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Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines)

Parish Priest: Fr Eamonn Monson, SCA

Parish Deacon: Rev. Duncan Brown

Normal Mass Times

Sundays: 6.00pm (Sat), 10.00am, 11.30am. Tuesday to Saturday: 10.00am

Adoration: First Friday of Month 10.30am to 12 noon. Saturdays: 10.30am to 11am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am and after the 6.00pm Mass.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

begins on Wednesday 8th November at 4pm.

Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training for the
Eastbourne and St Leonard's Deaneries

on Wednesday, 29th November at St Mary
Magdalene, Bexhill, TN40 1RH from 7 pm-9 pm.

The training is for everyone but particularly for
those who have a role which requires a DBS check
within the parishes and are working with vulnerable
groups (children and adults at risk).

This basic training is for those who
have **not** already attended the previous sessions.
We would be grateful to have names/numbers
by *Wednesday, 22nd November* for refreshment and
handout purposes. You can book by contacting
Chris Emary on 07518 521286. It is also possible
for individuals to book for this session via the
Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Website in the
Safeguarding Section under Courses & Events.

If you prefer to undertake on-line training, email
safeguarding@dabnet.org with your name, parish
and role, we can register you with EduCare, the
national on-line training provider.

SAFEGUARDING MASS and meeting on Sat.
11th at 10am in Weybridge. Details on A&B site.

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt. Entrance via The Bourne. Mondays
10.30am to 12 noon. Doors open 10am. Annual
subscription £3. Coffee/tea & biscuit, sometimes
cake 50p. Guests for talks 50p.

November programme:

6th: Christmas Flowers by a florist who will raffle
arrangements.

13th: Air Ambulance talk plus raffle.

20th: Coffee and wrapping for our Christmas
Bazaar on 25th November.

23rd: Gang Show outing by courtesy of Hastings
Scouts.

27th: Coffee and chat.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

EDDIE RODRIGUEZ

Funeral Mass: Thursday 9th November at 12 noon.

May he rest in peace.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Please take a sheet from the back of the church and
enter the names of the deceased whom you wish
to remember in November.

If you wish, you may make a donation for the
restoration of the Marianne Patmore Chancery
Chapel, which will be dedicated to our deceased
relatives and friends.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Prayers for the dead and blessing of the graves
at Fairlight will take place today,
Sunday November 5th at 3pm.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, NOVEMBER 25th

Please could you leave donations of good quality
toiletries and bric-a-brac at the back of the church.

Raffle tickets will be sold on
12th and 19th November.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to
£1065.02 including cheques and standing orders.

The collection for the Marianne Patmore
Chancery Chapel came to £229.14.

Many thanks to all concerned

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

For the Retired Priests' Fund

Knights of St Columba Charity Quiz Night.

7.30 pm 25th November at Holy Redeemer church
hall, Upper Church Road, St. Leonards. In aid of
Missio, Snowflake, Mary's Meals and other causes
including pro-life. Tickets for sale at the back of
church after mass or phone 754721/250743. It's a fun
night and all in a good cause – Please join us.

MASS INTENTIONS and FEASTS:

Saturday, 4th November, 6pm: Patricia Lucas RIP

Sunday 5th November, 10am: John Andrews RIP, & Joseph Clarke Get Well Intention
11.30am: Holy Souls

Tuesday 7th November, 10am: Helen Connor, RIP

Wednesday 8th November, All Saints, 10am: Adrian Fisher, RIP

Thursday 9th November, Dedication of Lateran Basilica, 10am: Janet Coles, RIP
12 noon: Funeral Mass: Eddie Rodriguez RIP

Friday 10th November, St Leo the Great, 10am: Holy Souls

Saturday 11th November, St Martin of Tours, 10am: Sybil Power, RIP

NOVEMBER

It's All Saints Eve and I'm drinking black coffee on the veranda of the Azur, overlooking the dark sea with a hazy moon above and a cold wind cutting over my right shoulder.

There's a time for every purpose under Heaven, a season for everything. We go through them often not knowing what is the purpose - what even is the point of all we do - but God knows. God knows exactly what He is doing, what He is going to do. Knowing this is enough for me. It's the way of faith. There's a darkness that creeps into my mind and heart and soul. It happens every year. The five o'clock darkness. Approach of Holy Souls. A kind of mystical tug at my mortality.

I become more unsure of myself at this time as if I'm a toddler again learning to walk. I lose touch with the Hand that would hold me. The Motherly, Fatherly, Godly Hand. But it slips away sometimes. So I need to be careful. I need to listen to the waves, their soft thunder below me, softening the night. We are swimmers against the tide, in the world but not of it. We don't really belong in the culture of this time but we are here for a reason. God's reason!

I am "we" in all that I experience. My Life is not my own. It is for others. This dawned on me years ago when I had a spiritual experience in which I was profoundly touched by the Presence of God. I felt honoured and as soon as I felt that these words from Psalm 149 came to me, "this honour is for all His faithful."

As if to confirm this, when I got home from the sea tonight there was a message from Provincial Derry - boss and friend - in his newsletter. A quote from our founder St. Vincent Pallotti - *"O Priest, who are you? You do not come from yourself, but from God. You do not come from yourself, but from nothing. You are not made for yourself, rather you are made for all people in all that constitutes their relationship with God. You do not serve yourself, because you are the Bridegroom of the Church. You do not belong to yourself, because you are the Servant of all. You are not yourself, because God is you. Who are you, then? Nothing and everything, O Priest!!!"*

Beyond the dark and through it I know that I am surrounded by All Saints. And I think of them dancing around the loveliness of God in ever increasing degrees of brightness.

Eamonn Monson SAC

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

All are warmly welcome to join us in the presbytery on the following Mondays:

6-11-17, 20-11-17.

St Richard's Catholic College is looking to recruit a practising Catholic with an interest in education and a knowledge of finance, to serve as a Foundation Governor. For more information please contact the Principal, Miss Cronin at misscronin@strichardscc.com

or Chair of Governors, Alison Horan at ahoran@strichardscc.com

Candlelit Advent Service of Music and Prayer from Taize and Iona, Sunday 10th December, at 4 pm, at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET. You are all warmly invited to attend.

QUIZ NIGHT

St Richard's Catholic College. Friday 17th November 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Adults £3, children £1. Tables of 6. Prize for the winning team. Bring your own refreshments. To book a table, please phone St Richard's on 01424 731070

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