purgatory. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> RCIA topic on 14<sup>th</sup> November (6.30pm Mass followed by talk) will be on the Four Last things: *Death, Judgment Heaven and Hell*. All are welcome at Mass, and I am happy if parishioners not on the course stay for the talk as well, as we could all do with extra formation. On 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, Pope Francis asked for prayers for peace, especially in Russia / Ukraine & the Middle East. As Our Lady said at Fatima: ***Continue to say the Rosary to bring about the end of the [1<sup>st</sup> World] war.*** May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, now and in the world to come.

Please contact our MP and urge him to vote 'no' on legalising '**Assisted Suicide**'. On Wed. 16 October, the bill has its 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House of Commons, and it is likely that MPs will get to vote on assisted suicide before Christmas. Life is a gift to be cherished from conception until natural death. The bill may well be supported by 'well-known' figures in society but is at odds with Church's teaching which consistently teaches about the dignity of life. More information and to contact our MP: visit: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now)

**We pray for those who have died:** Pat Gibbons (formerly Pat Collinson) & Veronica Phillips RIP.

**We pray for the sick:** Dorothy Smyth, Margaret Hitchman, David Spooner, Samuel Barden, Pete Cornfield, Baby Neveah O'Leary, Cecila Weathers, Margaret Carley, Jackie & Laurence Keep, David Meyer, Stephen Doyle, Ron Harbin, Jean Clifford, Margaret McNamara, Elizabeth Doust, Pat Payne, David Ball, Neal Sheppard, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Rosemary Cox.

**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**

**St Martha's Boiler:** While the boiler was serviced recently, the engineer said it needs a new fan, which is now on order; so, may we suggest, if it turns cold, you wrap up nice and warm.

**Veronica Phillips RIP:** Requiem Mass 12noon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, St Mary Magdalene Church.

**6pm (Sat) Mass:** Please sign up for welcoming & stewarding to ensure every Sunday is covered.

**Mass for 117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary Magdalene Church:** 6.30pm on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October in STMM.

**Christ the King (24<sup>th</sup> Nov), Mass led by Children:** As it is Youth Sunday, the 9am Mass at St Martha's will be led by the children. We invite all parents and carers to bring their children and sit with them at the front of the church. To remind us of our baptismal dignity of being Priests, Prophets and Kings, children are asked to make crowns at home and bring them to Mass, so they can process down the aisle behind at the end of Mass. More information, please contact Joe Apicella 07954 095 707.

### **Social & Pastoral**

**Next SVP Tea at 3pm:** Monday 14th October, 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)

**Ministry of Consolation Training:** If you wish to join the team offering Bereavement Consolation, the next training course is on Wednesdays at 9.30am to 1.30pm from 8<sup>th</sup> Jan through to 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, held on Zoom. Topics covered: listening, accompanying, bereavement support, child loss pre or post-natal and suicide loss. The training looks at the grief journey, and Church teaching on the hot button topics of the age. After completing the course, you will be commissioned into the Ministry of Consolation +Richard.

**Catholic Women's League (CWL):** the CWL meet at 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month, in St Martha's Hall. Contact: 211717 or 221803. We are a women's group sharing faith and friendship, with many interesting topics & activities. Thank you for your support of our Harvest Collection for the Foodbank and for the fundraising for HUG; we raised £359.50 & 20 crates of food plus financial donations for Foodbank.

**DON'T FORGET! Parish Christmas Fayre 11am to 3pm on Sat. 7th December in St Martha's Hall.**

Donations are required for all stalls. From this weekend, we are collecting donations of Raffle Prizes which can be put in the box in the Church porch. If you can help with the organisation or on the day, contact:

Margaret: [margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com](mailto:margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com) Chris: [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com) Anne: [atjcampbell@sky.com](mailto:atjcampbell@sky.com)

## Parish Team

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Parish Priest: Fr Simon Dray.

Parish Deacon: Rev. Simon Kirkdale.

Administrator: Bonita Osmond.

Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins



## 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

**Grandparents' Formation Day: Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> November 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley:**

A day with Becky Sedgewick, author of '*Grandparenting for Faith*'. Refreshments from 10.15am and please bring a packed lunch. To book, use this link: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fl3nva0p>

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

Applications for RCIA 2024/25 are now closed. For those on the course, the next Session is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November with 6.30pm Mass followed by their 2<sup>nd</sup> Talk. Our topic is: '*November: The Faithful Departed and the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven or Hell*'. Other parishioners at Mass are welcome to stay for the talk if they wish for a bit of 'free' formation. Please pray for the RCIA group.

**Infant Baptism (Aged 0-6):** Applications submitted via the website: <https://stmmboxhill.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://stmmboxhill.co.uk/we-journey-together/>

**First Holy Communion:** Applications for First Holy Communion are now **closed** as the programme has now started and underway. The Children should be working through the Gospel and then Chapters 1-4 of the I Belong book ahead of their First Reconciliation / Confession in January & February. The 2<sup>nd</sup> parents' session is 18<sup>th</sup> (7pm) or 19<sup>th</sup> (9am) October. Tour of the Church, after Sun Masses 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Confirmation: (Last Call)** Although applications for Confirmation closed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, if you still wish to make your Confirmation and live in the Bexhill Parish, you and one of your parents must come to the 1<sup>st</sup> session this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm in the Presbytery / Parish Office. Many thanks.

**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://stmmboxhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone 01424 210263 opt, 4.

**Weekly Holy Hour for the New Moderated Parish:** Every Thursday from 10-11 am, beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at O.L. Ransom (Eastbourne), followed by Mass. Before the Blessed Sacrament, with times of quiet music and Rosary for Peace, we pray for the Spirit's guidance as we journey towards becoming a Moderated Parish. Join in-person or online: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHVIFgDkDpZlr\\_H5bZw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyByhHVIFgDkDpZlr_H5bZw)

**Catenian Quiz Night – 7pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** At Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Hollington. Quiz, Raffle, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Nibbles on offer. Tickets on the door at £5 per person or £20 for a table of 5 or more. More info on Catenians or scan the QR opposite.



<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Wilfrid (Diocesan Patron)</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Pat Erskine RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene Church	12.30pm	Baptism of Jude Isaac Quinn
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	Deceased Buckle Family

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

*Wis. 7:7-11, Heb. 4:12-13 & Mk 10:17-30.*

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Baby Florence Beale RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Elsie Dadswell RIP
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second collection: "PACT" on this Prisoners Sunday (not our GA)**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Monday in 28<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Ralph Adam RIP
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin</b>
St Richards CC	8.45am	Form Service
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
Arundel Cathedral	11.30am	<b>Requiem: Fr Ron Robinson RIP</b>

<b>Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday in 28<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church		<b>No Mass</b>

<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, Martyr</b>
OL Ransom, Eastbourne	10am / 11am	10am: Adoration, 11am Mass
St Mary Mags Primary	2.00pm	Class 6 Mass (by invitation)
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Patrick James Cunningham RIP

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>St Luke, Evangelist</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Beltane Alton RIP
St Martha's Church Hall	7.00pm	FHC Parents Session 2

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>St Philip Howard</b> (Diocesan Patron)
St Martha's Church Hall	9.00am	FHC Parents Session 2
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	People of the Parish

## TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

*Is. 53:10-11, Heb. 4:14-16 & Mk 10:35-45.*

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Patrick Donaldson GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Anne & Michael Pitt-Payne GE
Memorial Garden	After Mass	Burial of Ashes of Regino Wahon
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second collection: "MISSIO" on this World Missions Sunday (not our GA)**

**When our parish Car Parks are full**, please park legally off-site. 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 not enter the public car park via the exit which is marked with "no-entry signs".

**Mass for All Saints (Holy Day Obligation):** Vigil Mass, 6.30pm on All Hallows Eve (Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct) & 11am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. at St Mary Magdalene Church.

**Next Church Clean:** 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, both Churches please.

**Retiring Collection (13<sup>th</sup> Oct)** is for PACT this Prisoners Sunday. More info:

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>

## 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.