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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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd OCTOBER 2017 YEAR A

Parish Mass Book page: 143

Do visit our new parish website at
www.stmarystarofthesea.net

There will be a special collection today,
Mission Sunday, for MISSIO. Gift Aid envelopes
for MISSIO are available. Please pray for the
mission of the church.

Pope Francis' Message for Mission Sunday

Let us never forget that 'being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1). The Gospel is a Person who continually offers himself and constantly invites those who receive Him with humble and religious faith to share His life by an effective participation in the paschal mystery of His death and resurrection. Through Baptism, the Gospel becomes a source of new life, freed of the dominion of sin, enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, it becomes a fortifying anointing that, through the same Spirit, points out new ways and strategies for witness and accompaniment. Through the Eucharist, it becomes food for new life, a 'medicine of immortality.' (Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2)
The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues His mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

MAGGIE PALMER, RIP

(formerly of Roosevelt Court)

Funeral Mass: Tuesday 24th October at 10am

May she rest in peace.

RCIA COURSE BEGINS OCTOBER 24th

at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CONFIRMATION

If you wish to join our Confirmation course leading to Confirmation in 2018, please contact Fr Eamonn or Deacon Duncan.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

All are warmly welcome to join us in the presbytery on the following Mondays:
23-10-17, 6-11-17, 20-11-17.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL PTFA

will be selling tickets for the Sacred Heart PTFA Fireworks after the 10am Mass today, Sunday 22nd October.

PARISH COMMUNITY CLUB

In the Crypt. Entrance via The Bourne. Mondays 10.30am to 12 noon. Annual subscription £3.

October programme:

23rd: Coffee & chat

30th: Lady Gregory – Irish patriot:
talk by Norman Cole.

Annual subscription: £3. Coffee/tea & biscuit, sometimes cake 50p. Guests for talks 50p.

Do join us.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £775.95 including cheques and standing orders.
Many thanks to all concerned

HAPPY HALF TERM!

MASS INTENTIONS and FEASTS:

Saturday, 21st October, 6pm: Paul Murphy, RIP

Sunday 22nd October, 10am: Deceased members of the McGrath family, RIP

11.30am: Lucy & Sr Joseph Michael D'Souza, RIP

Tuesday 24th October, St Ignatius of Antioch, 10am: Funeral Mass:

Maggie Palmer, RIP

Wednesday 25th October, St Luke, 10am: Liam McGrath, RIP

Thursday 26th October, 10am: Julia La Fort, Special Get Well Intention

Friday 27th October, 10am: Marguerite O'Brien, Special Get Well Intention

Saturday 28th October, Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles, 10am: Violet Mary Hodgson, RIP

The Snowflake Prayer for the Homeless

Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless person;

keep them safe from physical and emotional harm;

give them hope for a better future

by the respect, kindness and love shown to them. Amen

Please also pray:

1 That the peace of God will be present in all that we do.

2 For the core needs of the project. (Transporting all the beds and bedding from church to church etc. is a lot of work for the team).

3 For those already working on the front lines of homeless issues. Food and a sympathetic ear are key to what they are doing and their work points people towards the night shelter.

4 For more volunteers to serve in the project. Many blessings come from serving, but it can also be a stretching and challenging time. Ask God to give them extra strength, patience, Words of Wisdom and Knowledge, and compassionate hearts for those in need.

5 For our Guests, and ask God to bless them. Pray that they be given new hope as they take shelter in the venues of the local Christian communities and be revitalized spiritually and mentally. And that longer term housing solutions may be found for our Guests.

TEA, COFFEE, SQUASH AFTER 10am MASS

All are warmly welcome to come down to the hall (just go down the stairs leading from the toilets) for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits between the Masses on Sunday mornings. If you are new to the parish or just visiting, just take your coffee etc to any table and you'll be drawn into the conversation. And

we'll soon be opening the room next to the hall for anyone who likes to sit chatting quietly while children, their parents and carers have their refreshments in the main hall.

HOPE 2017 - FESTIVAL DAY FOR 11-14s, WITH RISE THEATRE

On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. The day coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we are living Christ's call to serve those in need. The day will include Mass with Bishop Richard, as well as drama from RISE Theatre, and input from CAFOD and others. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential.

Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org for more information, or to book. We are expecting those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.