

# PARISH NEWS

Happy  
Mothers  
Day

14<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C

St Mary Magdalene's, St Martha's, Our Lady of the Rosary

The Catholic Parish serving Bexhill-on-Sea, Little Common,  
Sidley and the surrounding areas



## Your help please!

The Floral team is organising a **Parish Spring Fair** at St Mary Magdalene's in aid of Church Funds. (*Date to be agreed*). Would anyone interested in running and stocking a stall please put their name and contact details on the list at the back of the churches.

## Lent Lunches for CAFOD

12pm – 1:30pm each  
Friday of Lent  
(not Good Friday)  
St Mary Magdalene's Hall.

**All welcome – please bring your friends!**



## Stations of the Cross

Each Friday at 7:30pm –  
St Mary Magdalene's  
Church.

## Next Week...

Masses and liturgies for Holy Week in our Parish Community.

## Taste and see that the Lord is good

### Laetare Sunday

On *Laetare* Sunday, we are reminded that Lent is hastening on and we are called to rejoice that Easter is fast approaching!

There is still, however, much of a journey to be made. One important aspect of our Lenten call is that of *repentance* and *reconciliation*, for that we need *re-assurance* and, on our part, a heartfelt *response*. This week we have been celebrating Reconciliation in our parish schools and next weekend we are all offered the opportunity to respond in our Services of Reconciliation at which some of our young people will be making their First Confession.

A clear theme runs through all three readings today: - God's mercy to sinners. For *this* we rejoice!



One of the greatest privileges of the Priesthood is that of sharing with the family of the Parish in good times and bad. The Reconciling Ministry of the Church is something we are *all* called to share in; but, in the intimacy of celebrating this as a *sacrament*, the Priest in a special way confers the wonderful gift of reconciliation and peace upon the penitent who comes before God with open hands and an open heart. Already this Lent it has been a great privilege to celebrate this sacrament with so many young people of our parish schools and soon many children from our parish will be celebrating this great sacrament for the first time alongside many from our parish.

The parable of the prodigal son shows that God delights in showing mercy to repentant sinners. God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the work of handing on this reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> R). To be reconciled in our day to day life and through the grace of the Sacrament requires an act of will "I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you'". The parable reminds us that the forgiveness we receive from God is not half-hearted. God's doesn't just forgive us; he loves us, and lets us know it.

Forgiveness is so hard, especially when the pain of sin is so deeply felt. It requires great humility and we have to sacrifice our pride. But for those who experience this kind of reconciling love and such genuine warmth, they truly come to see something about the heart of God. *Let us (like God) love, yes, even the sinner!*

**Happy Feast of St Patrick to all our Irish Parishioners – for Wednesday.**  
Thank you to all who supported our Parish St Patrick's Celebration.

**Friday is the solemnity of St Joseph – Mass with Gloria and Creed as we celebrate this great feast! Please try and attend our 10am Mass on this day.**

**Please pray for those who have recently died** – Ivy Grimshaw, Teresa Cecil, Michael Brierley, Vincent Conlan, Margaret Ford, Michael Kinsella, Arthur Bacon, Arthur Robertson, Fr Ken Freeman, Fr David Sutcliffe, Yvonne Bradburn (David Kelly's sister) and Baby Kelvin Freeman at 22 weeks old.

**We pray for the sick** especially, Dennis Connor, Maire Eyres, Raquel Eldin, Charles Bates, Marion Keene, Peter Dunne, David Connearn, Annelous Ibokwe, Fred & David Herring, Ben Lyons, Pat Payne, Jim Davies, Stella Retout, Phil Craig, Margaret Taylor, Paul Foster, Anastazia Zglobis, Lily Long, Philomena & George Thomas Lowry, Maureen O'Neill, Kajetan Ignatowska, Anne Marie Rothwell, Richard Peters, Pauline McKinney, Winifrede Connellan, Joan Hooker, Samira Mayal, Anne Pilling, Peter Bird, David Spooner, Frances McNaughton, Dave Natress, Kevin Murray, Pat Knight and Peggy Fisher.

**Plate**

**Collections**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**1<sup>st</sup> Plate Collection:**

£1164.50

+Gift Aid £858.95

**2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Collection:**

£67.52

+Gift Aid £ 21.00

*Thank you*

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**Second Plate Collections:**

14<sup>th</sup> March

Parish Youth Fund

*(Please use mauve envelopes)*

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21<sup>st</sup> March

Maintenance to include Presbytery

*(Please use mauve envelopes)*



**Conquest Hospital Chaplaincy**

For a visit from one of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team for Holy Communion, anointing or a general visit, please contact:

Sr. Philomena (& team)

Tel: 01424 757088



**Prayer Cycle**

*This week: St Peter's*

(Edward Bryant, Daniel Smith, Olivia Werrett)

*Next week: St Mary's, Ninfield*

(Simon Earl)

**Three Churches in Little Common**

welcome all to their Lenten Lunches

*(Short service followed by frugal lunch)*

**Wed 17 March 11.30am** at St Mark's,

Little Common Rd. Luke 4:9-12

**CAFOD'S 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Learn more about how **cafod** began and how it spends your donations!

