

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

- 11am on Sat. 9th Nov - Leaving Mass for Fr Simon – St Martha's
- Requiem Mass for the War Dead: 11am Mass, Sun. 10th 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 19th Nov. in Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne.
- Bereavement Mass: 2.30pm on Saturday 23rd Nov. in St Martha's (*Fr Stephen's first Mass with us*)

Church Clean: 30th Nov / 1st Dec

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**.

10th November 2024

Remembrance & 32nd Sunday in O.T. B.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

We will remember them.

The month of November is not about us, and this is especially true of Remembrance Sunday. For once, we have not come here to make ourselves feel better but to pray for the faithful departed, especially today, for those fallen in war:

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'. The 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene will be a special Requiem Mass for the War Dead, and at the other two Masses there will be the customary opportunities for silence, to pause and remember those who gave their lives for our country's freedom. If the weather permits, the 11am Mass begins outside at the Parish's 'Peace Memorial' for the best way to remember and honour their sacrifice, is a continued commitment to peace and reconciliation.

On Saturday 23rd November, we will turn the attention to ourselves as we celebrate our Annual Bereavement Mass, and I draw your attention to the information about Bereavement on page 2 of this newsletter. This will be Fr Stephen's first Mass with us. God bless you. Fr Simon.

From the Parish Finance Committee:

if you would like to make a leaving gift to Fr Simon:

In person: cash or cheque payable to "Rev Simon Dray" placed in a card / envelope directly to Fr Simon.

Through the Parish: 2nd collection basket or card reader on Sunday 24th November or via BACs to the Parish Account (see top of page 3 for account numbers), with the reference "Fr Simon".

Again, cheques payable to "Rev Simon Dray".

Many thanks.

We pray for those who have died: Pat Gibbons (formerly Pat Collinson), Rosemary Cox 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, Deacon Dave Turner.

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News: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news> & **Events:** <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Bereavement Support

Ministry of Consolation: 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

Parish Bereavement Mass (2.30pm on Sat. 23rd November at St Martha's Church): you can still place photographs on the side altars of both Churches ahead of this Mass. Photographs will be transferred to St Martha's on Friday 22nd Nov. ready for the Mass. This will be Fr Stephen's first Mass with us.

Liturgy & Prayer

St Martha's Boiler: Good news! St Martha's Boiler parts have arrived and will be fitted asap. Remember to wrap up warm, in the meantime. The bad news, however, was that it cost us £1,800, would anyone like to sponsor the repair in part or in full?

Formation for Readers on the New Lectionary (23rd Nov): an important formation session on the new lectionary at 10.35am to 12.15 at O.L. Ransom, Eastbourne to help readers with the upcoming changes. Please let the parish office know if you are attending by 13th Nov, and we will send a list to Eastbourne.

Christ the King (24th 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 11th November, St Martha's Hall. Info: bexhill@svp.org.uk All Welcome.

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.

Hastings & Rother - Interfaith Afternoon: To mark Interfaith Week 2024 the Forum hosts an event of performances and presentations (2pm to 5pm on Sat. 16th Nov.) at St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Brittany Road/Pevensey Road, St Leonards, TN38 0LF. Among the performers is a dance group of Bexhill Keralans. Entry is free and food and refreshments will be served. Full details on posters at back of church.

Council 630 Knights of St Columba: recent Charity Quiz raised £660 for HUG, SVP & Foodbank, thank you to all who took part. Next Charity Quiz: 7.45pm, 30 Nov, Holy Redeemer Hall, St Leonards. In aid of SVP & Hastings Foodbank. Tickets £6 – contact Sean 07874 061235 or 01424 442018.

Parish Priest: Fr Simon Dray.

Parish Deacon: Rev. Simon Kirkdale.

Administrator: Bonita Osmond.

Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins



Parish Offertory & Fundraising

Christmas Fayre – St Martha's Hall - 11am to 3pm on Saturday 7th December

THIS SUNDAY: Stall Holders & Volunteers meeting in the Hall after 9am Mass at St Martha's.

Please keep the donations coming in! Leave 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 in the Church porches. If you can help on the day, please contact:

Margaret: margaretvonspeyr@gmail.com Chris: popsy57@outlook.com Anne: atjcampbell@sky.com

Building Update: Having completed the Tendering Process, the Parish Finance Committee, with Diocesan approval have appointed Minerva Building Restoration Limited to carry out repairs to the South and West walls, elevations and windows. This work begins in the Spring of 2025, lasting for approx. 30 weeks, at a cost of £300K. In 2026, we will address the other aspects of the Church at an additional cost.

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:

Next Session: Thursday 14th November with 6.30pm Mass followed by their 2nd Talk. Please return your 'Rite of Acceptance' Letters & any outstanding baptism certificates. Topic: 'November: The Faithful Departed and the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven or Hell'. Please pray for the RCIA group.

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

First Holy Communion: Having read the gospels, the Children should be moving onto chapters 1 & 2 of the 'I Belong' to be on time for their First Confession in January & February. **Formation Session on Reconciliation for FHC children not in Catholic schools:** 9am on Sat. 30th Nov at St Martha's Church.

Confirmation: The next session: 5pm on Sunday 17th November in the Presbytery. 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://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/visiting-the-sick-and-housebound/> or telephone 01424 210263 opt. 4.

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:



Saturday 9th November	Feast	Ded. of the Lateran Basilica
St Martha's Church	11.00am	Fr Simon's Leaving Mass
<i>St Martha's Hall</i>	<i>After Mass</i>	<i>Buffet Lunch</i>
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	Joseph & Thomas Family GE

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

(& Remembrance Sunday)

1 Kings 17:10-16, Heb. 9:24-28 & Mk 12: 38-44.

Sunday 10th November	Sunday	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	People of the Parish
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Requiem: those fallen in war
Memorial Garden	2.30pm	<i>Blessing of Ashes Plots</i>
<i>St Martha's Church</i>	11.00am	<i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i>
Second collection: Retired Priests Fund (GA)		
Monday 11th November	Memorial	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Alison Barker GE
Tuesday 12th November	Memorial	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
St Richard's CC	8.45am	Year 11 Mass
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Bartolomeo Visconti RIP
Bexhill Cemetery	12noon	Burial of Ashes: Mary Luck RIP
Wed. 13th November	Ferial	Wednesday in 32nd Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene Church		No Mass
Thursday 14th November	Ferial	Thursday in 32nd Week in OT
<i>OL Ransom, Eastbourne</i>	10am / 11am	10am: Adoration, 11am Mass
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.30pm	Deceased Rombi Family
<i>And 2nd RCIA Mass and Talk</i>		
Friday 15th November	Ferial	Friday in 32nd Week in OT
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Elizabeth Francis RIP
Saturday 16th November	Opt Mem.	Saturday Memorial of the BVM
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.00am	Sunoj Stephen GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	10.30am	Confessions & Adoration
St Mary Magdalene Church	12.30pm	Baptism: Ella Getty
St Mary Magdalene Church	5.15pm	Confessions on Request
St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00pm	Ray & Kaye Ford GE

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Dan. 12:1-13, Heb. 10:11-14, 18 & Mk 13:24-32

Sunday 17th November	Sunday	
St Martha's Church	9.00am	Gerardo Di Mascio Family GE
St Mary Magdalene Church	11.00am	Deceased Barlow Family
<i>St Martha's Church</i>	11.00am	<i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i>

Second collection: Arundel Cathedral Maintenance (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".

Please contact our MP and urge him to vote 'no' on legalising '**Assisted Suicide**' when the vote comes before the House. The bill is at odds with Church's teaching. More info: visit: 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

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.