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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10th DECEMBER 2017 YEAR B

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS

FLOWERS

each Sunday in Advent.

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THANK YOU

To Ann-Marie and team who prepared the breakfast last week and to all who joined us.

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PATMORE CHAPEL

So far £527.90 has been raised altogether towards the renovation of the Patmore Chapel. Many thanks for your generosity and to those who have organized fundraising events.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep the children making their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (4.15 to 5.30pm) in your prayers.

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World Gathering of Families

Join Bishop Richard on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis in Dublin 21-26 August 2018. It's for families of all sizes, and all age groups are welcome. We'll be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A 3-day congress will be followed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you can't make it to Dublin, do join the gathering at Christ the King, Eastbourne on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> May. For booking forms and more details, email [wmof2018@dabnet.org](mailto:wmof2018@dabnet.org)

BLOOD DONATION SESSION

at Hastings Centre, The Ridge TN34 2SA on Saturday 23rd December 09.30 to 14.15. To make an appointment, please visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or phone 0300 123 23 23

Candlelit Advent Service of Music and Prayer from Taize and Iona, Today, 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.

PARISH FINANCES

The offertory collection last weekend came to £817.40 including cheques and standing orders.  
Many thanks to all concerned

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

PATRICK DRIVER

whose Funeral Mass will now be on Thursday 21st December at 10am.

May he rest in peace.

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SNOWFLAKE

night shelter started again last Tuesday in our hall and will continue every Tuesday until the end of March.

Please keep the guests and volunteers in your prayers.

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SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

5.30pm on Thursday 14th December in our church.

All are warmly welcome.

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Confirmation 2018

Bishop Richard Moth will celebrate this Sacrament in St Mary Star of the Sea Church on Sunday 24th June at 3.00 p.m. Young people of the Parish in Year 10 or above who wish to be confirmed are invited to contact Fr Eamonn or Deacon Duncan as soon as possible. Classes will commence in January.

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GIFT AID

If you are a tax payer, the government will add 25p in the £1 to what you put in the Sunday Mass collection. You can choose to do this in envelopes or by standing order. All you need to do is to complete a Gift Aid declaration, which you can find on the table at the back of the church (green form). Then just hand the form into the presbytery and the Gift Aid organiser will do the rest. If you choose to give by direct debit, you also need to complete and hand in the (orange) standing form (also on the table at back of church). Filling in the forms only takes a few minutes. Many thanks.

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TEMPORARY PART-TIME TEACHER

OF RE / ENGLISH

Required for the spring and summer terms 2018 to teach mainly KS3 classes. Further details and an application form are available at [www.strichardsc.com](http://www.strichardsc.com). Apply immediately for a January start.

MASS INTENTIONS and FEASTS:

Saturday 9th December, 6pm: Bill Derwin RIP

Sunday 10th December, Second Sunday of Advent, 10am: John Andrews RIP

11.30am: In thanksgiving, Brenda Walsh and Hannah Tuohy

Tuesday 12th December, Our Lady of Guadalupe, 10am: John & Margaret Costello, anniversary intention

Wednesday 13th December, St Lucy, 10am: Mary Lowry, birthday intention

Thursday 14th December, St John of the Cross, 10am: Special intention

Friday 15th December, 10am: Patrick Driver RIP

Saturday 16th December, 10am: Special intention, Eileen Kolimbarides

PRAYER

Mary,

You stand at the crossroads  
Of time and eternity  
Intersection of all creation

A desire as old as Eden  
Burning in your soul  
The yearning of every child

Who has graced the earth  
Embodiment of humanity's Hope  
Of Redemption, Restoration

You have held in your heart  
The wandering aridity  
Of the desert and there

God comes to find  
Lifting you up and keeping  
You the apple of His eye

Humanity has found  
A response to God in you  
From you is deliverance

Brought forth in Christ  
In whom we are born and breathe  
Our perfect peaceful consummation

Healing for our scars

Amen!

*Eamonn Monson SAC*

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.

December programme: 11: Mince pies & Carols. Raffle for club funds; 18: closed; 25: Christmas Day: closed

January programme: 1: New Year's Day: closed; 8: Pillar Box Red – illustrated talk by Steven Whitford;

15: Coffee & chat; 22: In the Steps of St Paul by Anna Witham; 29: Coffee & chat & Bring & Buy

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DIVINE MERCY GROUP

All are warmly welcome to join us in the presbytery on the following Mondays at 2.30pm:

18-12-17, 15-1-18, 29-1-18, 12-2-18, 26-2-18, 12-3-18. There will be no meeting on Monday 1st January.