**On Saturday 20th March from 3.00 - 5.30pm**  
at St Richard's Catholic College.

The parishes and Catholic schools in the Deaneries of St Leonards and Eastbourne will join together to celebrate the work of CAFOD and how we support the vital work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development that was commissioned by the Bishops of England & Wales 50 years ago this Lent.

Following an Opening Liturgy there will be a number of exhibitions, activities and workshops to help you learn more about the work of this agency and how our schools and parishes support CAFOD. Refreshments will be available, together with a Fairtrade stall and a closing liturgy.

**Do come along and join the celebration.**

**Encounter 2010**

Encounter is a new event for young people in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, which is being organised by the Diocesan Youth Adviser and a team of volunteers. The purpose of encounter is to give young people aged between 14-20, a time and place to come together, meet others, worship, pray and deepen their faith. There will be a main talk, workshops, prayer and social time too. They would love to see young people from our parish/school there on **April 17th** from midday - 6pm at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley. For more information visit <http://encounter.yaab.co.uk/>

**St MMs 11am Choir**

Rehearsals for triduum and Easter are on **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> & Mon 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
St MMs Church - 7.30pm.

You may enjoy yourself and want to stay! **For more information**  
telephone Margaret Smart 222801

**Palm Sunday Procession**

There will be a Palm Sunday Procession (28th March) from St. Peter's Church down to the sea front. The procession will leave St Peter's at 11.30am and pick up from outside St Mary Magdalene's at about 11:45am to the sea front-Colonnade for 12.15pm where we shall sing on arrival! *All welcome.*

**APF Boxes**

Please mark correct Church on the box label, before taking boxes into presbytery for counting. Then collect from the back of your Churches.

**Lenten Reconciliation**

**1. Parish**

**St Martha's - Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**3:00pm First Confessions & Parish Reconciliation Service.**

**St M M's - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**3:00pm First Confessions & Parish Reconciliation Service.**

**Saturdays at normal times**

**29<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:30am**  
**(St Mary Magdalene's)**

**Not during the Sacred Triduum**  
**including Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

**2. Deanery**

**St Mary Star of the Sea,**  
**Hastings Sat 20 March - 11am**

**Holy Redeemer, Hollington Wed**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March - 7:30pm**

**Parish Diary ~ 15<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Chris and Governors at St Richard's – interviews	All day (We assure our prayers)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	FHC Parents to look at First Communion celebrations	7pm Church then in to Presbytery
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Chris at Diocesan Schools Committee – Crawley	10:30am – 2:30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	We Journey Together	6:30pm Presbytery
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Chris to visit Bishop Kieran re: Deanery	3pm – 4:30pm Pease Pottage
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Chris to attend Year 10 Parents Evening	5pm (or when back) St Richard's College
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fairtrade Fashion show	7:30pm Bexhill College
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Lunch	12 noon -1:30pm St MMs Hall
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Reconciliation Service and First Confessions	3:00pm St Martha's
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	CAFOD 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration	3:00pm St Richard's
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Confirmation Group Meeting	2:30pm-4:30pm St MM Hall
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Reconciliation Service and First Confessions	3:00pm St Mary Magdalene's
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FHC Going forth to make a better world (Tues Group)	6:30pm Presbytery
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	RCIA Meeting	7:45pm Presbytery
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	FHC Going forth to make a better world (Thurs Group)	6:30pm Presbytery
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Lunch	9:30-1:30 St MMs Hall
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	FHC Going forth to make a better world (Fri Group)	6:30pm Presbytery
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday procession	See page 2
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	SVP Meeting	6pm St Martha's

**Fairtrade Fortnight**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Fairtrade Fashion Show  
Bexhill College**

**Includes:** Latest Emma Watson selection. Adults £6, students £3 inc. canapés and free glass Fairtrade wine/ soft drinks.  
**Tickets at Presbytery or Tel: 845225 or 214605.**

**The Parish Finance statement 2009**

Copies of this are available today for your inspection. The Finance Committee have tried hard to present a clear summary although the full report is available at the Parish office if you so wish. If you would like to discuss this further there will be the following opportunities:-

- At St Mary Magdalene's Church after the 6:00pm Mass on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- At St Martha's after the 9:00am Mass on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- At Our Lady of the Rosary after the 10am Mass on April 25<sup>th</sup>

Several members of the Finance Committee will be on hand to answer your queries and listen to any points you wish to make.

