

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

From the Finance Committee

The Easter Collection is your gift to Fr Stephen, who does not receive a salary but relies on your generosity. The Easter collection makes up 25% of his yearly income.

If you have a standing order with the parish, this is your parish offertory and cannot be transferred to Fr Stephen. If giving online, please make a separate payment, with the reference '**Easter**'. Alternatively, use a 'Green Envelope' or the Card Reader on the day. Thank you.

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

To contact Fr Stephen:

stephen.obrien@abdiocese.org.uk

The office will be closed for Easter and reopens Tuesday 22nd April.

*Surrexit Dominus
vere: Alleluia!*

20th April 2025
EASTER SUNDAY, C

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice it and be glad.**

Psalm Responses

Sacred Paschal Triduum

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Easter Sunday

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Happy Easter!

Fr Stephen, Deacon Simon,

along with Bonita our Administrator

wish all Parishioners,

a Happy and Holy Easter.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Easter 2025:

Congratulations to those receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday or during Eastertide in St Mary Magdalene Church: **Richard Burrows, Samantha Burrows, Lucy Cox, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Hayley Hassan, Danielle Huseyin, Rae Hutchinson, Amy James, Tobias James, Cloe James, Rudie Knight, Hannah Lavander, Natalie Mepham, Laura Newman-Gill, Lewis Paterson, Gwen Whiteman, Bethan Wickenden.** May God who has begun this good work in them, now bring it to fulfilment.

We pray for those who have died: Kathleen Holloway, Margaret Mayland 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, Stephen Doyle, Ron Harbin, Jean Clifford, Margaret McNamara, Elizabeth Doust, Pat Payne, David Ball, Neal Sheppard, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Sian Stevens, Lorraine Gill, John O'Brien.

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>

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage – Applications are open – More information here:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Deanery Newsletter March / Moderated Parish Updates:

<https://stmmrbexhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/deanery-newsletter-march-2025.pdf>

Liturgy & Prayer

Child Led Masses at 9am St Marthas: 4th May; 8th June. All are welcome to bring children / grandchildren to support these Masses.

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

Social & Pastoral

The Wild Goose Course: 3rd Session - Thursday 24th April - 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at the presbytery.

Next SVP Tea at 3pm: Monday 14th April, 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. On Sunday May 4th there is the May Procession before Mass and CWL are holding a Sausage Sizzle after Mass in the hall. The RSPB will be giving a talk at the CWL monthly meeting on Monday 5th May.

Divine Mercy Service at Holy Redeemer Church – 3pm, Sunday 27th April. All welcome.

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope" which will take place from the **9 - 23 August**. Walking across the Surrey Hills and along the Sussex coast, this year's route will visit every deanery in the Diocese. To book your place: <https://thepilgrims.org.uk/wp/2025-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope-join-us-and-spread-the-word/>

Cafod Challenge Lent Big Walk: now completed. Jack asks please give your donations to him and others asap or Justgiving Cafod Big Lent Walk. Cafod crying for help funds.

Parish Priest: Fr Stephen O'Brien. Parish Deacon: Rev. Simon Kirkdale.

Administrator: Bonita Osmond. Safeguarding: Sylvia Cousins.



Parish Offertory & Fundraising

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; select the appropriate category. **GIFT AID:** Some collections are Gift Aid-able.

One Collection this Sunday: Easter Clergy- The Easter Collection is your gift to Fr Stephen, who does not receive a salary but relies on your generosity.

Weekly Collections 6th April: Offertory: £1058.31 / GA: £199.00

2nd Collection: Easter Flowers: £152.65 / GA: £70.00

Formation & Sacraments

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

Adult Baptisms & Receptions & Confirmations: Next Session: Thursday 22nd May with 6.30pm Mass & their 7th Talk, focusing on Mystagogy – ‘Social & Certificates’.

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

First Holy Communion: Now that First Confessions are complete, and you have booked into your First Holy Communion Mass, please continue working through Chapters 5 -10 of the ‘I Belong’ coursebook.

Confirmation: Next Session: **Sunday 27th April: Topic – The Creed.**

The Confirmation Mass is: 2.30pm on Saturday 3rd May at Arundel Cathedral.

Marriage: 12-months' notice required. Please contact the parish office if getting married in Spring 2026.

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

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

Lourdes Pilgrimages Applications: Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open on the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Volunteers Needed: Flower Arrangers to join the St Martha's Team, contact Susanne 07827 292024.

Illuminate your life in Christ with “Lighthouse” Saturday 26th April 11:30am in Crawley. Sat, 26th April, 11:30am, St Edward the Confessor Church, Crawley RH10 7EQ for Lighthouse, a day of renewal, worship, teaching, fellowship, And a Vigil Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday. Info: abcharismatic.org.

Doors open at 11am, bring packed lunch! Drinks and snacks will be available.

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:



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 17th April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Triduum

7.30pm

Maundy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Kurian Kuruvila RIP

Friday 18th April

St Martha's Church

Triduum

11.00am

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross for children
Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion & Veneration of the Cross

St Mary Magdalene Church

3.00pm

Retiring collection: for the Holy Places of Palestine (not GA)

Saturday 19th April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Triduum

10.00am

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Baskets

St Mary Magdalene Church

10.15am

Confessions on request

St Mary Magdalene Church

10.30pm

Easter Decoration & Flowers

St Mary Magdalene Church

7.30pm

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(NB. No 6pm Mass)

& 1st Mass of Easter, with

Baptisms & Receptions.

People of the Parish

Gen 22:1-18, Ex 14:15-15:1, Bar 3:9-15, 324:4, 18-28, Rom 6:3-11.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Acts 10:43a, 37-43, 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9

Sunday 20th April

St Martha's Church

Octave

9.00am

Low Sunday, 2nd Sun. Easter

St Mary Magdalene Church

11.00am

Luke Burden RIP

St Martha's Church

11.00am

Frank Horner RIP

One collection: Easter Gift in support of the Parish Priest (GA)

Monday 21st April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Octave

10.00am

Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Octave

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Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 23rd April

St Mary Magdalene Church

No Mass

10.00am

Easter Wednesday
Thursday 24th April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Octave

6.30pm

Easter Thursday
Friday 25th April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Octave

10.00am

Easter Friday
Saturday 26th April

St Mary Magdalene Church

Octave

10.00am

Easter Saturday

St Mary Magdalene Church

10.15am

Reg Chapman RIP

St Mary Magdalene Church

12.30pm

Confession on Request

St Mary Magdalene Church

5.15pm

Baptism Belle Eliza Shand

St Mary Magdalene Church

6.00pm

Confession of Request

St Mary Magdalene Church

6.00pm

Hubert, Rachel, Belthane Alton RIP

SECOND 'LOW' SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31

Sunday 27th April

St Martha's Church

Octave

9.00am

Divine Mercy Sunday

St Mary Magdalene Church

11.00am

People of the Parish

St Mary Magdalene Church

11.00am

Michael Pitt-Payne GE

No Second collection

When our parish Car Parks are full, please park legally off-site.

Please do not move cones protecting pedestrian & fire access.

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:

stephen.obrien@abdiocese.org.uk

For emergencies

i.e. Last Rites:

07872 396683

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.