

# 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 Month of November: Diary Dates

- All Saints: Vigil Mass: 6.30pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Day Mass: 11am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. in St Mary Magdalene.
- All Souls Mass: 10am, Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. in St Mary Magdalene.
- Blessing of Graves: 2.30pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. at Turkey Road
- Requiem Mass for the War Dead: 11am Mass, Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov in St Mary Magdalene, followed by the Blessing of the Memorial Garden
- Requiem Mass for the Clergy & Religious of the Deanery: 11am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. in Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne.
- Bereavement Mass: 2.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. in St Martha's

### 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**.

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

### World Mission Sunday: MISSIO

<https://missio.org.uk/>

*'Go and invite everyone to the Banquet' (Mt. 22:9)*

Our retiring Collection this Sunday supports MISSIO the Pope's Charity for World Mission. This collection supports missionaries, clergy, religious and lay people who bring the gospel of life to many areas of the world, especially where there is poverty, conflict, and oppression. The need to stand alongside our missionaries in prayer and solidarity has never been so urgent and necessary. In many areas of the world, Catholic missionaries are the first to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are suffering. You can give as usual by putting money in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection basket or using the special category on the CARD Reader. If you wish to gift aid, please give at the MISSIO website above or by using the envelope provided – but you must fill out the back of it, otherwise you waste it.

### Christmas Fayre – St Martha's Hall

11am to 3pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Each week we are collecting items for the Christmas Fayre which can be placed in the boxes in the Church porches.

**Items needed:** raffle prizes, vouchers, hampers, tins of sweets and biscuits, bottles, prizes for the tombola, unwanted gifts, books, chocolate items, Christmas gifts, jewellery, toiletries, toys, etc, etc.

We would also like help in running stalls etc.

If you can help, please contact:

Margaret: [margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com](mailto:margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com)

Chris Jones: [popsy57@outlook.com](mailto:popsy57@outlook.com)

Anne Campbell: [atjcampbell@sky.com](mailto:atjcampbell@sky.com)

**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.

**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.

**Formation for Readers on the New Lectionary:** an important formation session on the new lectionary at 10.35am to 12.15 at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne to help readers with the upcoming changes. Please let the parish office know if you are attending by 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, and we will send a list to Eastbourne.

**Remembrance Photos:** From 27<sup>th</sup> October, you can place photos of loved ones whose repose of the soul you are praying for on the side altars at both Churches ahead of the Bereavement Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.

**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.

**Mass count averages:** 6pm (Sat) STMM: 88, 9am SM: 179, 11am STMM: 193. Total Average: 460.

### **Social & Pastoral**

**St Richard's SIF:** Signing at 7pm on Mon. 21st & 28th Oct. Please be prompt, as Fr Simon will leave once the queue is complete. Please bring any certificates to support the application. Fr Mathew signs Syro-Malabar forms. If you need new certificates, contact the office where you received the sacraments.

**Next SVP Tea at 3pm:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 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 by +Richard.

**Catholic Women's League (CWL):** meet at 7.30pm on 1st Mon. of the month, in St Martha's Hall. Contact: 211717 or 221803. A women's group sharing faith, friendship, with interesting topics & activities.

## 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 a for bit of 'free' formation. Please pray for the RCIA group.

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

**First Holy Communion:** Applications for First Holy Communion are **closed** as the programme has now started. The Children should be working through the Gospel & then Chapters 1-4 of the '*I Belong*' ahead of their First Reconciliation / Confession in January & February. **Formation Session on Reconciliation for FHC children not in Catholic schools: 9am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Martha's Church.**

**Confirmation: Applications for Confirmation** are now closed. The next session for those accepted on the course is 5pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Presbytery.

**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://stmmbehill.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)

**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 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
St Mary Magdalene Church	After Mass	Church Clean (Transept)

## 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 Martha's Church	After Mass	Church Clean (whole Church)
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Anne & Michael Pitt-Payne GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	After Mass	Church Clean (nave and porches)
Memorial Garden	After Mass	Burial of Ashes: Regino Wahnon
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

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

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Monday in 29<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Henry Chapman RIP

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>Pope Saint John Paul II</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	<b>No Mass</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	12noon	<i>Requiem: Veronica Phillips RIP</i>

<b>Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Wednesday in 29<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church		<b>No Mass</b>

<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Anniversary: St Mary Magdalene</b>
OL Ransom, Eastbourne	10am / 11am	10am: Adoration, 11am Mass
Bexhill Cemetery	1.00pm	Internment of Ashes Livia Knoll RIP
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Anne & Tony Campbell GE

<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	<b>Friday in 29<sup>th</sup> Week in OT</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Anna Langlois RIP

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Opt. Mem</b>	<b>St Chadd &amp; St Cedd, Bishops</b>
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Norma Green GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	Deceased Pattison & Gilbert Families

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

*Jer. 31:7-9, Heb. 5:1-6 & Mk 10:46-52.*

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Gerard Noel McNamara RIP
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Syro-Malabar Mass

**Second collection: CAFOD Middle East Humanitarian Appeal**

**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".

Please contact our MP and urge him to vote 'no' on legalising '**Assisted Suicide**' when the vote comes before the House. Life is a gift to be cherished from conception until natural death. The bill is at odds with Church's teaching. More info: visit: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now)

## 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.