**Michael Brierley R.I.P.**

We in the Parish offer our sincere sympathy to the family of Mike and his many colleagues, staff and pupils at St. Richard's College, following his death last Sunday. His contribution to St Richard's as a teacher, bursar and a man of genuine principals, warmth and humour will leave a big hole. May he rest in peace.

**St Mary Magdalene's Primary**

Thank you to staff, parents and pupils who joined forces last weekend to share in our Mass at St Martha's Church, it was lovely to share their enthusiasm & faith.

**Gift Aid Envelopes**

Could the parishioners using the mass offering envelopes numbers **38, 128 & 145** please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. **We need this information for you to declare on your tax return.**

*If any parishioner would like to change from using envelopes to standing order, please contact the parish office for more information.*

**Gift Aid Declaration Boxes (+ envelopes for those who have standing orders)**

These will be in the three church porches from **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. All boxes left will be in **St MM on 21<sup>st</sup> March**. We will do our best to deliver the remaining boxes before the beginning of April but it would be helpful if everyone could glance at the trays of boxes/envelopes and deliver any to neighbours or any homes you may pass.

**CATENIAN CAFOD Centenary Appeal  
"Give Water, Life and Hope"  
Raises £250,000**

This appeal spearheaded by the CATENIAN Association in Britain and supported by CATENIAN members in Australian, Eire, Malta, Scotland and other parts of the world, raised this magnificent sum to supply clean safe water and sanitation to communities in Zimbabwe. The highest amount raised in England was by Province 18, which includes Bexhill Circle. Congratulations to all who helped with this effort.

**Articles for the Newsletter**

Please note that we do our best to include as many articles in the weekly newsletter as possible. Sometimes however, due to demand we cannot always accommodate everybody.

*Thank you for your understanding.*

## Presbytery Team

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#### Administrators

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### Parish Office

#### Hours This Week

**Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm**

### Website

www.stmm.co.uk

### Hospitals

#### Conquest Hastings

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#### Bexhill - Irvine Unit

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### Parish Schools

#### St Richard's Catholic College

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### Parish Mass Diary and Intentions

#### Sat 13<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene's	7:30am	
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Elizabeth Francis RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	5:00pm	Confessions

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

(Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3. 11-32)

St Mary Magdalene's	6.00pm	Winn & Stan Yeo 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
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#### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene's	8:00am	Michael Kinsella RIP (Latin Mass)
St Martha's	9:00am	Florence Raey RIP
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Members of the Kelly Family GE
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	12.30pm	Baptisms of Sam & Sophie McEvoy and Oliver Peachman
St Mary Magdalene's	6.00pm	People of the Parish

{The second collection is for Parish Youth Fund} **Please use special mauve envelopes**

#### Mon 15<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Margaret & Edmund Raleigh RIP
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#### Tues 16<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Edmund & Margaret Raleigh RIP
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#### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> March

Our Lady of the Rosary	Feast	<b>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</b>
St Mary Magdalene's	9:00am	Shipperlee O'Malley Families & A Shipperlee RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Sr Maximilianne Silver Jubilee GE
St Mary Magdalene's	7:00pm	Reception of the body of Teresa Cecil RIP

#### Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> March

St Martha's	9:00am	Thomas Moran RIP (Fr Boniface's Father)
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Funeral mass Teresa Cecil RIP followed by
	11:15am	Eastbourne Crematorium

#### Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March

Solemnity	<b>St Joseph†, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church</b>	
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Thomas Moran RIP (Fr Boniface's Father)
St Mary Magdalene's	12 noon	Benediction
St Mary Magdalene's	7:30pm	Stations of the Cross

#### Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary Magdalene's	7:30am	Herbert Whitehead RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	9:30am	Confessions
St Mary Magdalene's	10:00am	Noreen Corness RIP
St Martha's	3:00pm	Reconciliation Service
St Mary Magdalene's	5:00pm	Confessions

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

(Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11)

St Mary Magdalene's	6.00pm	Breda Sullivan
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#### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March

St Martha's	9:00am	People of the Parish
Our Lady of the Rosary	10:00am	Priests Intentions
St Mary Magdalene's	11:00am	Alan McMahan RIP
St Mary Magdalene's	3:00pm	Reconciliation Service
St Mary Magdalene's	6.00pm	Jim Benzie RIP

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- **Mass at St Richards on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March was offered by Fr Chris for Mike Brierley RIP**
- **Mass at St Richard's Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March will be offered by Fr Chris for Baby Kelvin Freeman RIP**